

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: November-December 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 September-November 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there has been a rise in conflict risk and violent fatalities in Cross River since October 2017. Incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, cult violence, and protests.

Communal Violence: In October, Cameroonian gendarmes reportedly attacked a community in Boki LGA of Cross River state over land encroachment. Three people were killed and six others sustained gunshot injuries during the attack. In November, a herdsman was reportedly killed during a clash between farmers and herders in Yala LGA.

Communal violence was a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. In November for instance, there was a protest by women over frequent clashes between herdsman and farmers the destruction of crops by cattle in Yala LGA.

Violent Criminality: In October, the police reportedly raided a hideout used by kidnappers, rescued a female victim and killed a suspect in Odukpani LGA. Separately, a robbery suspect was killed by vigilantes in

Calabar South LGA. In November, a member of a gang of kidnappers was killed by a mob and another had one of his hands chopped off in Calabar Municipal. The suspects had attempted to abduct two school children before they were apprehended. Separately, the police reportedly killed five kidnappers and rescued a female victim in Ikom LGA. In another incident, a community leader was reportedly killed by a motorcyclist in Calabar Municipal, leading to heightened tensions in the community.

Criminality was a driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. For example, in October, a woman was kidnapped in Odukpani LGA. In November, another woman was kidnapped in Ikom LGA.

Gang/Cult Violence: In November, a man was reportedly killed by cultists in a nursery school in Calabar Municipal. The victim was chased into the school where he was killed

by his assailants in the presence of pupils.

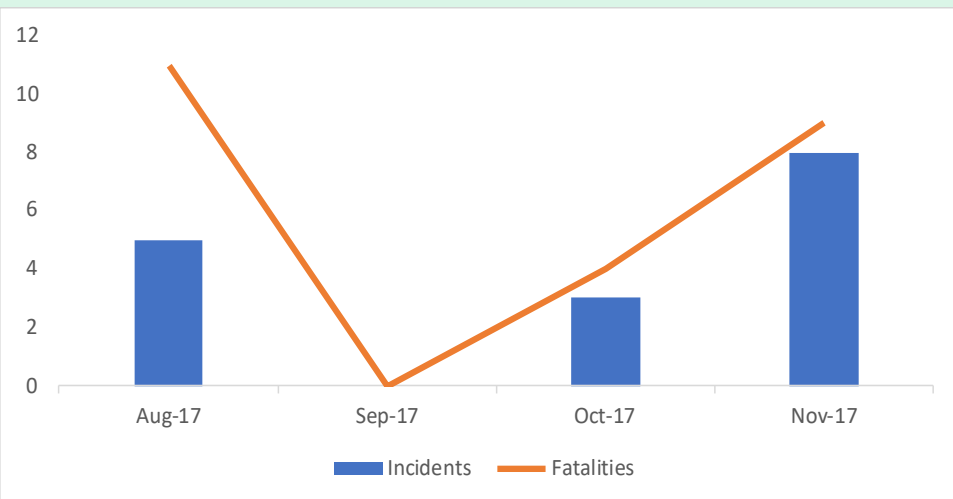
Riots/Protests: In October, pensioners in the state protested over non-payment of their gratuity. The protesters rejected a planned verification of pensioners by the state government.

Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2017

Incidents reported during the month related mainly to communal violence, criminality, militancy, and child trafficking.

Communal Violence: Four people, including a policeman, were reportedly killed during a clash between Ojor and Uyangha communities in Akamkpa LGA. Separately, four were reportedly killed during a clash between herdsman and residents of Mbiabong community in Odukpani LGA. In Ito community, Odukpani LGA, residents reportedly fled their homes after herdsman

Figure 1: Conflict Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August – September 2017 in Cross River State.

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

arrived in the area with large herds of cattle. The herdsmen reportedly resisted attempts by villagers to deny them access to land for grazing.

Militancy: Suspected militants reportedly attacked a community with a gunboat and killed three residents in Calabar South LGA. It was reported that the militants had targeted local oil dealers operating in the area, but accidentally fired at residential buildings.

Child Trafficking: A 62-year old woman was reportedly arrested by immigration officials for trafficking a 4-day old baby girl in Calabar Municipal. The suspect was arrested with the baby at the airport on her way to Lagos.

Others: A revenue collector was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by an operative of the police Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Bekwara LGA. Separately, six people including three soldiers were killed in a fire when an oil tanker exploded in Biase LGA.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period included communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, militancy, child trafficking, and protests. Peace Actors in the state should monitor the 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 priority for you as a Peace Agent?
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 and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2017)

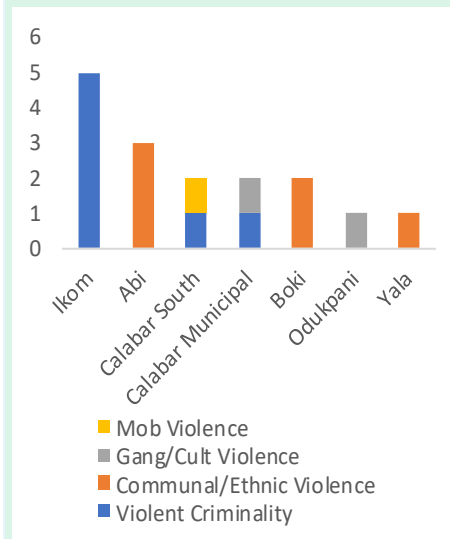
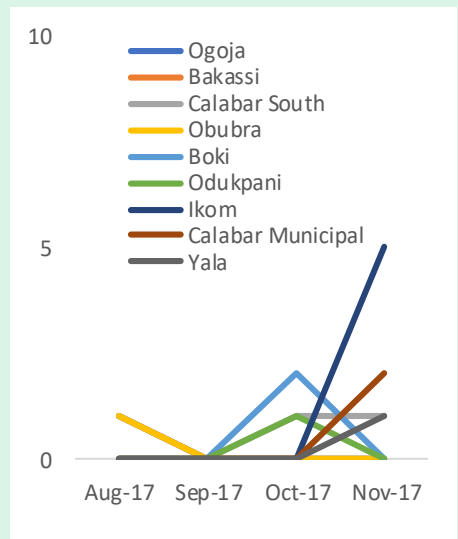
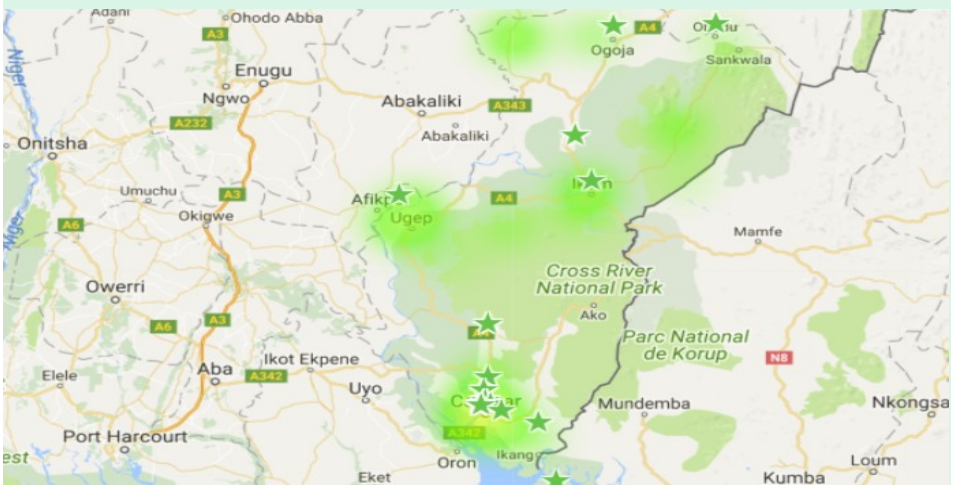


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Ikom had the most reported lethal conflict incidents during this period. 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 Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September-November 2017 in Cross River; 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

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

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