

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom 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 2016-July 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a rise in violence in Akwa Ibom in July 2016. Conflict incidents reported during the period included criminality, militancy, and domestic violence.

Criminality: Several incidents of violent criminality were reported in May, including the abduction and murder of a businessman in Ikot Abasi. Separately, the female head of the Pathology Department at a hospital was killed by a gang at her home in Uyo. Also in May, a truck driver was reportedly shot dead by a member of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Abak, when he failed to stop his vehicle. In July, three members of a gang of kidnapers were reportedly arrested by police in Eket, when they went to retrieve a ransom from the victim's relatives.

Militancy: In June, the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) reportedly blew up an oil pipeline in Oruk Anam. In July, the NDA reportedly

bombed an oil terminal in Ibeno, causing it to close. Also in July, an oil pipeline was reportedly attacked by the NDA in Nsit Ibom.

Domestic Violence Fatalities: In July, a 30-year old man reportedly killed his 4-year old daughter in Ibiono Ibom. Separately, a 2-year old girl was reportedly killed by her father, a chief priest, during a fight with her mother. In Urue Offong-Oruko, a man reportedly killed his 60-year-old uncle during an argument.

Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2016

Incidents of conflict risk and violence reported in August included communal violence, vandalism, piracy, and protest.

Inter-communal Violence: Five persons were reported killed in a dispute between Anakpa

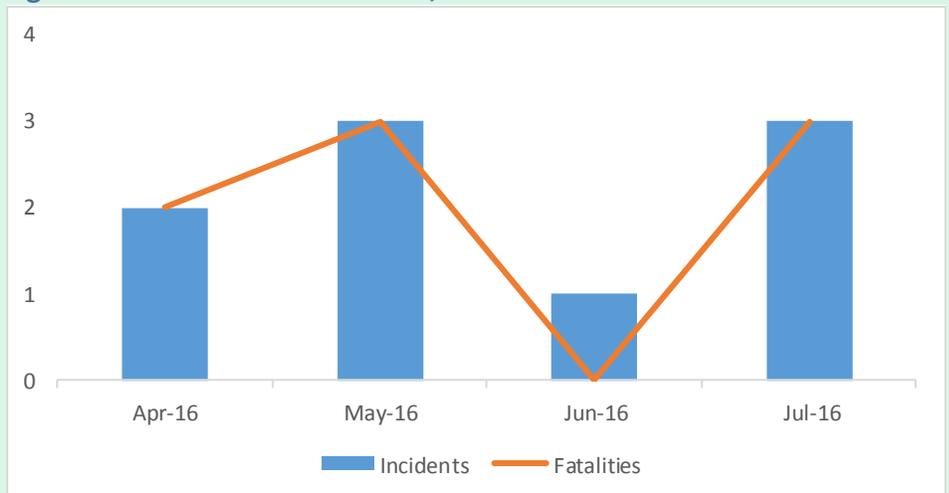
and Nna Enin communities in Urua LGA, over the ownership of a land where an oil well is located. Youths from Nna Enin reportedly attacked Anakpa community, killing five.

Criminality: Three suspected pipeline vandals with Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were reported arrested by the police in Eket. In a separate incident, eight fishermen were reported kidnapped by pirates along the creeks in Ibeno.

Protest: About 100 ex-militants from Mbo LGA reportedly besieged the state government office in Uyo, over non-payments of their monthly stipends. The protesting ex-militants blocked the entrance to the government house and adjoining streets.

Domestic Violence: In Eket, a woman was reportedly killed by her 25 year old son.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



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

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

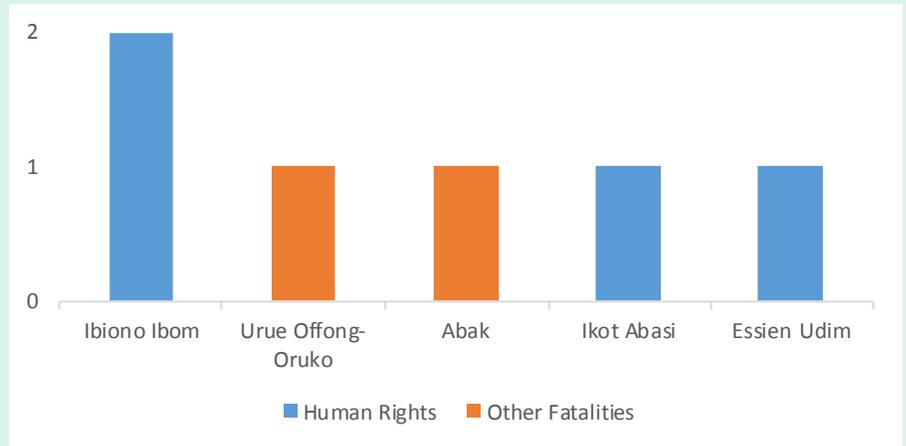
Prognosis

Although Akwa Ibom has been relatively peaceful compared to other Niger Delta states, reported issues have related to militancy, criminality, communal conflict and domestic violence. Incidents of criminality especially militancy and vandalism of energy infrastructure should be closely monitored by Peace Agents in the state.

Questions for Peace Agents

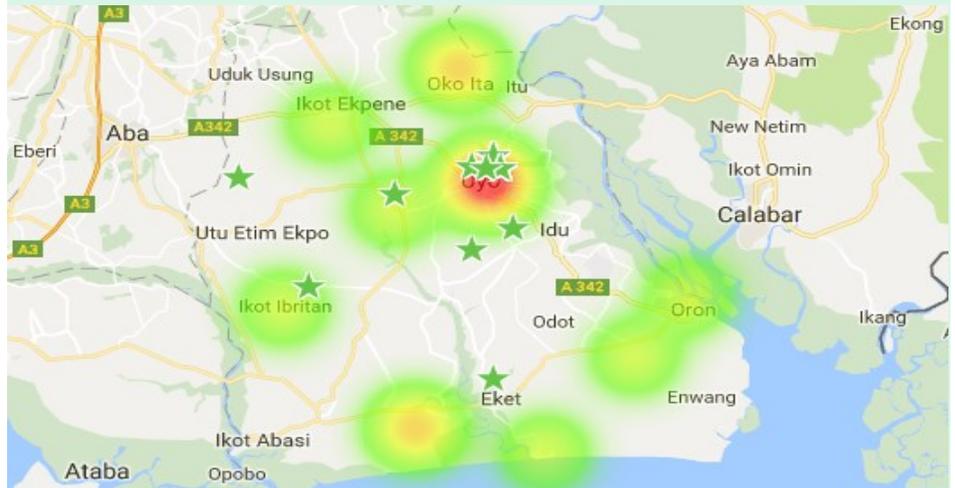
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 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), shows that Ibiono Ibom had the most violence in the last three months. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Akwa Ibom State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from May-July 2016 in Akwa Ibom; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map 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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