

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo State: November-December 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 September-November 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in conflict risk and violence in Ondo state in November 2018. Incidents reported in state during this period included criminality, communal and political tensions, domestic violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Violent Criminality:** In October, a 30-year old man was reportedly stabbed to death by a masquerade in Oke-Aro, Akure South LGA. Separately, a farm worker reportedly killed a 75-year old male farmer and a police sergeant with a cutlass in Onipetesi farm settlement, Ondo West LGA.

**Kidnapping:** In November, the senatorial candidate of the African Democratic Congress (ADC) for Ondo North senatorial district was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Akoko North East LGA. The state chairman of the party was also abducted by the gunmen. Separately, the police reportedly arrested three siblings for kidnapping the daughter of one of their church members in Oba-Ile, Akure South

LGA. The girl was kidnapped from a church and released after her father paid a ransom.

**Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, killing of women for ritualistic purposes was also reported during the period. In November, for instance, a 70-year old woman was reportedly killed for ritualistic purposes in Ikare-Akoko, Akoko North East LGA. Her breast and other body parts were removed. A female septuagenarian neighbor who tried to rescue the victim was also killed by the assailants.

**Communal Tension:** In October, tension was reportedly elevated over a kingship tussle in Ayetoro community, Ilaje LGA. A peace agreement that was earlier signed was allegedly violated by a prophet who reportedly crowned himself as king. In

November, tension was reportedly elevated over the alleged destruction of a farm by cattle in Ijare, Ifedore LGA. The incident resulted in heightened tension between herders and farmers in the community.

**Political Tension:** In September, some members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) reportedly protested at the party secretariat in Okitipupa LGA over the selection of candidates for local government elections in the state.

**Others:** In September, a woman was reportedly shot dead by an operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) in Akure South LGA. In October, about five persons including a toddler were reportedly killed by a fire caused by a fallen petrol tanker in Ilesa-Owo expressway, Akure South LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State

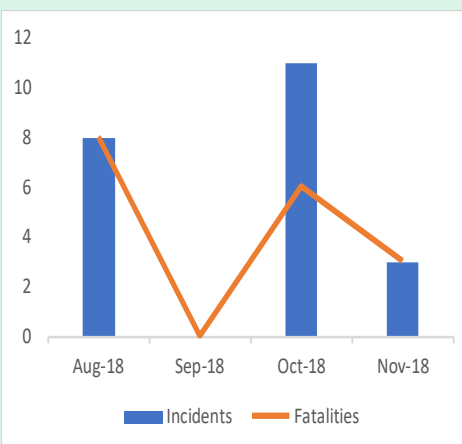
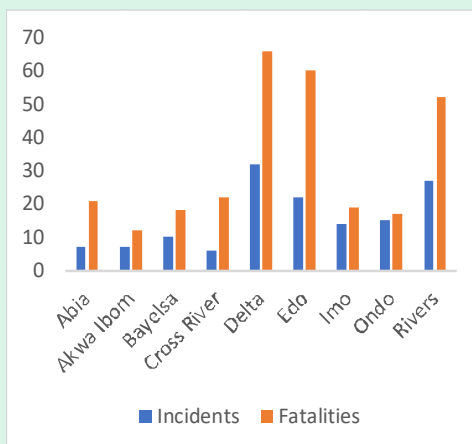


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (Aug - Nov 2018)



Reported incidents and fatalities from August - November 2018 in Ondo State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

## Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2018

Incidents during the month related mainly to kidnapping and criminality.

**Kidnapping:** During the month, a lecturer in a polytechnic in the state was reportedly abducted and killed by kidnappers in Amurin village, Owo LGA. Separately, an unspecified number of students were reportedly abducted by gunmen along an expressway in Ilu-Abo, Akure North LGA.

**Criminality:** A 50-year old man was reportedly beaten to death by hoodlums during an argument in Arigidi, Akoko North West LGA.

**Other:** A 13-day old baby was reportedly stolen while the mother was sleeping in Akoko North West LGA. The baby was believed to have been abducted by ritualists.

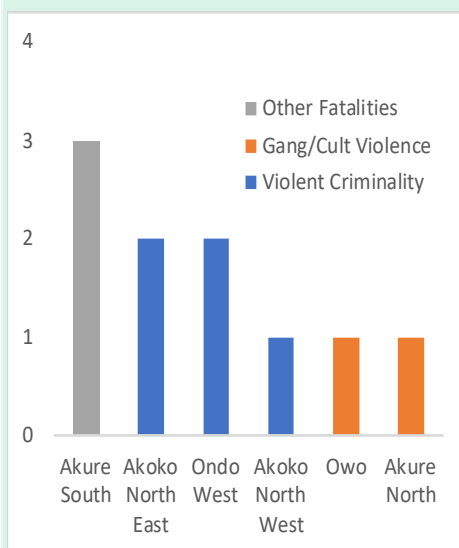
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to communal/political tensions, killing for ritualistic purposes, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

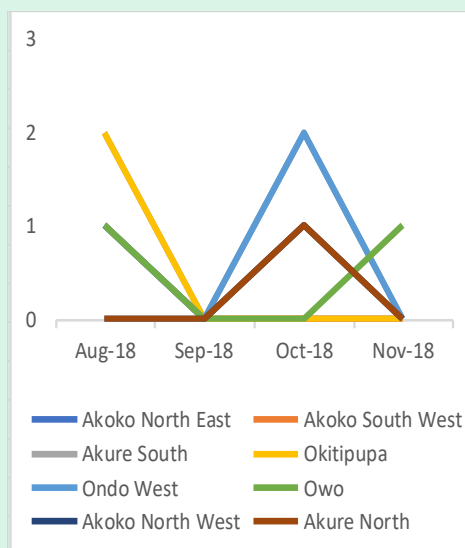
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. What is missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue 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, medium, and long term?

**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2018)**

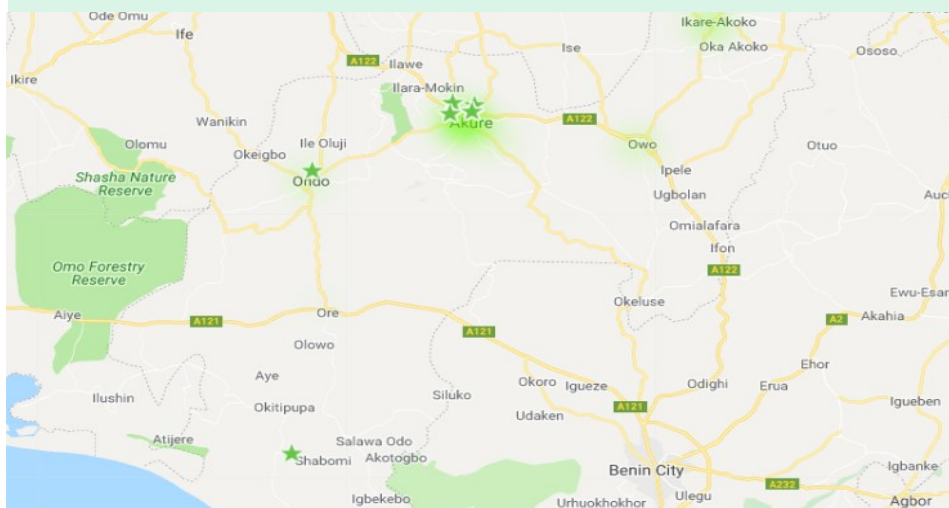


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Akure South, followed by Akoko North East and Ondo West had the highest number of fatalities. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Ondo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September – November 2018 in Ondo, 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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