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Abstract: The Niger Delta conflict has come into global limelight for some time. The indigenes of the area have agitated over the sordid acts of ecocide and the absence of physical development. In recent months, several factors have added a dangerous twist to the crisis. They include organized militia formations, the most notorious of which is the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND); expanding nature militia operations, including their attacks of Niger Delta and non-Delta targets of national strategic importance such as the oil installations; the July 2009 attack of the Lagos Atlas Cove; and kidnapping of expatriates working in the oil fields. This chapter reviews the various dimensions and manifestations of the crisis and makes a number of recommendations.