

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo State: February-March 2017

Background

This monthly tracker is designed to update Peace Agents on patterns and trends in conflict risk and violence, as identified by the Integrated Peace and Development Unit (IPDU) early warning system, and to seek feedback and input for response to mitigate areas of conflict.

Patterns and Trends

December 2016-February 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during the period included cult violence, criminality, communal tensions, and protests.

Gang/Cult Violence: In December, several incidents of cult violence were reported in Benin City, the state capital. A young man was reportedly killed by cultists. Separately, three persons were reportedly killed during a rival cult clash. In another incident, a professional footballer who was on holiday in the state was reportedly killed by cultists in a drinking spot. In February, a man was reported beheaded by cultists in Benin City, the state capital.

Violent Criminality: Several lethal incidents were reported in February, near the state capital of Benin in Oredo LGA. In February, a 62-year old farmer was reportedly killed by his laborers who then removed his kyphosis for ritualistic purposes in Owan West LGA.

Also in February, three secondary teachers were reportedly abducted by kidnappers who demanded a 10 million Naira ransom in Ovia North East. Following the incident, students protested and barricaded a major highway.

Communal Tensions: In January, tension was reportedly elevated in Benin City, as chiefs from the palace of the Oba of Benin stormed the residence of a chief to secure the shrine of the Oba. The chief who traditionally performs spiritual functions for the Oba was reportedly suspended for designating his house as a palace where he held court.

Protest: In January, ex-militants under the Presidential Amnesty program reportedly protested against the Managing Director of the Niger Delta Development Commission

(NDDC) over allegations of financial misappropriation.

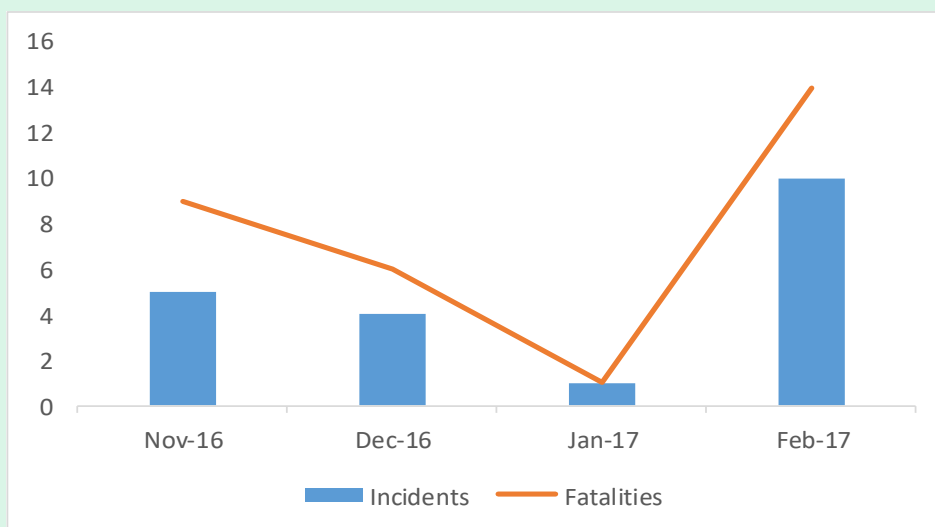
Other Incidents: In December, a man was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by a policeman at a wedding ceremony in Oredo.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2017

Incidents reported in the state during the month mainly related to criminality and protests.

Violent Criminality: A chief Imam was reportedly killed by gunmen suspected to be assassins in Ovia North East. Separately, a pastor was reportedly killed by gunmen in Benin City. Also in Benin City, a woman was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants in front of her residence. In Owan East, a

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2016– February 2017 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

former chairman of Etsako East LGA was reportedly shot dead by gunmen who attacked motorists along the Benin-Auchi road.

Protests: Nurses at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) reportedly protested the abduction of their colleague in Oredo. Separately, a high-level meeting between the Vice President, the Edo state government and oil bearing communities was temporarily disrupted by protesters.

Prognosis

Reported incidents in the state during the period related mainly to cult violence, protests, kidnapping, and other criminal activities. Peace Actors should monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace

Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
4. Who are the key stakeholders that have influence on the conflict?
5. What will you do to help mitigate the conflict in the short, medium, and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2016 - February 2017)

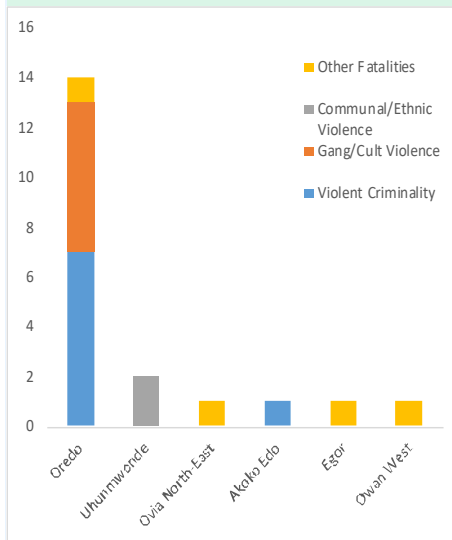
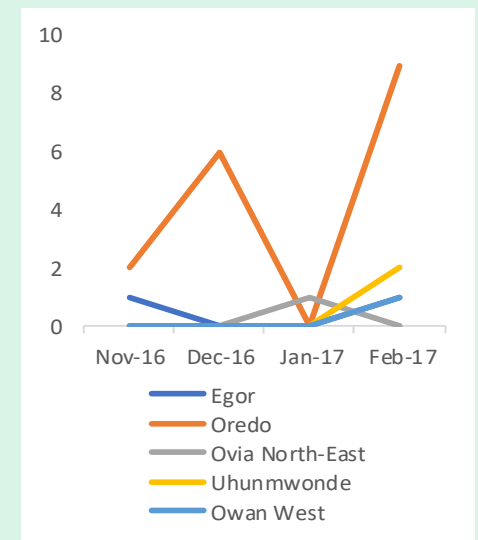
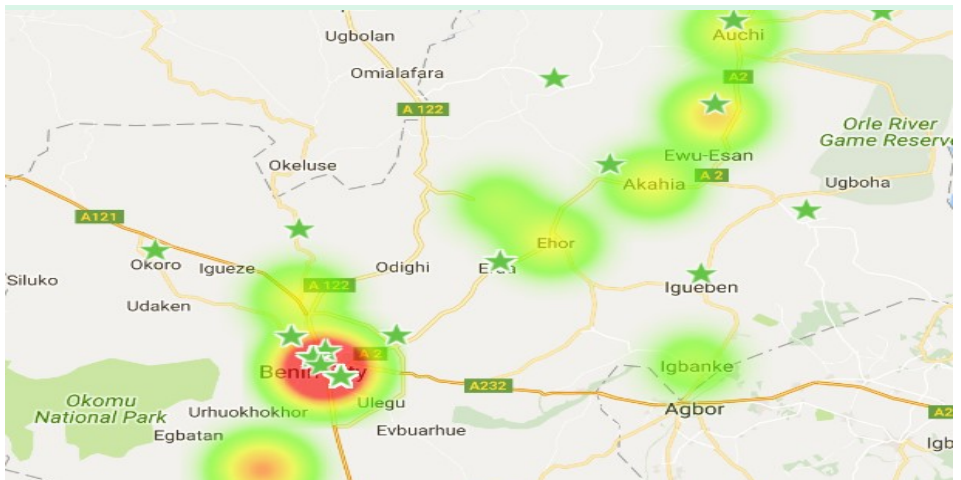


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Oredo had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. Source (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Edo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2016-February 2017 in Edo State; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

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Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:

Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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