

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Akwa Ibom State - April/May 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 Feb 2016-Apr 2016

According to Peace Map data, incidents reported during the period included protests, violent criminality and intra-communal land disputes.

In February, two policemen were reportedly shot dead by armed youths who invaded a police station. In March, there was a reported conflict involving residents of several mangrove island communities in Mbo LGA, along the Nigeria-Cameroon border, over territorial disputes.

In April, four people were reported killed and several persons displaced following a land dispute. Separately, a 14-year old boy was reported killed in a suspected cult-related violence in Uyo. It was alleged that he was killed by his friends for refusing to be

initiated into a cult group. In another incident, a female medical doctor was reported killed by assassins in her residence.

Ex-militants reportedly barricaded the entrance to the state governor's office over issues related to the presidential amnesty program. In late April, several persons including a pregnant wife of a paramount ruler and four children of a traditional ruler were reported kidnapped by gunmen who attacked a palace with dynamite in Esit Eket.

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2016

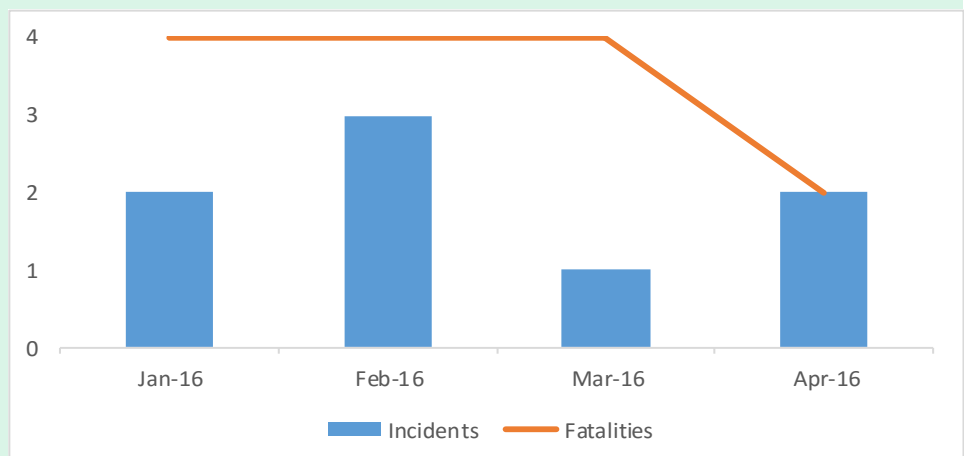
Incidents of conflict risk and violence reported in May included kidnapping, domestic violence and protests.

Kidnapping: A businessman was reported kidnapped, killed, and buried in a forest after a ransom was paid to his abductors in Ikot Abasi.

Domestic Violence: A 31-year old woman reportedly killed her 75-year old father over allegations that he killed her children and husband through witchcraft in Ibiono Ibom.

Protest: There was a reported protest by a group of women and physically challenged

Figure 1: Akwa Ibom State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from Jan-Apr 2016 in Akwa Ibom State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

persons over issue of compensation for oil spillage by an oil multinational in Eket.

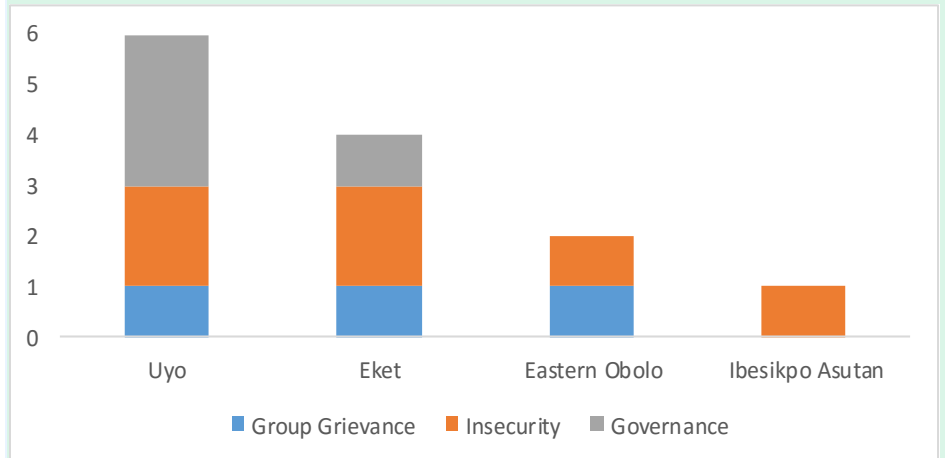
Prognosis

Akwa Ibom has been relatively peaceful compared to other Niger Delta states. However, lingering inter-communal conflict issues over land and violent criminality should be closely monitored by peace agents 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 (Jan 2016 - Mar 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), shows that Uyo and Eket had the most incidents of conflict risk and violence in the last three months. 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 Feb-Apr 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

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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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