

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia 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), reported incidents during this period related mainly to communal tensions, criminality, and protests.

Communal Tensions: In December, gunmen reportedly attacked a community in Isiala-Ngwa North LGA, killing three people and injuring ten others. Separately, tension was reported in Bende LGA following a clash that destroyed crops and resulted in injuries.

Violent Criminality: In January, police arrested suspects for robbery, kidnapping, and vandalism in the state. Police reportedly killed a kidnapper while picking up the ransom for an abducted victim in Osisioma. Separately, the police reportedly arrested a member of a gang that robbed a couple of a sum of money in Umuahia South. In another incident, soldiers reportedly burned down a house allegedly used as hideout by kidnappers in Osisioma. In February, soldiers reportedly arrested a robbery suspect at a checkpoint in Ukwu West LGA, and recovered arms and ammunition including

38 AK-47 rifles. Separately, four members of the Abia State Vigilante Services were reportedly shot dead by kidnappers in Aba. In a separate incident, a woman was reportedly arrested for supplying arms and ammunition to criminals in Aba.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In February, there was a reported protest over poor electricity supply and high bills by residents of Umuode community, Osisioma LGA.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) center of the Abia state headquarters of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was reportedly burgled by suspected robbers who made away with sensitive election documents. Separately, a car thief was reportedly arrested by the police in Aba.

Communal Violence: A fatality was reported during a clash between herdsmen and farmers in Ozitem community in Bende LGA. Crops and cattle were reportedly destroyed during the clash.

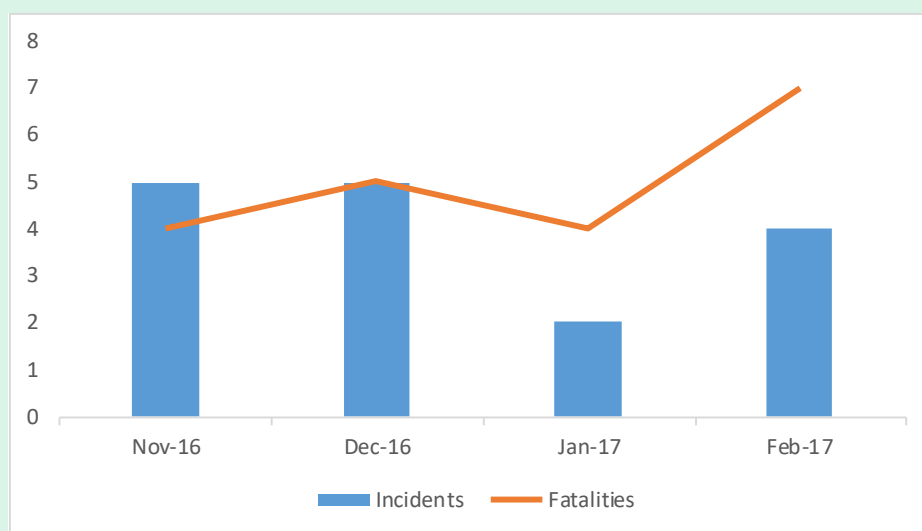
Protests: During the month, thousands of protesters from the five states of the South-East geopolitical area reportedly converged at Umuahia, the Abia state capital for a rally to demand for 'Good Governance'. Separately, students of the College of

Criminality: During the month, the

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2017

Reported incidents of conflict risk and violence during the month included criminality and protests.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Abia State



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

Management Sciences (COLMAS) of the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, reportedly protested against a government policy that scrapped some courses in the college.

Others: During the month, a man was reportedly shot dead by a policeman at a security checkpoint in Aba. The policeman was reportedly arrested after the incident.

Prognosis

Incidents reported during the period were mainly related to criminality, communal tensions, and labor strikes/protests. Peace agents must continue to monitor the 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 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: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2016 – February 2017)

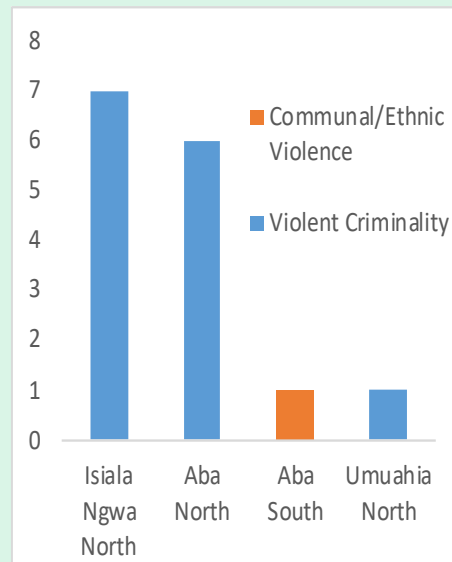
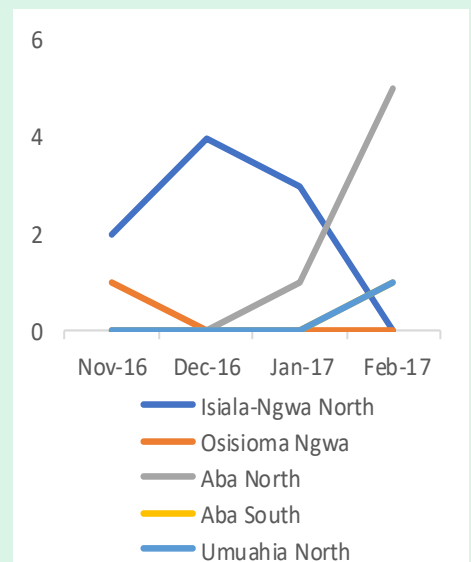
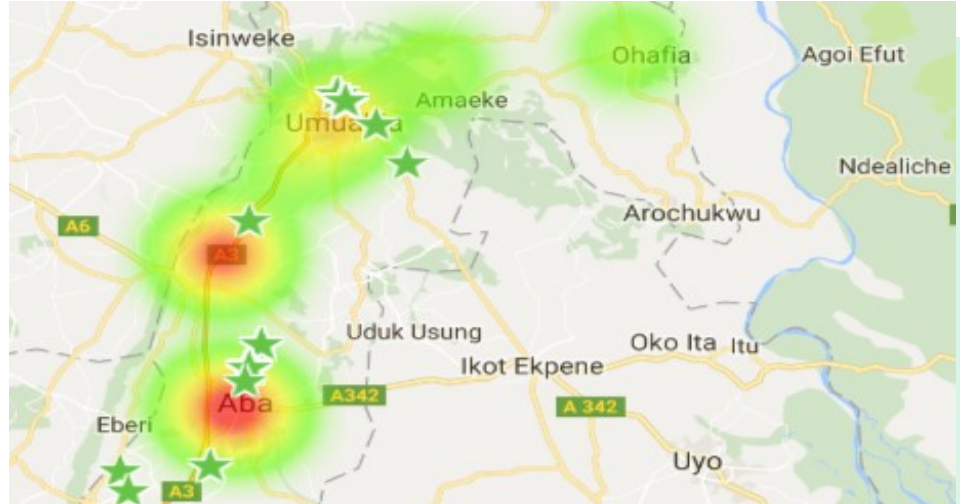


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities show that Isiala Ngwa North, followed by Aba North had the most violent incidents during the last three months. 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 Abia State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2016-February 2017 in Abia State; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P

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