

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Akwa Ibom State: August-September 2019

### 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

#### June-August 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Akwa Ibom was one of the most violent states in the Niger Delta during this period, based on reported fatalities. Reported incidents during this period included communal conflict, kidnapping, and protest.

**Communal Conflict:** In June, three people were reportedly killed during a clash between Ikot Osute and Ikot Ukpong communities, Oruk Anam LGA. The conflict was reportedly triggered by a love affair between two residents from both communities. In August, some herdsmen reportedly attacked a community, killed a resident and injured another in Obio Nso community, Mkpato Enin LGA.

**Kidnapping:** In July, gunmen reportedly killed two soldiers and kidnapped an expatriate at a road construction site in Inen Ekeffe community, Ukanafun LGA. The two soldiers were killed while they were escorting the expatriate during an inspection tour of a road construction project in the area. The

gunmen reportedly made away with rifles belonging to the soldiers.

**Protests:** In August, there was a protest by residents of a fishing community in Oron LGA over frequent attacks by pirates. Separately, youths from some communities in Itu LGA reportedly protested at the Akwa Ibom State office of the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital, over electricity power supply in their communities.

**Communal Conflict:** During the month, a school was reportedly vandalized during a conflict over a land dispute between a community and the management of the school in Uyo LGA.

**Child Abuse:** A 36-year old man was reportedly arrested for burning his son to death in Afia Nsit community, Eket LGA. The man allegedly killed his son for stealing money from his neighbors' house to buy food.

**Violent Protests:** There was a violent protest by commercial motorcyclists over the killing of their colleague by operatives of the police Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) at Aka Etinan, Uyo LGA. One of the commercial motorcyclists was reportedly killed by the police during a disagreement over the enforcement of a ban on commercial motorcycle operations in Uyo metropolis.

### Recent Incidents, September 2019

Incidents during this period mainly related to inter-communal conflict, criminality, child abuse, and violent protest.

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State

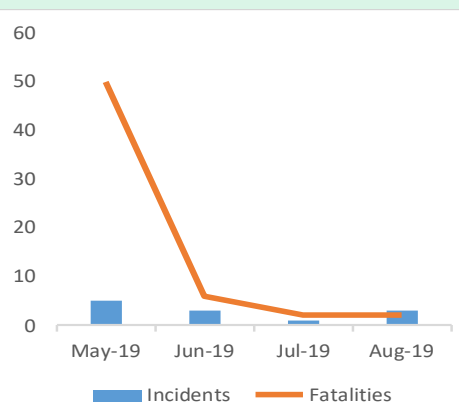
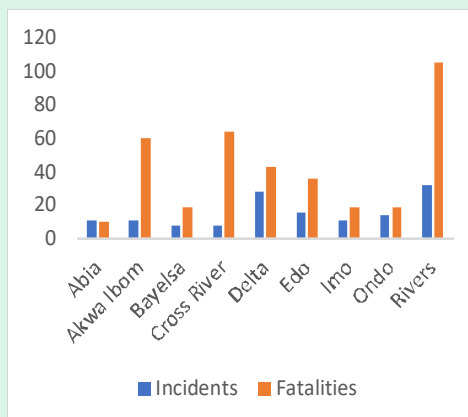


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (May - August 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from May – August 2019 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).

Homes, vehicles and government properties were destroyed during the protest.

Others: Masquerades reportedly raped a woman in Ifa Atai community, Uyo LGA. In a related incident, some masquerades reportedly attacked a church, destroyed properties, and beat up some worshippers in Idu community, Uruan LGA. In a separate incident, operatives of the Nigerian Navy reportedly arrested 12 oil thieves and confiscated 50 drums of refined petroleum products and 468 bags of smuggled rice in Ibaka community, Mbo LGA.

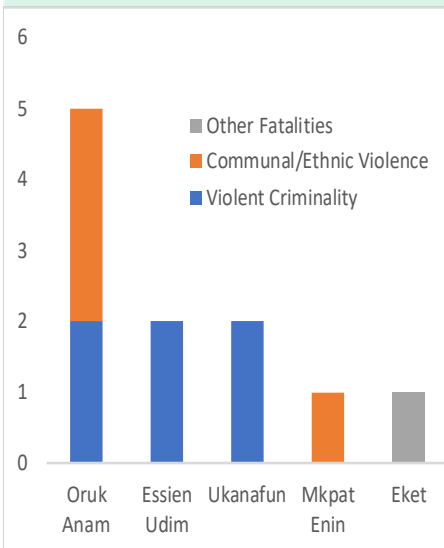
## Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Akwa Ibom state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, sexual violence, child abuse, violent criminality, kidnapping for ransom, and protests. Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

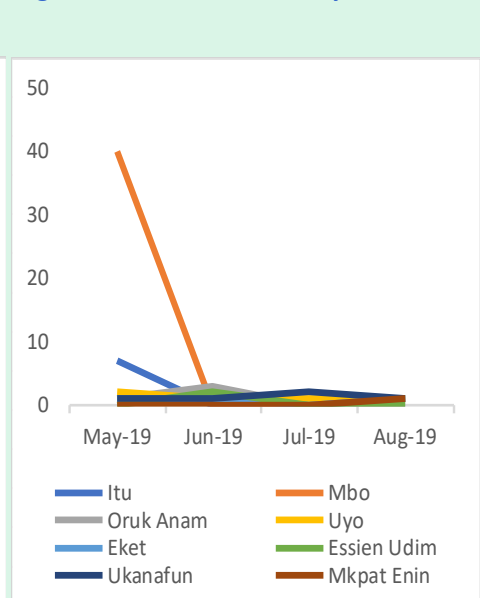
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything 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 (June - August 2019)**

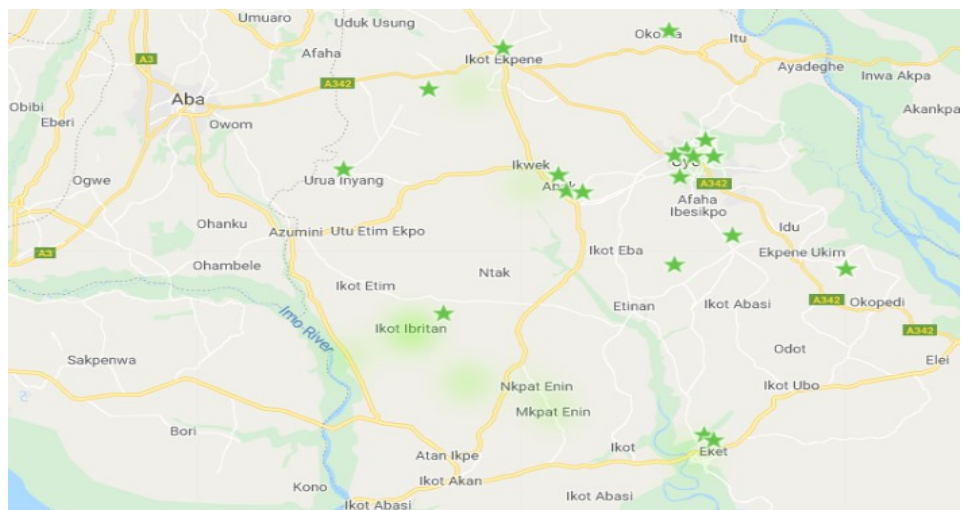


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Oruk Anam 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 June - August 2019 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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