

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: February-March 2017

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

December 2016-

February 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, militancy, and protests.

Communal Violence: In January, ten people were reportedly killed in reprisal attacks over the alleged beheading of a man from a neighboring community in Obubra LGA. Separately, five people were reportedly killed in a clash between Ikot Offiong in Odukpani LGA and a community in Akwa Ibom state. In another incident, multiple people were reportedly killed and several others injured in a clash over land dispute between a community in Obudu LGA and another in neighboring Benue state. Also in Obudu LGA, 18 houses were reportedly destroyed and several persons wounded in a clash between Kutia and Ukpe communities.

In February, about a dozen people were reportedly killed in a clash over a land between Ikot Offiong community in Odukpani LGA and Oku Iboku community in Itu LGA of Akwa Ibom. The clash caused the temporary closure of a major highway in the state.

Violent Criminality: In January, a robber was reportedly killed by operatives of the state special security task force code-named 'Operation Skolombo' in Calabar. Separately, a man was stabbed to death by unknown assailants in Calabar South LGA. In February, a vice principal was reportedly killed in his home by masked gunmen in Calabar South. Separately, a 25-year old mechanic was reportedly beaten to death by a group of boys who dumped the corpse by the roadside in Calabar South. In another incident, two robbers were reportedly killed in a shoot-out with police in Calabar South. Also in Calabar South, two robbers were reportedly burned to death by a mob. In Bakassi, about 10 people were reportedly killed in a clash between militants and a criminal gang, although the details have been disputed.

Other Incidents: In January, a man reportedly killed his twin daughters with

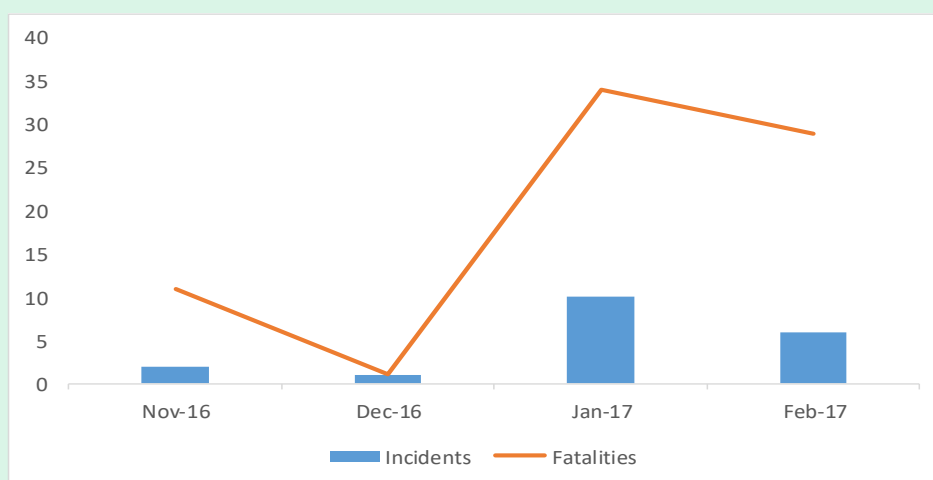
poison over allegations of witchcraft in Akamkpa LGA. In February, a man reportedly killed a woman for denying him sex, and desecrated the corpse in Calabar. Separately, a 50-year old woman was reportedly burned to death by a fire caused by adulterated kerosene in Nko, Yakurr LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2017

Incidents reported in March included communal conflict, violent criminality, cult violence, and protests.

Communal Conflict: During the month, three people, including a pastor and his wife were reportedly killed in a clash over land between Iyamitet and Adun communities in Obubra. Separately, a fatality was reported in a clash between herdsman and Obot Esere community in Odukpani.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2016– February 2017 in Cross River State.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Violent Criminality: A 25-year old alleged female gun runner accused of leasing arms to robbers was arrested by the police in Calabar. Separately, a professor in the University of Calabar was reportedly kidnapped. In another incident, four suspected kidnappers were reportedly arrested over the abduction of a 6-year old pupil in Obudu.

Gang/Cult Violence: Eight were reportedly killed in series of clashes between rival cult groups in Calabar Municipal. The gang war was allegedly triggered by the killing of a lecturer who is a key member of one of the cult groups. The lecturer was shot dead in his house in Calabar.

Protests: There was a protest by organized labor in Calabar allegedly over the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the construction of a highway in the state.

Prognosis

Reported incidents of violence and conflict risk in the state during the period included communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, protests, and domestic violence. Peace Actors in the state should monitor the current security 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 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2016 - February 2017)

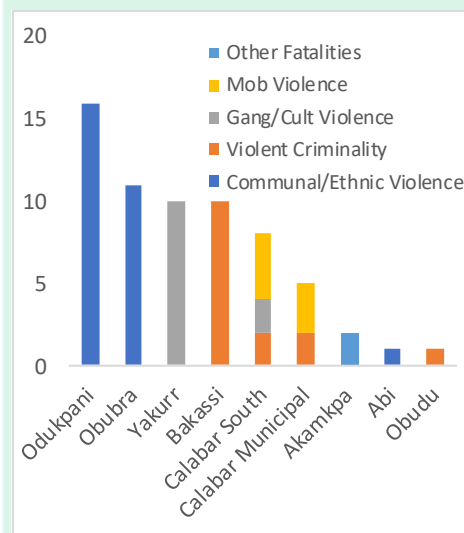
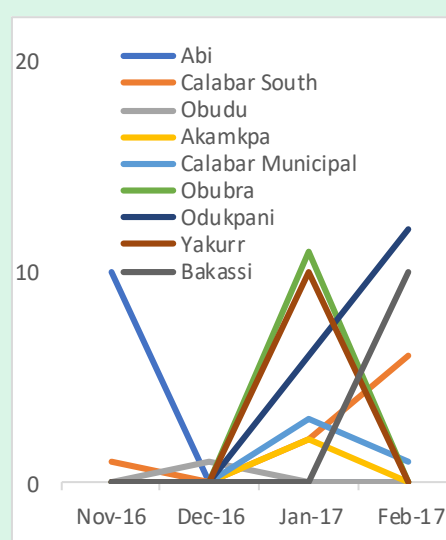
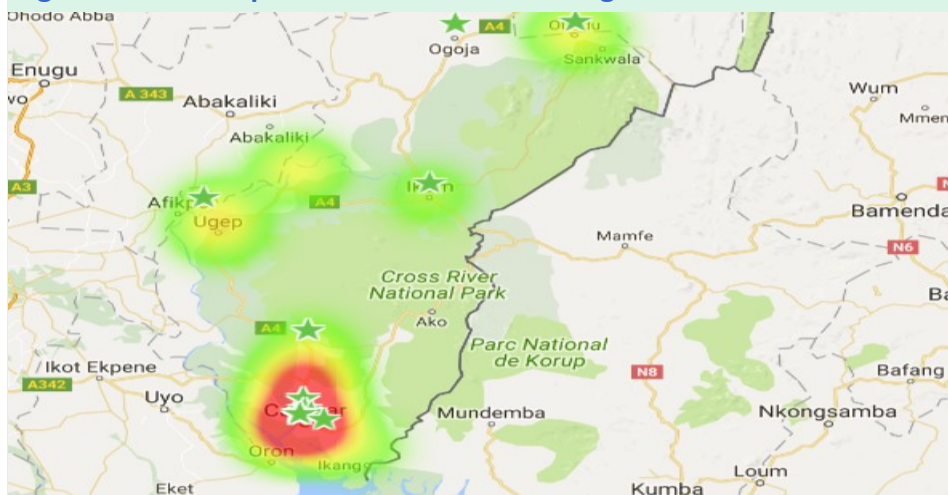


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Odukpani, followed by Obubra had the most reported lethal conflict incidents during this period. Source (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2016-February 2017 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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