

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Akwa Ibom 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), reported incidents of conflict risk and violence in Akwa Ibom state during this period included criminality, cult violence, political violence, mob violence, child trafficking, and protest. Based on reported fatalities, Akwa Ibom was the least violent state in the Niger Delta during the period.

Political Violence: In October, three supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) were reportedly killed during the party's governorship primary election in Uyo, the state capital. Separately, a former Special Assistant (SA) to the Akwa Ibom state governor on electoral matters was reportedly shot by gunmen in his residence in Itam, Itu LGA. The victim had just defected from the PDP to the APC before he was attacked at his residence.

In November, political tension was elevated in the state after the speaker of the State House of Assembly declared vacant the seat

of some legislators who had decamped from the PDP to the opposition APC. An alleged attempt by the defected legislators to impeach the state governor and the speaker of the State House of Assembly reportedly resulted in a clash between supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), the All Progressives Congress (APC) and security operatives in Uyo, the state capital.

Cultism: In September, the Akwa Ibom state government reportedly discovered 12 new cult groups in the state. The state government had earlier announced the proscription of 23 cult groups in the state.

Mob Violence: In October, three robbery suspects were reportedly burned to death by a mob in Uruk Usung community, Obot Akara LGA. The suspects who were about 20-year old were allegedly caught while attempting to rob some residents.

Child Trafficking: In September, a woman was reportedly arrested by the police for child trafficking in Owot-Uta community, Ibesikpo Asutan LGA. The woman allegedly sold her new born baby boy to raise money for her upkeep.

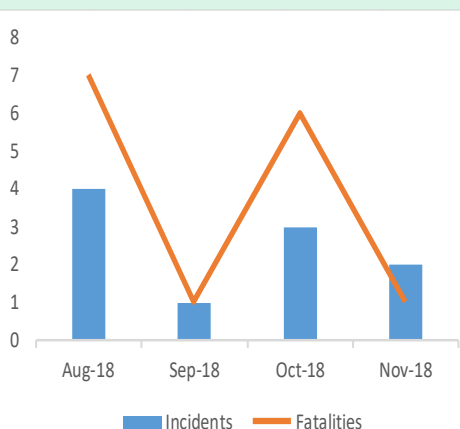
Protest: In September, some staff members of the Akwa Ibom State University reportedly threatened to embark on a protest over payment of salaries by the management of the institution.

### Recent Incidents, December 2018

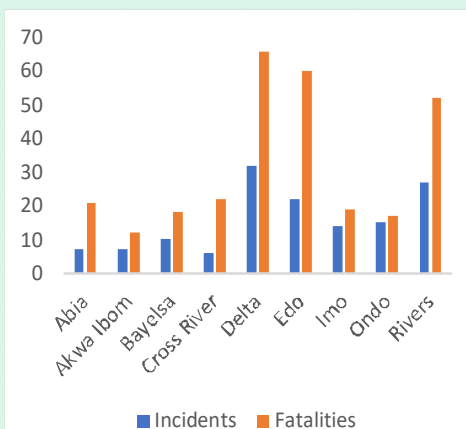
Incidents during this period mainly related to political tension and protests.

Political Tension: During the month, political tension was reportedly heightened following mass decampment of politicians in the state.

**Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities,  
Akwa Ibom State**



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



*Reported incidents and fatalities from August – November 2018 in Akwa Ibom 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).*

In December, for instance, over two thousand members of the APC from 16 LGAs in the state reportedly defected to the PDP in Uyo, the state capital.

**Protest:** There was a protest by women in Uyo, the state capital, over insecurity in the state. The protesters called for the redeployment of the state commissioner of police. Separately, thousands of youths protested over electricity in Ikot Abasi LGA. The youths called for the relocation of an electricity company to the city and employment of community members in the company.

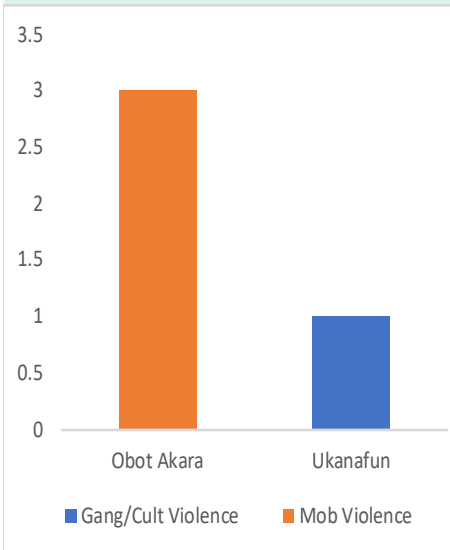
## Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to political and cult violence, child trafficking, mob violence and protest. Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

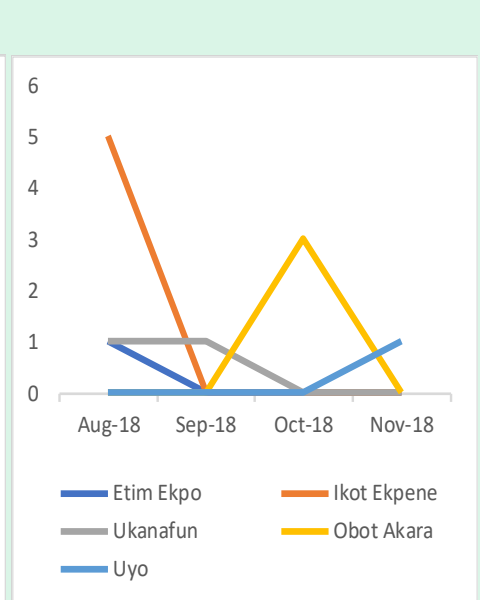
## Questions for Peace Agents

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

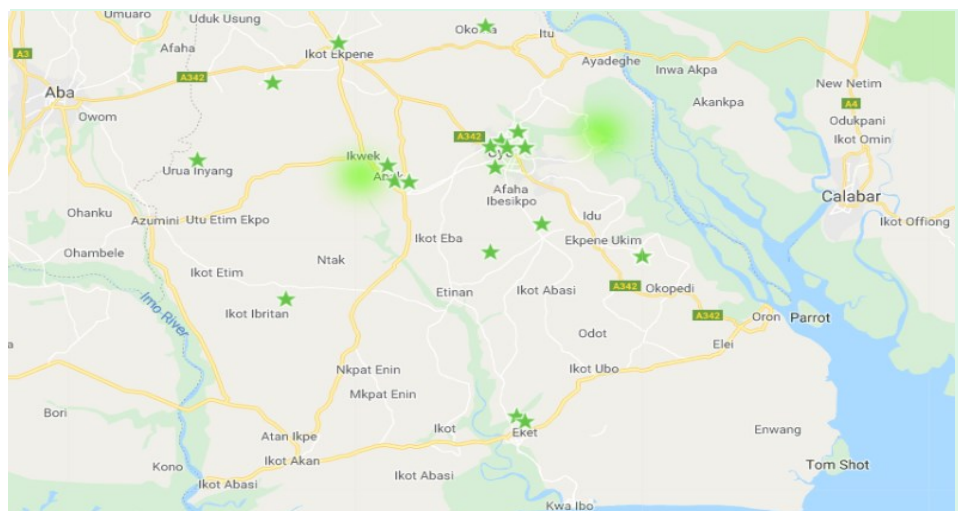


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Obot Akara had the most reported lethal conflict during this period. 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 Akwa Ibom State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September - November 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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