

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Akwa Ibom State - March 2016

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 Dec 2015-Feb 2016

As in previous months, there were only a few incidents reported in Akwa Ibom as compared to some other Niger Delta states. Incidents reported included kidnappings, ritual-related killings, mob violence and intra-communal land disputes.

In January, police reportedly shot dead two kidnappers who had earlier abducted and killed a 74-year old woman in Uyo. In another incident in January, a pregnant woman was reported killed by a 28-year old man for alleged ritualistic practices in Itu.

In February, a land dispute was reported between two families in Eyulor community in Offiong/Oruko. In a second incident, a fatal road crash involving a tipper and a

motorcyclist reportedly led to a violent clash between youths and commercial motorcyclists in Uyo. Also in February, two policemen were reportedly shot dead by armed youths who invaded a police station. In a separate incident, a 25-year old man clubbed his father to death during a domestic quarrel.

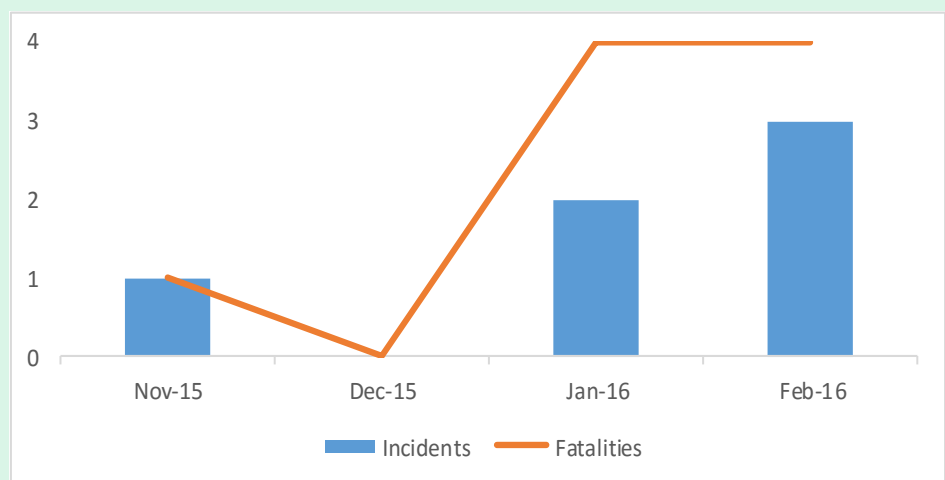
Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2016

Incidents of conflict risk and violence reported in March included cult violence and cross-border conflict.

Cross-border Communal Conflict: Residents from several mangrove island communities in Mbo Local Government Area (LGA), along the Nigerian border with Cameroon reportedly complained that territorial disputes led to harassment by some Cameroonian Gendarmes.

Cult Violence: Four people were reported killed during a cult clash involving members of the Junior Vikings Confraternity and the Axe Men Confraternity at a drinking spot in Eket.

Figure 1: Akwa Ibom State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015-February 2016 in Akwa Ibom State.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

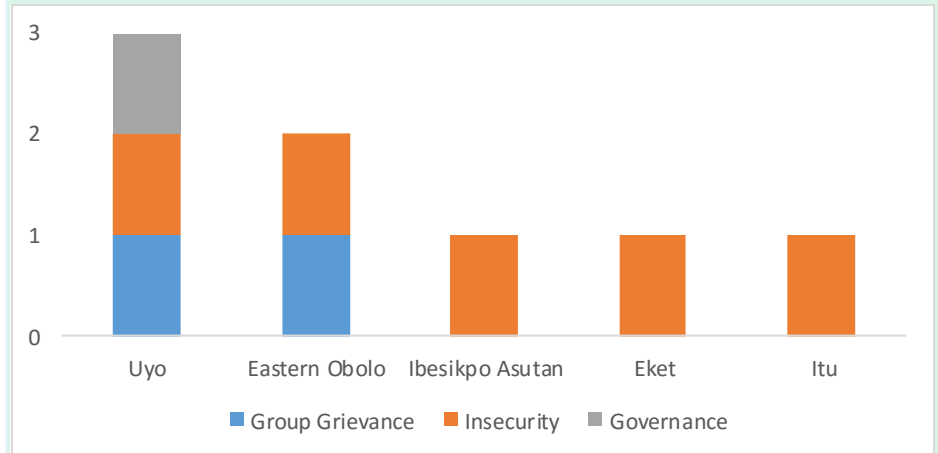
Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence have increased since January 2016, especially incidents relating to land disputes, youths violence, and mob violence. These conflict drivers, including the recent cross-border issues should be monitored by peace actors in the state.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential 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 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Dec 2015 - Feb 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Akwa Ibom State this quarter shows that Uyo and Eastern Obolo had the most incidents of conflict risk and violence.

Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Akwa Ibom State



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Dec 2015 –Feb 2016 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

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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