ARMED CONFLICT

January - March 2023

January 07
There was a shootout between TPNPB and joint TNI and police forces in Pegunungan Bintang. Three police officers were shot in this incident.

January 09
Lamek Taplo's TPNPB group shot at an Ikaros civilian aircraft of Caravan PK-HVV type twice.

February 18
A shootout between Titus Murib Kwalik's TPNPB and joint TNI and police forces in Nipuralome Village, Ilaga District, Puncak Regency, Saturday, (18/02).

March 01
The TPNPB group attacked three personnel of Kodim 1715/Yahukimo at Kilometer 4 Jalan Paradiso Dekai District, Yahukimo Regency, Papua Mountain Province, Wednesday afternoon (01/03). As a result, one TNI soldier was killed and two others were injured by gunfire.

March 03
The TPNPB group allegedly shot residents and TNI members in Pamebut Village, Yugumuak District, Puncak Regency, Central Papua Province, Friday (03/03). A total of eight people were victimized of which six suffered gunshot wounds and two died. The two dead victims were a mother named Tarina Murib and a TNI soldier, Praka JM.

March 10
The TPNPB group through Pangkodap Brigadier General Elkius Kobak confirmed that they shot Summy Ossu, who was considered openly cooperating with TNI/Police members in the Yahukimo Region. However, TPNPB denied shooting the Wings Airplane.

March 11
Trigana Air Boeing 373-500 with call sign PK-YSC was shot nine times by unknown people during landing and take-off at Nop Goliat Dekai Airport, Yahukimo Regency, Papua Mountain Province, Saturday (11/3/2023). There were no victims in the shooting of the plane.

March 13
The TPNPB Kodap XVI Yahukimo group under the leadership of the Operations Commander, Major Erick Bahabol, claimed responsibility for burning down the YPK Metayona Dekai Yahukimo Elementary School.

March 22
- One civilian was shot dead by armed groups in Puncak Regency, Central Papua. The victim, who worked as a motorcycle taxi driver, was shot dead while waiting for passengers.
- The police shot at one of the TPNPB members, Enius Tabuni, while pursuing the perpetrators of the motorcycle taxi driver shooting.

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