

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia State: July-August 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

May-July 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), reported conflict incidents during this period related mainly to communal tensions, criminality, protests, child trafficking, and violence affecting women.

Communal Tensions: In June, one was reportedly killed, another hospitalized, and property destroyed during a clash between herdsmen and farmers in Ndi Uduma community, Ohafia LGA. Separately, three were reportedly killed during a clash between herdsmen and residents in Isiugwu community, Ohafia LGA.

Criminality: In May, eight members of the Abia State Vigilante Services were reportedly killed by robbers in Aba North. Separately, a businessman was reportedly shot dead by robbers who made away with his five million Naira in Aba North. In another incident, a man was reportedly shot dead in his poultry farm in Umuahia South. In June, a kidnaper was reportedly killed in a shootout with the police in Aba North. In July, four kidnappers were reportedly shot dead by the police in Isiala-Ngwa South LGA. Separately, a 76-year

old commercial tricycle operator was reportedly killed by a university student in Umuahia North. In a separate incident, robbers reportedly attacked a National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) lodge in Ummuneochi LGA, beat up corps members and stole from them.

Child Trafficking: In June, a 28-year old commercial motorcyclist and father of three was reportedly arrested by the police for selling his niece for a hundred and fifty thousand Naira in Isiala-Ngwa North LGA. The suspect reportedly sold the child to raise money for the upkeep of his family.

Protests: In May, women supporters of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) protested in Ohafia LGA, alleging harassment by Nigerian soldiers.

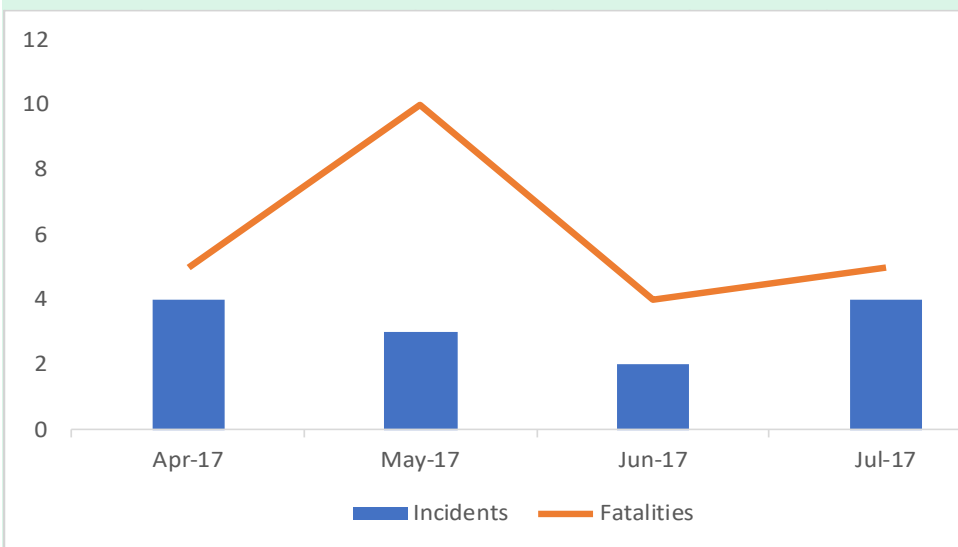
Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In July, a woman was reportedly killed by her boyfriend over an unwanted pregnancy in Aba South. Separately, a woman was reportedly shot dead by her male debtor in Aba South.

Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2017

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Criminality: A robbery suspect was reportedly arrested by the police at a traffic control post in Aba. A bullet proof vest and ammunitions were recovered from the suspect. Separately, the police reportedly thwarted an attempted kidnap in Aba South. In another incident, the police reportedly

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Abia State



Reported incidents and fatalities from April –June 2017 in Abia State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

arrested a man who attempted kidnapping a victim in Aba South. The suspect allegedly met the victim through a social media platform and invited him for a birthday party in an attempt to kidnap him for a ransom.

Others: During the month, the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) reportedly announced the formation of Biafra Security Services (BSS). The security outfit was allegedly formed to protect locals from attack by herdsmen. The police later declared the security outfit illegal. Separately, a truck driver was reportedly shot dead by a policeman at a security checkpoint in Aba North.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, communal tensions, criminality, and protests. Peace agents must continue to monitor the security situation closely, particularly in the context of the recent clamp down and proscription of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) by the security forces.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential 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 (May – July 2017)

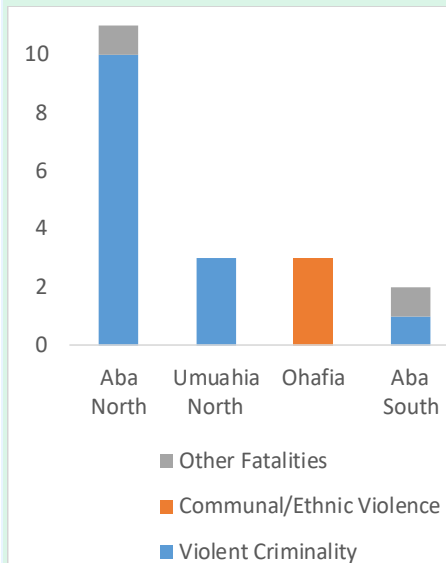
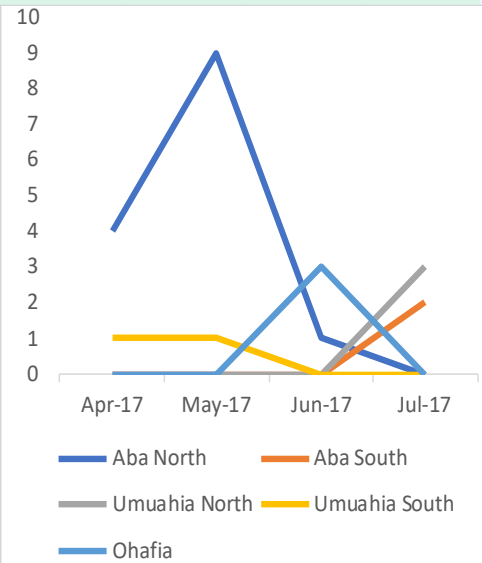
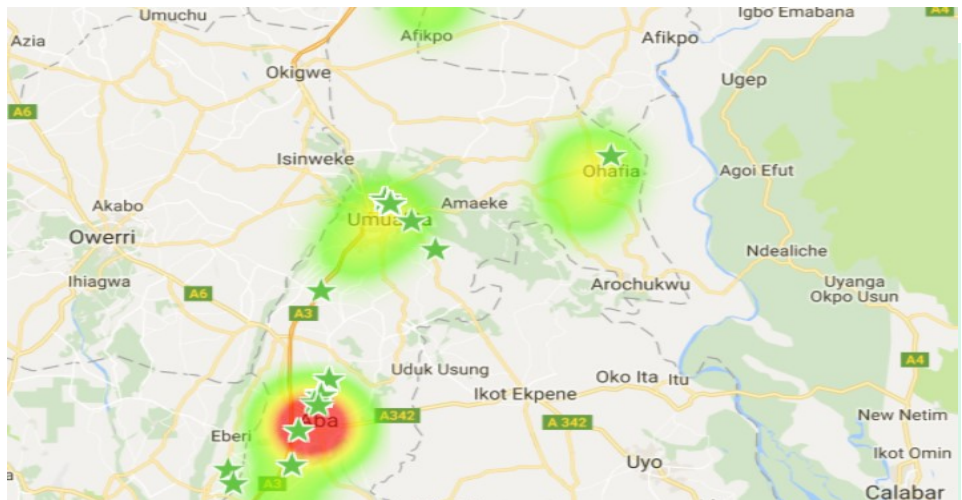


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (May – July 2017)



Reported fatalities show that Aba North had the most violent incidents during the last three months. 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 Abia State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from May-July 2017 in Abia 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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