

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo 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), Edo was among the states with higher number of lethal violence in the Niger Delta during this period. Reported incidents included cult violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), protests, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

Violent Criminality: In July, the police reportedly killed four teenage robbers who stole a car at gunpoint in Benin City, Oredo LGA. Separately, two robbers were reportedly killed during a gun duel with the police in Ekehuan community, Egor LGA. In another incident, three robbers were reportedly arrested for robbing a man of his car in Ekpoma, Esan West LGA. In August, gunmen reportedly killed two policemen in the convoy of the Chief Medical Director of a hospital at Ramat Park, Ikpoba Okha LGA. The medical director was abducted by the gunmen who also shot and injured two other occupants of a vehicle in the convoy.

Kidnaping: In July, gunmen reportedly kidnapped two Chinese working with an aluminum company and killed a policeman

attached to them in Utesi community, Ikpoba-Okha LGA. Separately, herdsmen who double as kidnappers reportedly killed a naval officer and abducted 17 passengers from a commercial bus along the Benin-Lagos expressway in Ekiadolor, Ovia North-East LGA. In another incident, three women who were travelling to Lagos were reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Okada town, Ovia North-East LGA. In a separate incident, gunmen reportedly abducted a man who was driving to his farm in Igarra-Okpe community, Akoko-Edo LGA.

Cult Violence: In June, three persons reportedly sustained injuries during a clash between members of a vigilante and a cult group at a funeral in Fugar community, Etsako Central LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls

(VAWG): In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence was also reported during this period. In August, for instance, a 52-year old man was imprisoned for raping his 12-year old daughter in Ososo, Akoko Edo LGA.

Other Fatalities: In July, an army corporal reportedly stabbed a man to death during a disagreement in Agbede community, Etsako West LGA. Separately, a 13-year old pupil was reportedly killed by flood on his way to school in Uromi, Esan North-East LGA.

Recent Incidents, September 2019

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to cult violence and kidnapping.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State

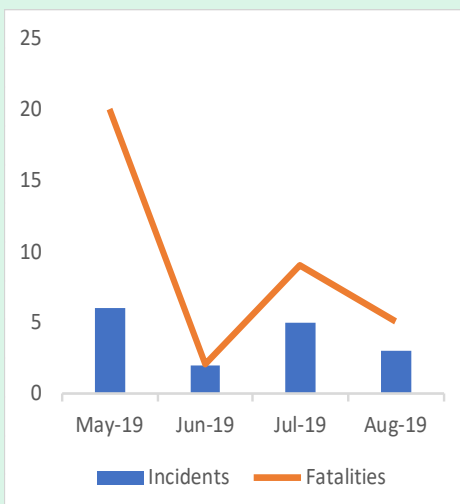
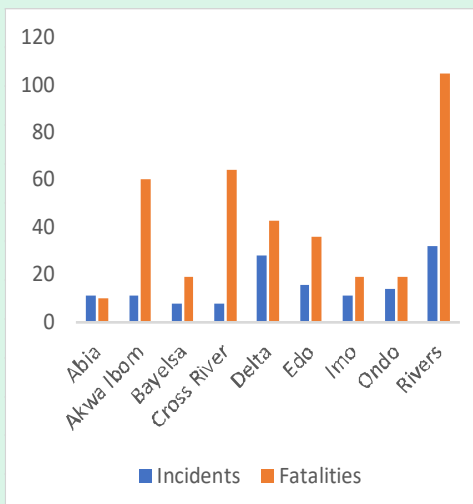


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (May - August 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from May – August 2019 in Edo State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Cult Violence: During the month, a student was reportedly killed during a clash between two rival cult groups at a polytechnic in Iyakpi community, Etsako West LGA. A day later, five people were reportedly killed in reprisal by cultists in the same community.

Kidnapping: A professor from a university in Okitipupa was reportedly abducted along with his driver in Auch, Etsako West LGA. The corpse of the professor was later found in the bush, while the driver was released. Separately, gunmen in police uniform reportedly abducted the wife of the Managing Director of a federal corporation in Irihri community, Oredo LGA.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Edo state during this period were driven mainly by cult violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), and criminality including kidnapping for ransom. 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 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 (June - August 2019)

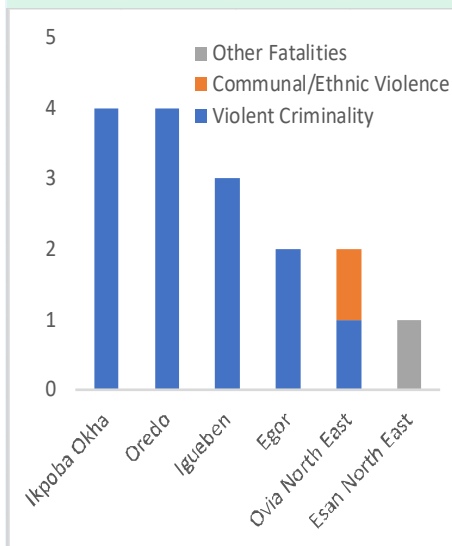
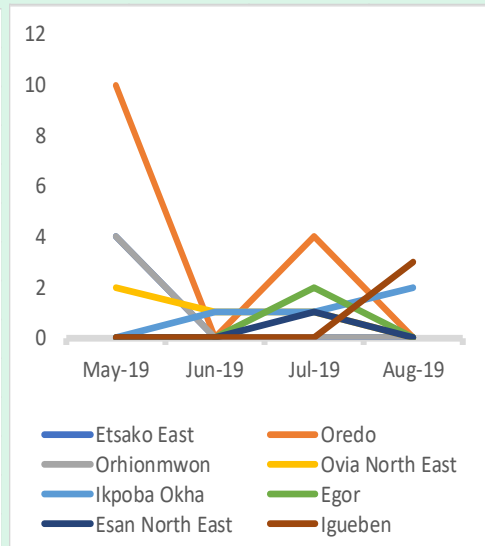
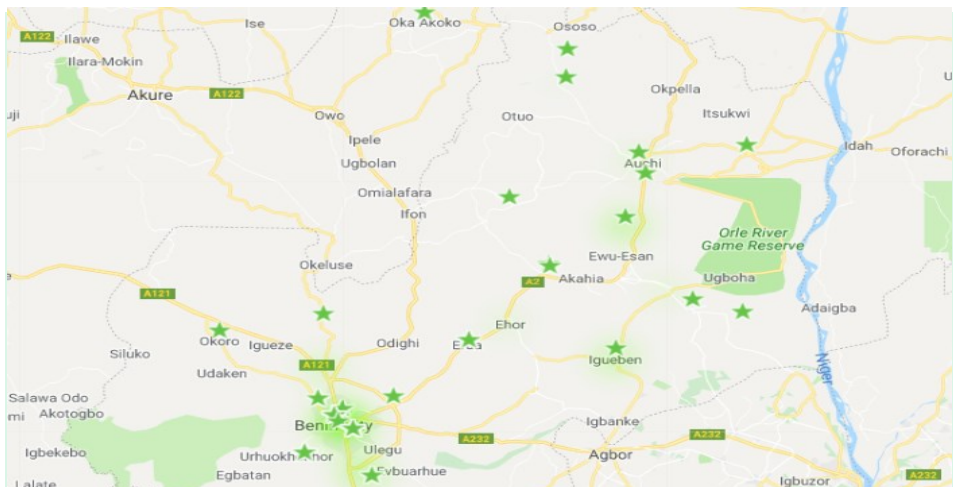


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Ikpoba Okha and Oredo 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 June - August 2019 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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