

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo State: July-August 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

#### May-July 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a rise in violence and fatalities in July 2016. Issues reported during the period included cult violence, violent criminality, mob violence, and protests.

**Cult Violence:** In May, a man alleged to be a member of the Eiye Confraternity, was reportedly shot dead by members of a rival cult group in Ondo town. In June, the leader of a cult group was reportedly killed in revenge for the killing of a rival cult member in Akoko South. In July, two people were reportedly killed in a clash between rival cult groups during a carnival in Ondo West.

**Violent Criminality:** In May, an 83-year old traditional ruler was reportedly strangled to death by robbers who attacked his home in Akure, the state capital. In July, a bus driver was shot dead by robbers on a highway in Ifedore. The driver was reportedly shot because he refused to stop for the robbers. Separately, kidnappers reportedly shot dead two policemen and abducted two

expatriates in Ondo town.

**Mob Violence:** In May, a mob reportedly killed a 24-year-old man for stealing a goat. The victim was said to belong to a branch of Amalgamated Commercial Motorcycle Riders Association of Nigeria.

**Protest:** In June, polytechnic students held a protest at a police station over the death of two of their classmates in a traffic accident involving a police car. One person was reportedly killed and several others were injured during the protest. Separately, workers in Akure South reportedly protested over unpaid salaries by blocking the entrance to a government building. In July, teachers at St Francis Caring Heart Mega School reportedly staged a peaceful protest over unpaid salaries.

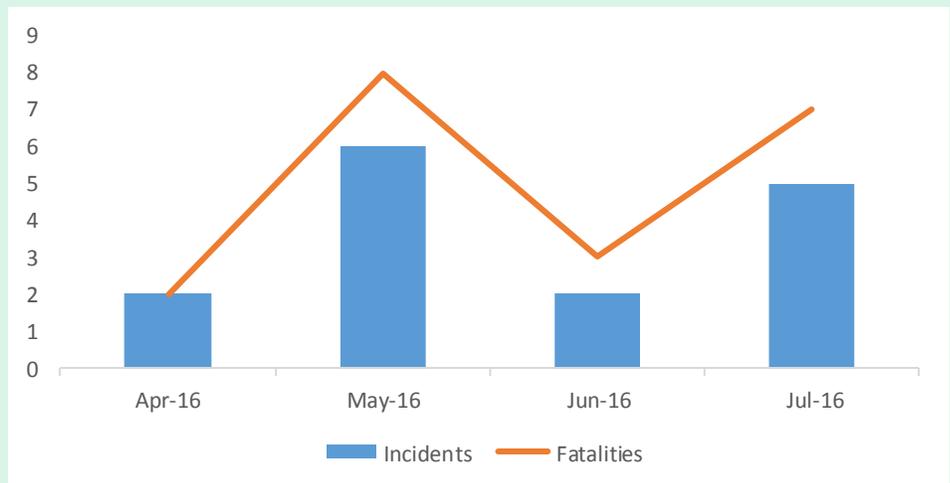
### Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2016

Incidents reported in August included violent criminality, and political tensions.

**Violent Criminality:** A female student of Rufus Giwa Polytechnic in Owo was reportedly murdered in Akure South by her 22-year old boyfriend who is also a student of the institution. In Ille-Oluji-Okeigbo, two friends reportedly killed a commercial motorcyclist, and stole the victim's motorcycle. A pregnant woman was reportedly murdered for ritualistic purposes.

**Political Tensions:** Members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) reportedly protested in Akure South over the alleged imposition of a gubernatorial candidate by a

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from April-July 2016 in Ondo State.

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

leader of the party. Women and youth in Akure South reportedly protested the alleged imposition of a candidate ahead of the November 2016 gubernatorial elections in the state.

**Other Fatalities:** In Ese-Odo, a 26-year old man was reportedly killed by stray bullets fired from the rifle of a naval officer during a scuffle.

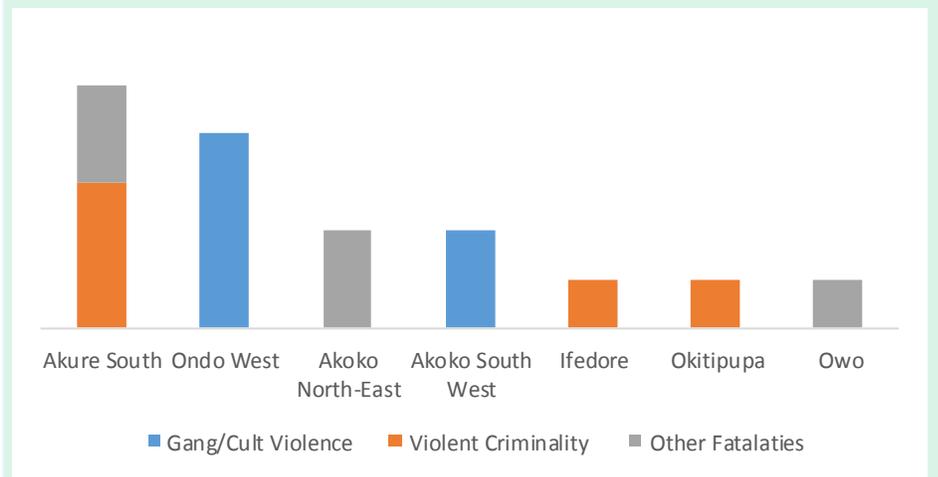
### Prognosis

There was a rise in conflict risk and violent fatalities in the state in July. The recurrent issues of violent criminality and protests have the potential to exacerbate political tensions and insecurity in the state. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely, particularly in the run-up to the November 26<sup>th</sup> gubernatorial elections.

### Questions for Peace Agents

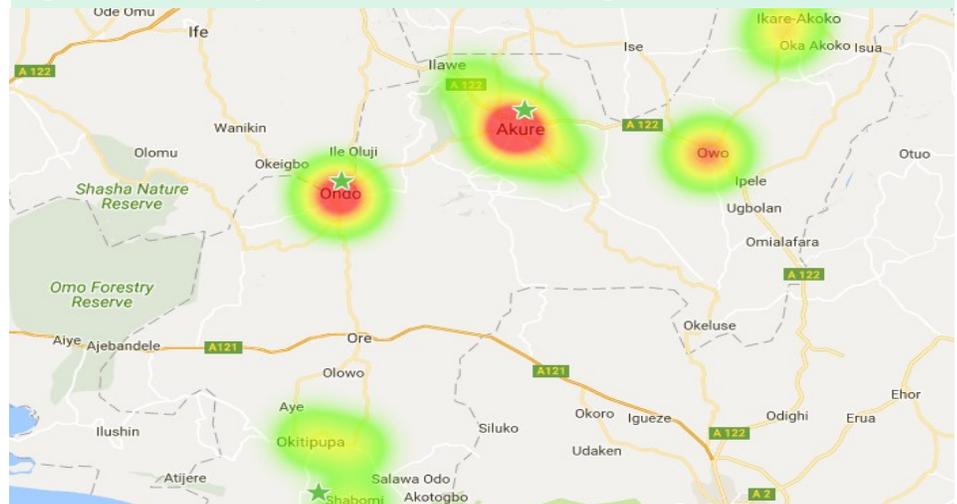
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the 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 (May—July 2016)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Ondo State this quarter show that Akure South and Ondo West had the highest number of fatalities. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Ondo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from May–July 2016 in Ondo; 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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