

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Abia State: April-May 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 February-April 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Abia was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta during this period. Reported incidents in the state during this period related mainly to criminality, gang/cult violence, inter-communal conflict, mob and domestic violence.

**Criminality:** In February, gunmen reportedly killed a policeman attached to a popular hotel in the commercial city of Aba. The gunmen made away with a rifle belonging to the policeman. In March, gunmen reportedly attacked a warehouse, killed a policeman and made away with a huge sum of money in Aba South LGA. Separately, a young man was reportedly beaten and burned to death by the son of his debtor in Amator Ukwu community, Osisioma LGA. The incident led to a violent protest by some youths in the community. Houses were reportedly destroyed during the protest. In April, a woman was reportedly robbed and killed by a gang of robbers at a Federal Housing Estate in Ogbor Hill, Aba North LGA. Separately, a

robber was reportedly killed and burned by a mob along Umule Road, Osisioma LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In April, a young man who was preparing for his wedding ceremony was reportedly killed by cultists during a visit to his parents at Ogbor Hill, Aba North LGA. Separately, a 29-year old cultists who doubles as a serial killer reportedly killed a rival cult member in Aba Town, Aba North LGA. The victim was reportedly chased into a church and killed in the presence of the congregation.

**Communal Tension:** In April, a woman reportedly had her fingers cut off by herders at Ogbor Hill, Aba North LGA. The woman was reportedly attacked after she asked the herders to move their cattle from the front of her shop.

**Mob Violence:** In February, a mob reportedly lynched and burned a suspected robber in Ezizama community, Aba North LGA. The suspected was reportedly a member of a gang of hoodlums that had earlier attacked and robbed residents of the community.

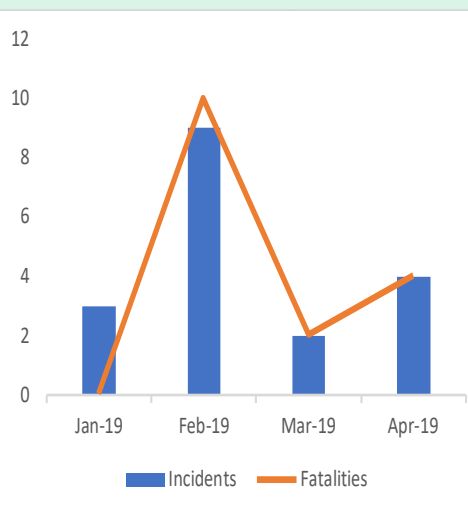
**Domestic Violence:** In March, a 26-year old man reportedly stabbed his 27-year old cousin to death during a disagreement in Ogbor Hill, Aba North LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2019

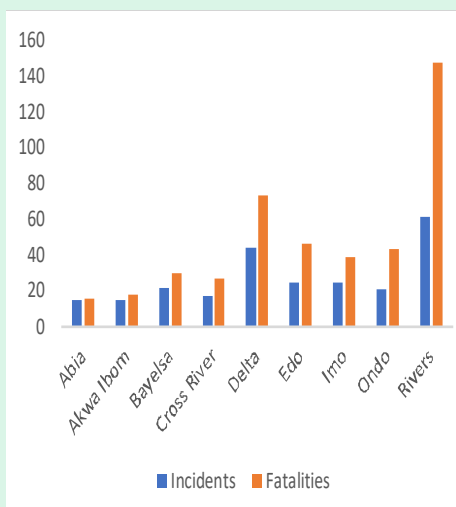
Reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality and protests.

**Criminality:** During the month, an auto mechanic was reportedly kidnapped by

**Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Abia State**



**Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (January - April 2019)**



Reported incidents and fatalities from January – April 2019 in Abia State and regional trends.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

gunmen along Opobo road, Aba South LGA. The victim was reportedly abducted while he was driving home in a bus belonging to one of his clients. Separately, gunmen who were operating in a tricycle reportedly attacked a sport betting center in Aba South LGA.

**Protest:** During the month, some market women protested the imposition of levy in Ahia Ukwu community, Umuahia South LGA. The levy was reportedly meant for the construction of uniform tables for the women in the market.

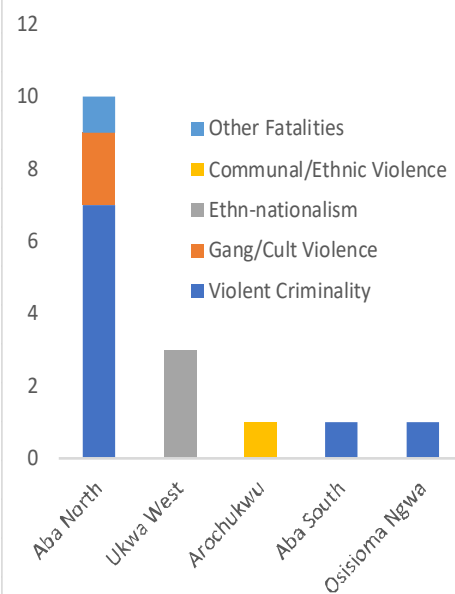
## Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Abia state during this period were driven mainly by criminality, cult violence, inter-communal tensions, mob violence, and domestic violence. Peace agents must continue to monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

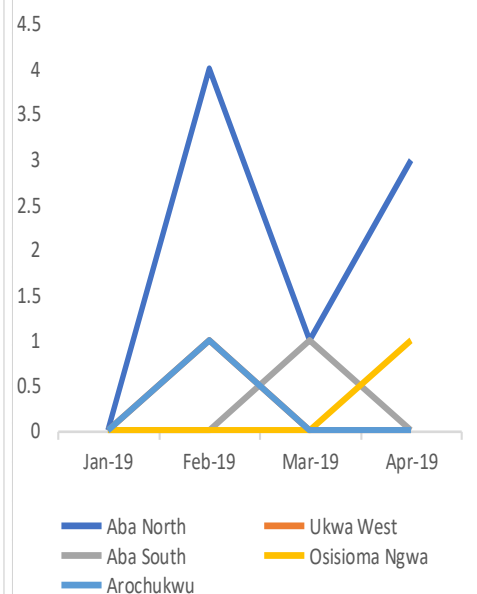
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (February - April 2019)**

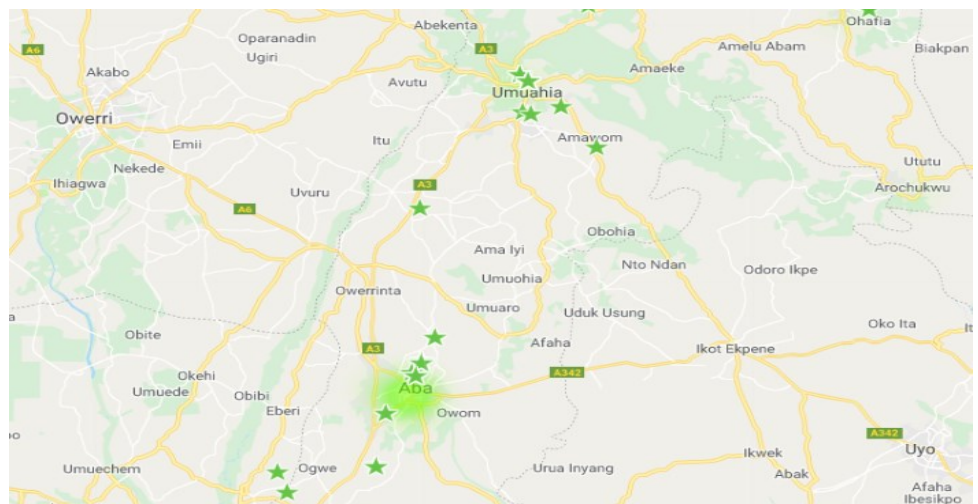


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Abia State this period show that Aba North had the most reported 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Abia State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from February - April 2019 in Abia State; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://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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