

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Edo State - February 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 Nov 2015-Jan 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), December 2015 was the most violent month during this period in Edo State.

In November, one person was reportedly killed in a clash between vigilantes and Fulani herders in Owan East. There were also six people reported killed in a bank robbery in Akoko Edo. At least five people were reportedly killed in a cult clash in early December, and this trend continued into January, with violent clashes between rival cult groups in Benin City. Cult-related violence directly accounted for the death of at least six people in January, although one report estimates that possibly another four were killed in reprisal attacks.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2016

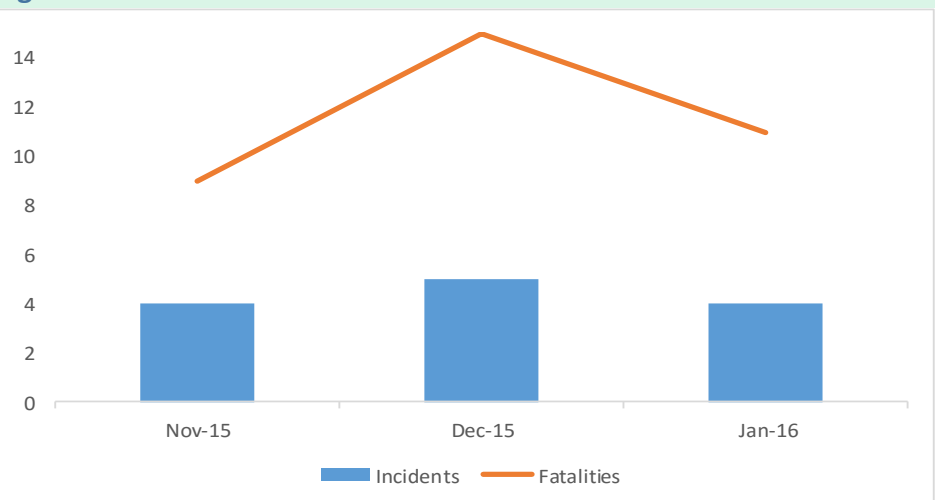
Issues reported in February included cult violence, political tensions and communal violence.

**Cult Violence:** A leader of a cult group who was a revenue collector at a market was reported shot dead by suspected members of a rival cult group in Egor. Separately, a man was shot dead by another in a suspected cult violence.

**Political Tension:** Political thugs wielding dangerous weapons reportedly attacked the home of a senatorial chairman of the All Progressive Congress (APC) during a political meeting in Egor.

**Communal Violence:** A woman was attacked and killed on her farm by cattle rustlers in Etsako West. The attack resulted in a gunfight between community vigilantes and the rustlers, with two people reported injured. Separately, a young man was killed by youths from a neighboring community over a land dispute in Ovia North.

Figure 1: Edo State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015 - January 2016 in Edo State.

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

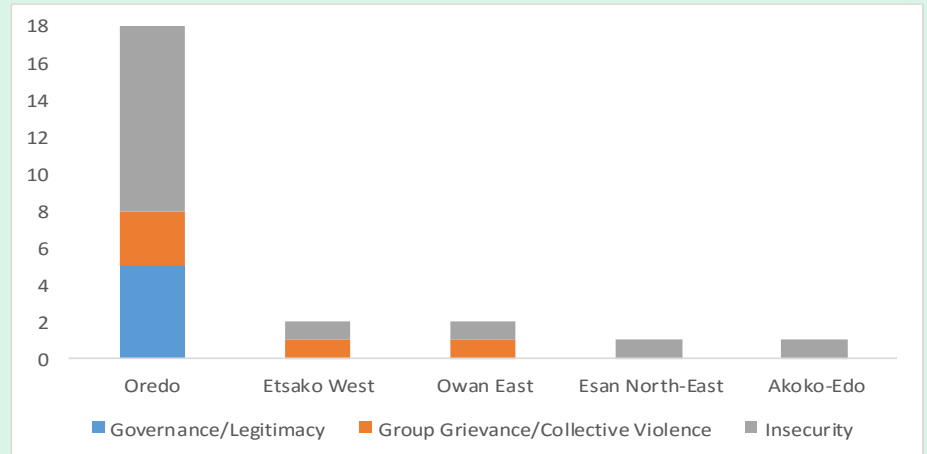
## Questions for Peace Agents

### Prognosis

The rise in political tension and cult violence in the last couple of months has the potential to exacerbate violence relating to the upcoming elections. In particular, election violence could take on the form of political manipulations and patronage of criminal elements for electoral advantage. Ahead of the September gubernatorial elections, peace actors must be acquainted with election-related violence and the impact this can have on broader insecurity in the state.

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?

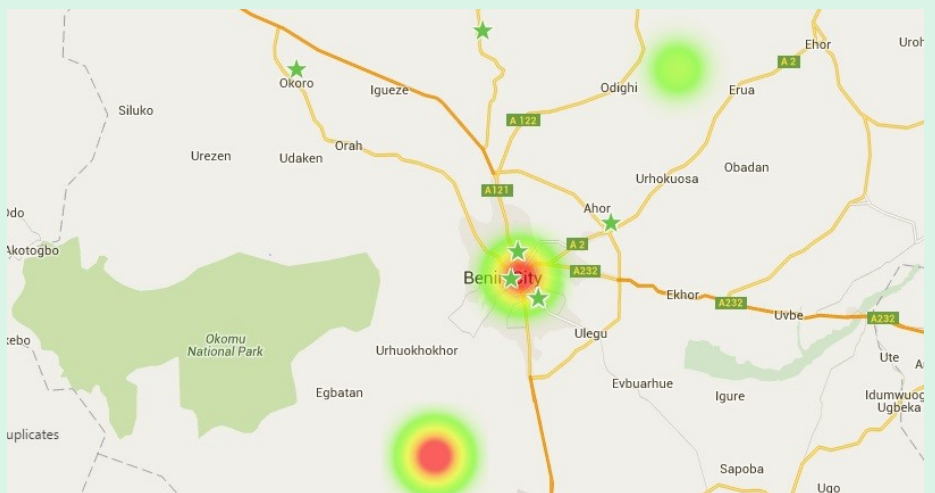
**Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Nov 2015 - Jan 2016)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State this quarter shows that Oredo had the most incidents across the three indicators.

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

**Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Edo State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from November 2015-January 2016 in Edo State; with

### 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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