

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River 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. Reported incidents included communal conflict, criminality, protests, and child trafficking.

Communal Violence: In June, five people were killed in the Adadama community in a retaliatory attack for the deaths of three people in the Ochienyim community, as part of an ongoing boundary dispute in Abi. In July, hundreds of people were reportedly displaced and a number of houses were destroyed, following a land dispute between several Busi communities in Obanliku LGA.

Criminality: In June, gunmen abducted five staff of a construction company in Akpabuyo, including three expatriates and two Nigerians. A Nigerian driver of the company was reportedly killed during the attack. Also in June, about a dozen fatalities were reported in a cult clash between Vikings and Maphites in Calabar South. In July, a former federal lawmaker was reportedly abducted

by kidnappers in Akpabuyo. Separately, a staff member of Etung LGA was reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Calabar. Police in Calabar also arrested a kidnapper and rescued the victim.

Protests: In July, a militant group, the Bakassi Strike Force, reportedly barricaded the state governor's office in Calabar over issues related to the Presidential Amnesty Programme and the alleged neglect of the Bakassi returnees. Separately, ex-militants under the amnesty scheme reportedly protested at the University of Calabar's Institute of Oceanography over the provision of training program certificates.

Child Trafficking: In July, a couple were reportedly arrested in Calabar over alleged child trafficking. Separately, a 26-year old woman and her two sisters were arrested for

allegedly selling their babies in Calabar.

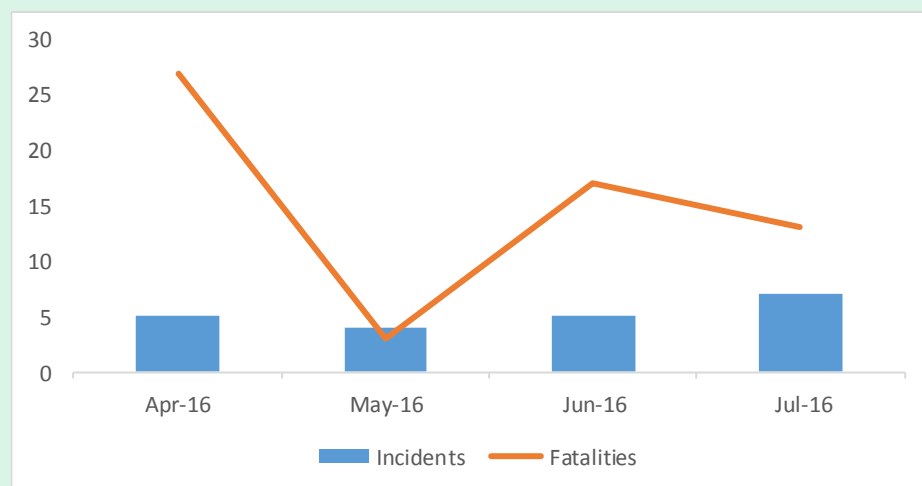
Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2016

Incidents that were reported in August include criminality, communal conflict, and child trafficking.

Violent Criminality: A notorious robber was reportedly murdered and set ablaze in Calabar. The corpse of the victim was found on the street with his legs bound, a tire round his neck, and several machete cuts on his body. Separately, the corpse of a 19-year old girl was found at a dumpsite in Calabar. The corpse of the victim was found inside a bag with her arms and legs tied up.

Communal Conflict: Several dozen people were reported displaced following violent clashes over a disputed farmland among five

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from April–July 2016 in Cross River State.

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

Busi communities in Obanliku. Homes, farmlands and properties were reportedly destroyed during the clashes. In a separate incident, youths reportedly demolished a building being erected by a lady in her residence in Calabar, and threatened to murder her. The incidents reportedly caused tensions among residents.

Child Trafficking: A couple from Cameroon was reportedly arrested by Immigration officials for alleged child trafficking in Calabar. The couple were caught with a 2-weeks old baby boy who was allegedly stolen.

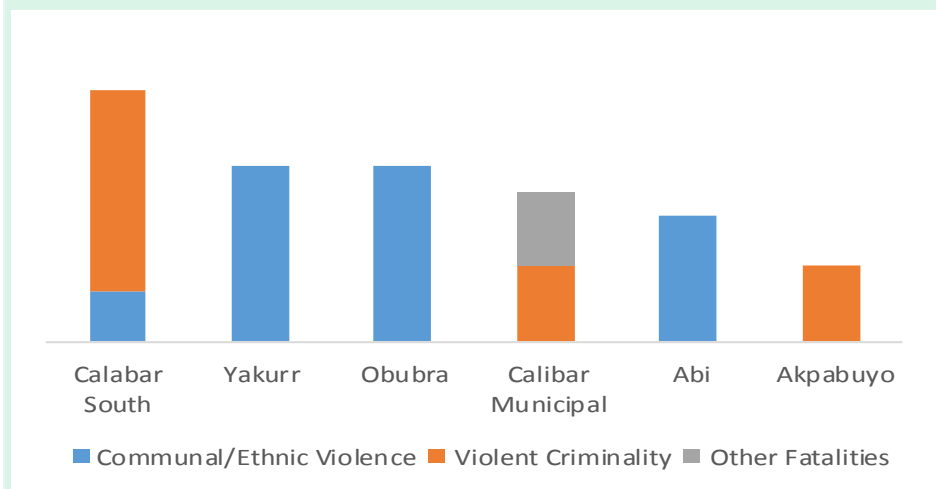
Prognosis

There was a rise in lethal violence in Cross River during the period, especially issues relating to violent criminality and communal violence. The current security situation should be closely monitored by Peace Agents in the state.

Questions for Peace Agents

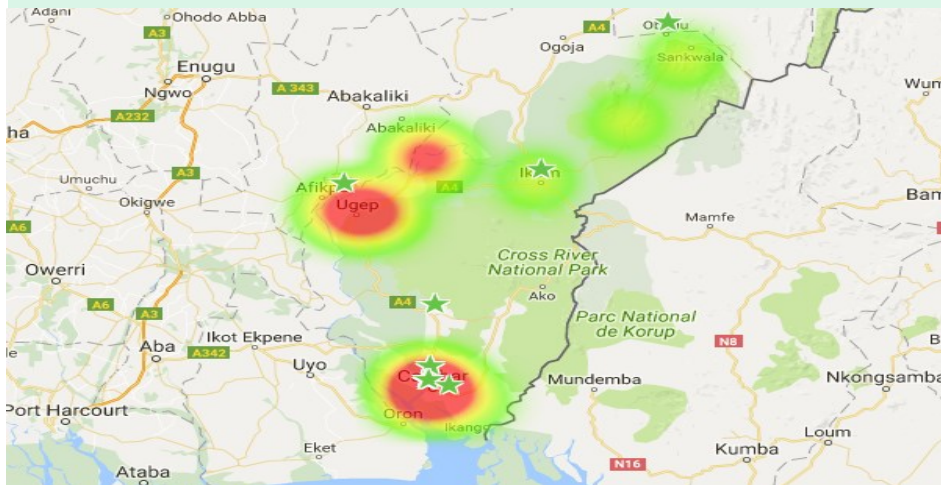
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 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) show that Calabar South and Yakurr had the most lethal conflict issues during this period. 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 Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from May-July 2016 in Cross River; 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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