

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Akwa Ibom State: March-April 2018

### 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

#### January-March 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported in Akwa Ibom state during the period included criminality, militancy, cult violence, and violence affecting women and girls.

**Criminality:** In January, three robbers were reportedly killed during a shootout with the police in Uyo. Separately, a 27-year old member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants in Eket LGA. In another incident, a former councilor was reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Etim Ekpo LGA. In February, four smugglers were reportedly arrested by operatives of the Nigerian Navy along the waterways of Akwa Ibom state. Separately, in Etim Ekpo LGA, a village head was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen. In March, a pastor and a businessman were reportedly abducted by kidnappers at different locations in Ukanafun LGA. Separately, operatives of the Nigerian Navy reportedly arrested three suspects for illegal oil bunkering activities in Mbo LGA. In

another incident, the police reportedly arrested four members of a six-man gang of robbers in Uyo.

**Cult Violence:** In January, four persons were reportedly killed during a cult clash involving members of Vikings, Dey Bam and Black Axe confraternities in Oron LGA. Separately, three were reported killed in a clash between Dey Bam and Aro Baggers cult groups in Ikot Ekpene LGA. In March, three people including a police officer were reportedly killed during a clash between Iceland and Degbam cult groups in three communities in Etim Ekpo LGA. Separately, a community youth leader was reportedly killed by members of Iceland cult group in Etim Ekpo LGA.

**Militancy:** In January, two militants who double as kidnappers were reportedly killed during a gun battle with soldiers in Etim Ekpo

LGA.

**Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):** In February, a 30-year old mother of five was reportedly killed by her husband over a misunderstanding in Ibiono Ibom LGA. In March, two men, aged 65 and 27, were reportedly arrested by the police for raping an 11-year old girl in Uyo, the state capital.

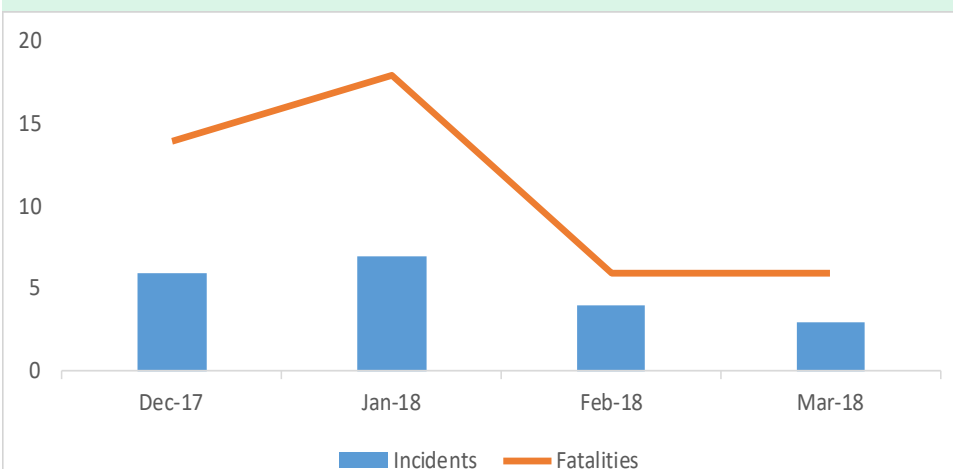
**Other:** Two children were reportedly killed by fire in a fishing community in Mbo LGA. Several others sustained different degrees of burns during the incident.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, April 2018

Incidents during this period included violent criminality and cult violence.

**Criminality:** The police reportedly killed the

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from December 2017 - March 2018 in Akwa Ibom State.  
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

leader of a criminal gang that was responsible for several killings, kidnappings, rape and arsons in Etim Ekpo and Ukanafun LGAs. The suspect was killed during a gun battle with the police. Separately, two brothers were arrested by the police for killing their brother over allegation of witchcraft in Ibesikpo Asutan LGA. The suspects allegedly killed their brother in the bush.

**Cult Violence:** A 50-year old man was reportedly killed at his farm by gunmen suspected to be cultists in Ukanafun LGA.

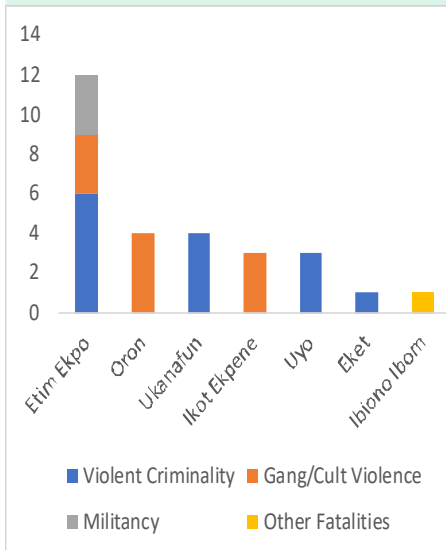
## Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, militancy, political tensions, cult violence, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG). Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

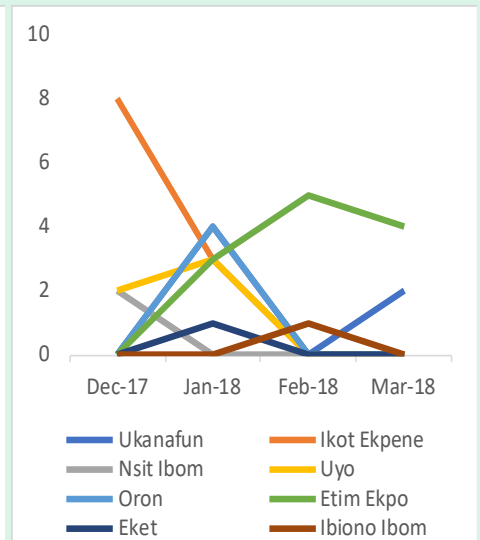
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 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 (January - March 2018)**

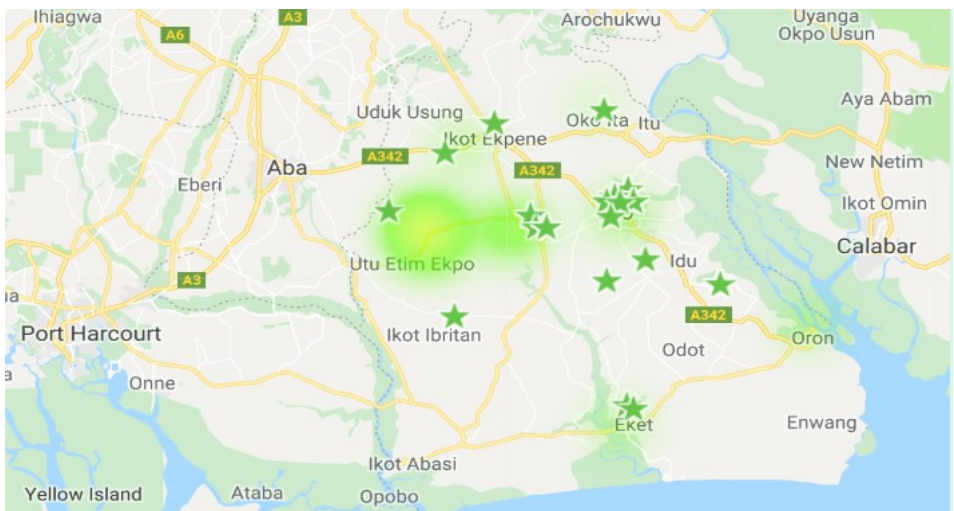


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Etim Ekpo had the most reported lethal conflict during this period. Sources (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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Akwa Ibom State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from January - March 2018 in Akwa Ibom; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

### Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

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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