Delta State

TMG Observers deployed to each LGA in the country send reports every two weeks answering a checklist of questions about the pre-election environment in their LGA. Observers submitted nine reports covering the period between November 14 and March 16. The data, while not statistically representative, provides some information on key indicators and early warning signs of election-related violence.

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The chart above depicts the % of LGA observers in Delta state reporting that they directly witnessed or heard reports of incidents relating to six key early warning indicators of election-related violence across the nine reporting periods.

Low but increasing levels of violence

Based on reports from TMG observers, Delta state has not seen as much violence as seen in other states in the region and across the country. However, starting with the sixth reporting period (January 23—February 5), there has been an increase in the number of LGA observers reporting witnessing or hearing reports of key violence indicators in their LGAs including attacks on rallies, the destruction of property, candidate’s inciting violence, and attacks on candidates or their supporters. The largest increase was seen in the percentage of observers reporting witnessing or hearing reports of attacks on or intimidation of candidates or their supporters, increasing from 24%. (6 of 25 LGAs) in period five to 44% (11 of 25 LGAs) in period six. While the indicators declined during the ninth reporting period, the fact that the indicators increased in period six, which coincided with the period before the polls were originally supposed to hold, could indicate a potential for tensions to rise again in coming days before the rescheduled polls. Civil society actors and community leaders should continue efforts to promote violence-free elections. Political party leaders and candidates should abide by the Abuja Accord and call on their supporters to campaign peacefully and refrain from...
Help us track and prevent election-related violence

The NEEWS 2015 system collects information from a number of sources including trained election observers, media sources and citizen observers like you. As stakeholders in the peace process, it is our collective responsibility to work together to promote peaceful elections. You too can contribute by reporting early warning signs or incidents of election-related violence.

What should you report?

You should report any warning signs – such as threats, rumors, inflammatory language, or tensions – or incidents of violence related to the election such as:

- Attacks or threats of violence against election officials, election observers or voters including voter intimidation;
- Attacks or threats of violence committed by or against political party agents, candidates, their supporters, or their property;
- Increased tensions between or attacks on groups and communities related to communal conflict that may be influenced by or influence the elections; or
- The use of inflammatory language or hate speech, especially directed at candidates or their supporters based on their gender, age, disability, where they are from or their religion.

How do you report?

Send an SMS to one of the following numbers:

MTN – 09035419841
GLO – 08155529646
Airtel – 07083648546
Etisalat – 09098385657

or

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