

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River 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 spike in lethal violence in Cross River state in November 2018. Incidents reported in the state during this period included criminality, cult and political violence, child trafficking, protests, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Communal Violence: In November, 12 people were reportedly killed and many houses destroyed during communal clashes over a long standing conflict between Mbiobo, Ediong, Obomitiat Edere and Idim Ndeon Eki communities in Odukpani LGA. Separately, 10 people were reportedly killed during a clash between Ebom and Usumutong communities in Abi LGA. Militias from Ebom community reportedly attacked Usumutong community over issues relating to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

Violent Criminality: In October, an operative of the Department of State Services (DSS) was reportedly stabbed by a gunman in Sankwala, Obanliku LGA. The security operative was stabbed while trying to pick up a gun surrendered by the gunman. Separately, a male Police Inspector was

reportedly shot to death by a gang of robbers in Calabar Municipal LGA. In November, a bank was reportedly robbed by hoodlums in Calabar Municipal LGA.

Political Violence: In September, some aggrieved members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) reportedly protested at the state secretariat of the party over alleged imposition of candidates during the party primary elections in Calabar Municipal LGA. Two people were reportedly shot during the protest.

Child Trafficking: In September, a couple was reportedly arrested by the police for trafficking their 2-year old son to Port Harcourt to raise money to pay their house rent in Calabar Municipal LGA. The child was allegedly trafficked to an agent as a collateral for a loan of twenty one thousand naira.

Protest: In September, there was a protest by civil servants in Calabar South LGA over an alleged plan by the state government to

make deductions from their salaries. In October, some Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) protested in Calabar, the state capital over the continued detention of one of the Dapchi school girls, Leah Sharibu, by Boko Haram insurgents and a 13-year old girl that was reportedly raped to death by a lecturer in Benue state.

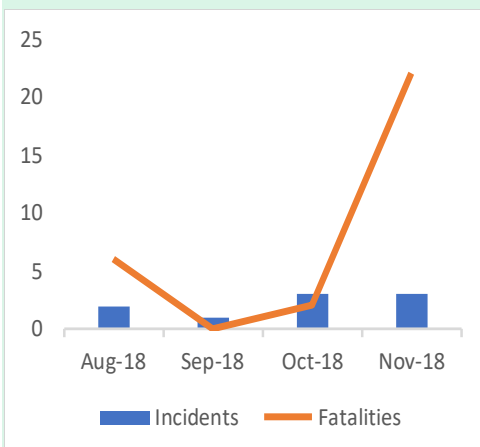
Others: In October, a 2-year old boy reportedly drowned inside a pit in Calabar Municipal LGA. The child died as a result of negligence by the mother. The little boy fell inside the pit while the mother was talking with a relative.

Recent Incidents, December 2018

Incidents reported during this period related mainly to sexual violence, communal conflict, and mob violence.

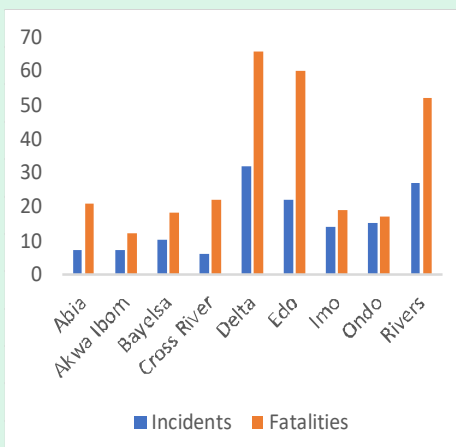
Sexual Violence: During the month, a male aide to the state governor was reportedly

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Cross River



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

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



arrested for raping a 15-year old girl in Calabar Municipal LGA. The suspect allegedly defiled the teenage girl with the consent of her mother. The girl reportedly has had three abortions since the abuse started three years ago.

Communal Violence: Three people were reportedly killed during a clash between Orgubam and Abanwan communities in Biase LGA. Following the clash, five people were reportedly killed in reprisal attacks.

Mob Violence: Three robbery suspects were reportedly lynched by residents in Amana community, Obanliku LGA. The three were part of an 8-man gang of robbers that attacked the community. Residents pursued and caught three of them while five others escaped. The three gang members were burned to death.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period included political violence, criminality, mob violence, communal conflict, sexual violence, child trafficking, protests and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2018)

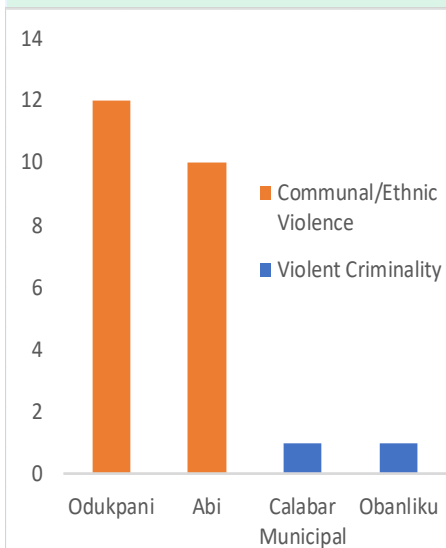
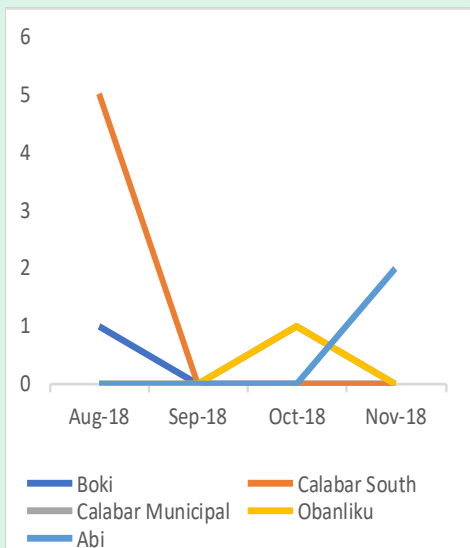
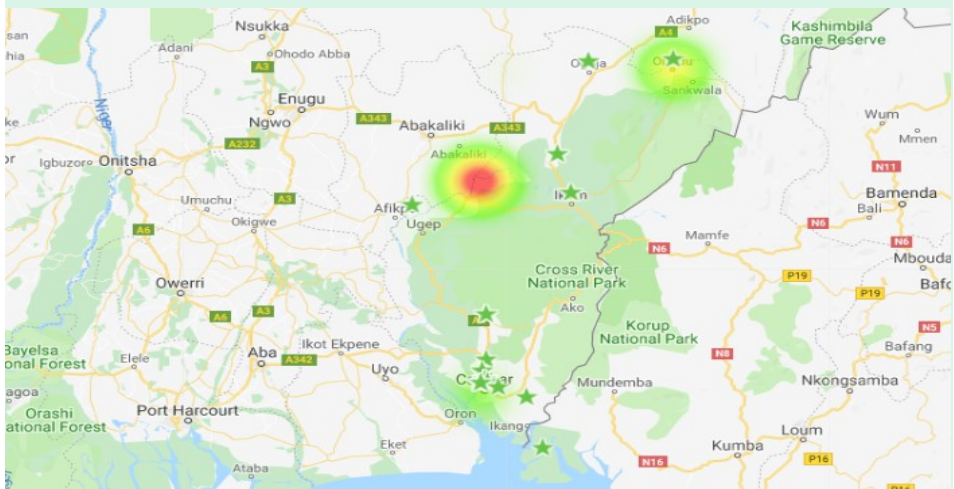


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Odukpani, followed by Abi had the most reported lethal conflict incidents 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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September - November 2018 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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