

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo State: February-March 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 Dec 2018-Feb 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Ondo was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta during the period. Incidents reported in state during this period included communal conflict, ritual killing, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), and criminality including kidnapping.

Violent Criminality: In December, a 50-year old man was reportedly beaten to death by hoodlums during an argument in Arigidi, Akoko North West LGA. In January, six kidnappers were reportedly arrested by security operatives in Emure-Ile, Owo LGA. Separately, a 75-year old woman was reportedly killed by drug dealers at her farm in Owo LGA. In February, three operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) were killed by gunmen suspected to be illicit drug dealers in Ifon community, Ose LGA. The gunmen reportedly burned a patrol vehicle and made away with arms and ammunition belonging to the victims.

Kidnapping: In December, a lecturer in a polytechnic in the state was reportedly abducted and killed by kidnappers in Amurin village, Owo LGA. Separately, an unspecified

number of students were reportedly abducted by gunmen along an expressway in Ilu-Abo, Akure North LGA. In February, a chieftain of the All Progressives Congress (APC) was reportedly abducted in Ute community, Ose LGA. Separately, two sawmill operators were reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Akoko North East LGA.

Political Violence: In January, the convoy of a supporter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was reportedly shot by political thugs in Ondo town, Ondo West 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 January, for instance, a 43-year old woman was reportedly raped by a 39-year old security guard in Agbogbo, Akure South LGA.

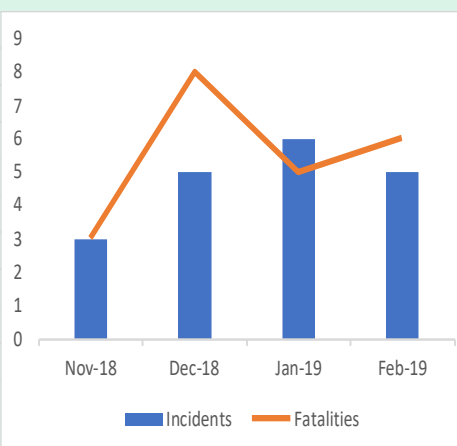
Other: In December, a 13-day old baby was reportedly stolen while the mother was sleeping in Akoko North West LGA. The baby was believed to have been abducted by ritualists.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2019

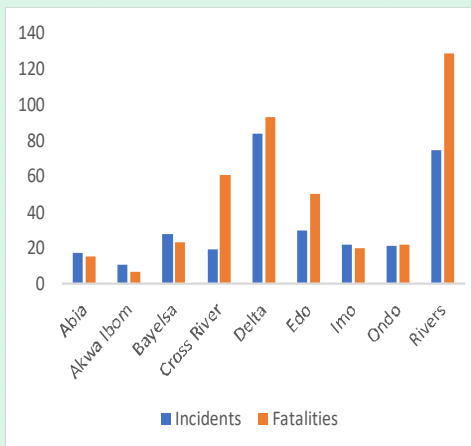
Incidents during the month related mainly to criminality, sexual violence, political and cult violence.

Criminality: During the month, a man reportedly killed his brother-in-law during a disagreement over a debt in Adebowale area, Akure South LGA. Separately, the corpse of a man was reportedly found in a septic tank at the residence of a security guard in Ita Olugbo, Akure South LGA. The victim was allegedly shot dead by the security guard during a fight.

**Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities,
Ondo State**



**Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities,
Niger Delta (Nov 2018 - Feb 2019)**



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2018 - February 2019 in Ondo State and regional trends.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Political Violence: Two people were reportedly killed during a clash between youths and some officials of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Oba Akoko community, Akoko South East LGA. Separately, four people were reportedly killed during a clash between supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ore community, Odigbo LGA.

Cult Violence: Three people were reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Eiye and Aye cult groups in Akure South LGA.

Sexual Violence: A man was reportedly arrested by security operatives for having a carnal knowledge of his 12-year old daughter in Akure Town, Akure North LGA. The suspect later died in the custody of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

Prognosis

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to political violence, cult violence, sexual violence, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is anything missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue 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, medium, and long term?

Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2018 - February 2019)

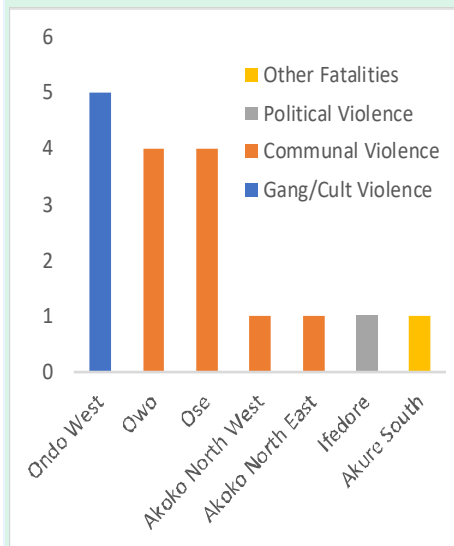
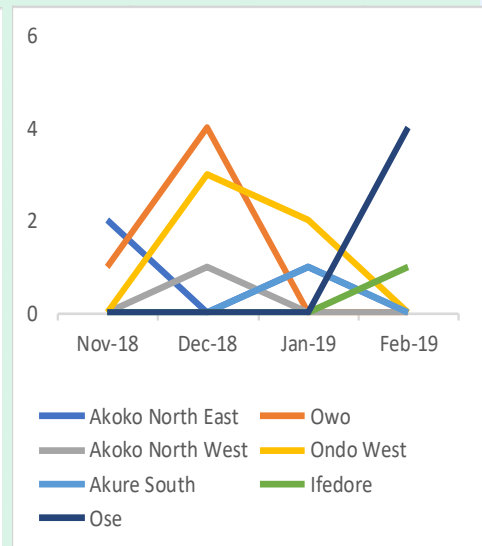
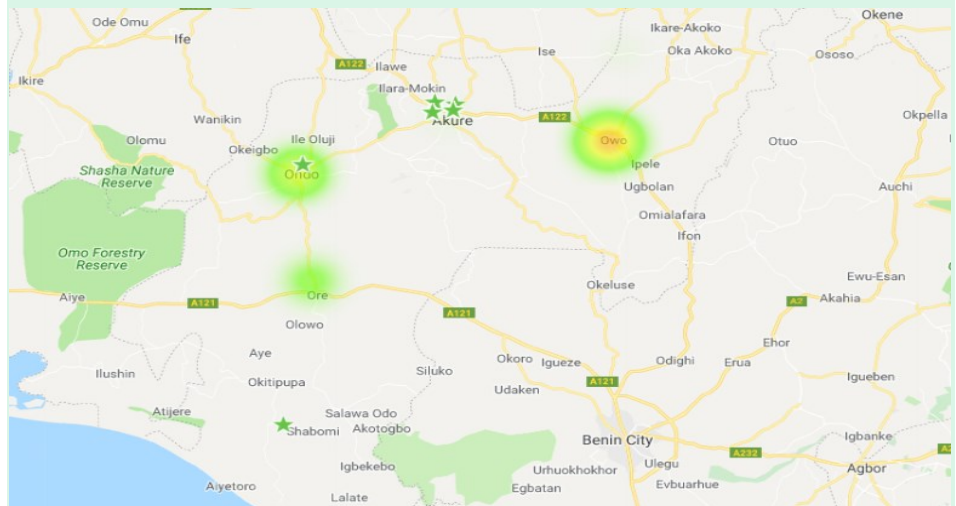


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Ondo West, followed by Owo and Ose had the highest number of fatalities. 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 Ondo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2018 – February 2019 in Ondo, 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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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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