

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo 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 lethal violence in Edo state in November 2018. But, based on reported fatalities (see Figure 2), Edo was the second most violent state in the Niger Delta during the period. Reported incidents included criminality, cult violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls.

Criminality: In September, the chairman of the Akoko-Edo LGA chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) was reportedly kidnapped in Igarra, Akoko-Edo LGA. Separately, two people were reportedly stabbed to death by robbers in New Benin, Oredo LGA. In October, unknown assailants reportedly ambushed and killed a soldier and made away with his gun in Ajakurama, Ovia South West LGA. Separately, a 34-year old man was reportedly arrested by the police for stabbing his half-brother to death during an argument in Egba, Ikpoba Okha LGA. In another incident, a 16-year old houseboy reportedly killed his 51-year old female boss and stole her belongings in Oluke, Ovia North East LGA.

In November, a 34-year old Malaysia-based man was reportedly killed by gunmen at his home in Benin City, Oredo LGA. Separately, a man was reportedly arrested for beheading a 46-year old man during an argument in Ayogwiri, Etsako West LGA. In another incident, four Catholic priests were reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Uronigbe, Orhionmwon LGA.

Cult Violence: In September, six people were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult clashes in Benin City, Oredo LGA. Separately, a patent medicine dealer was reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Black Axe and Aiye confraternities in Auchi, Etsako West LGA. In another incident, six students were reportedly killed by cultists during a graduation ceremony in Ekpoma, Esan West LGA. In October, over 20 people were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult

clashes at different locations in Benin City and its environs in Oredo LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG)

In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, domestic and sexual violence against women were also reported during this period. In October, for instance, a 35-year old man was reportedly arrested by the police for impregnating his 13-year old daughter in Ologbo community, Ikpoba Okha LGA. Separately, a 75-year old man was reportedly sentenced to seven years imprisonment for raping a 10-year old girl in Igarra town, Akoko Edo LGA. In November, a 34-year old pastor was reportedly arrested for allegedly abducting and having carnal knowledge of a married female chorister in his church in Benin City, Oredo LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State

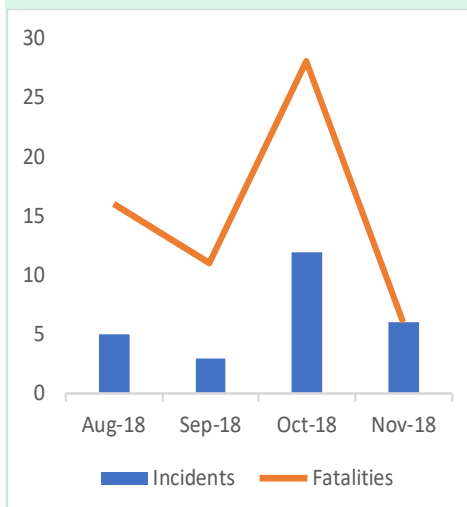
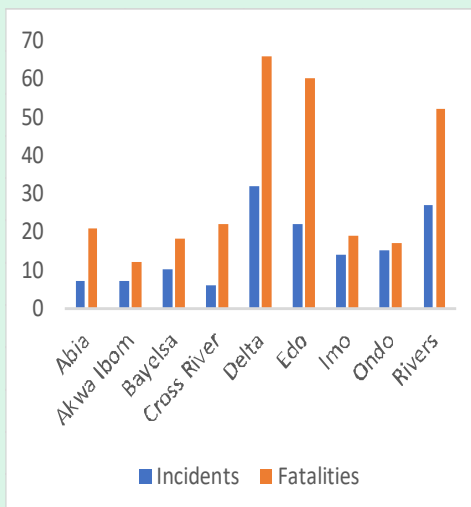


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (Aug - Nov 2018)



Reported incidents and fatalities from August – November 2018 in Edo State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Other: In November, there was reportedly a clash between operatives of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and some locals over the killing of a commercial driver in Ovbogie village, Ovia North East LGA.

Recent Incidents, December 2018

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to criminality and fire outbreak.

Criminality: A robber was reportedly killed during a gun battle between members of his gang and the police in Benin City, Oredo LGA.

Fire Outbreak: A man along with his wife and baby were reportedly burned to death during a fire incident in their home in Benin City, Oredo LGA. The fire was reportedly caused by a candle.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, violence affecting women and girls (VAWG), and fire outbreak. 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 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2018)

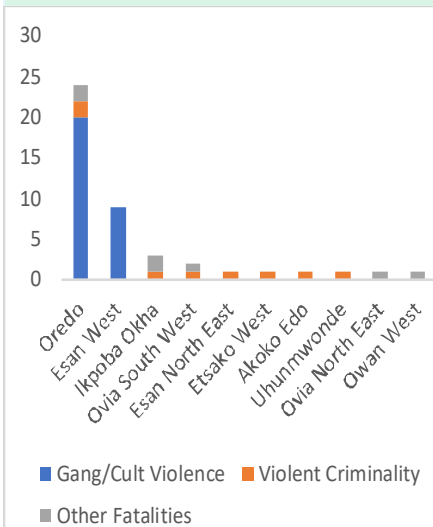
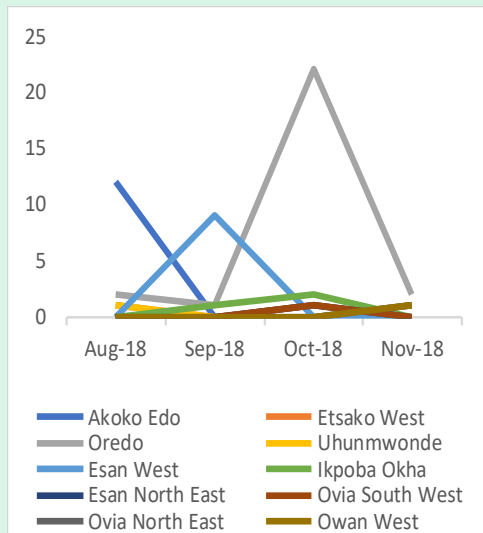
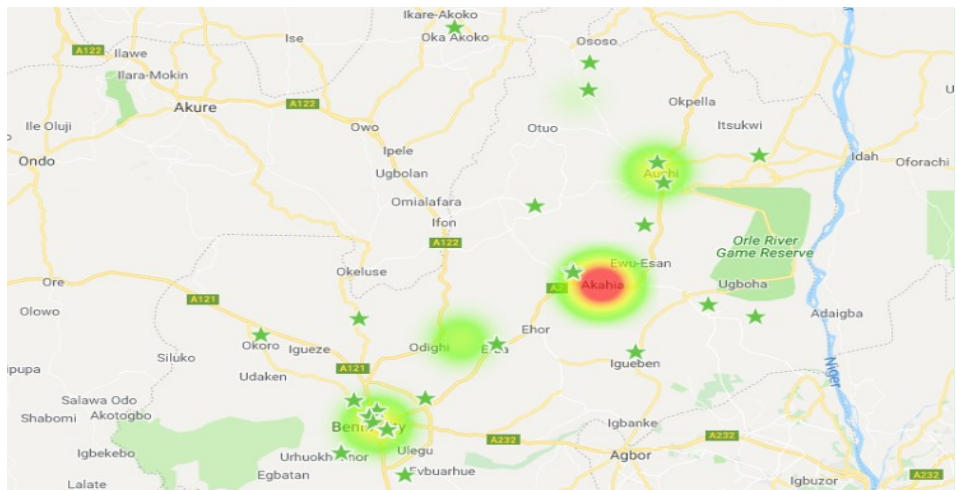


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2018)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Oredo, followed by Esan West had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. 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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September - November 2018 in Edo 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

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

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