

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Cross River State: November-December 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 September-November 2016

According to Peace Map data, reports of violence have been elevated in Cross River during this period. Incidents include communal conflict, criminality, and militancy.

**Communal Violence:** Land disputes reportedly resulted in over twenty fatalities during the period. A longstanding land dispute between Ochon community and Ofutop community led to a clash in September, resulting in 10 fatalities. In Ikom and Etong LGAs, Akparabong and Bendege Ekiem communities clashed in October. In Odukpani LGA, villagers were reportedly displaced following a clash between people of Odukpani Qua Town and New Netim. In November, an ongoing dispute escalated and ten people were reportedly killed during a clash involving a land dispute between Usumutong and Ediba communities in Abi LGA.

**Violent Criminality:** During the period, several incidents occurred in Calabar LGA. In November, a soldier attached to the JTF's 'Operation Delta Safe' was reportedly kidnapped. Separately, the Director of the

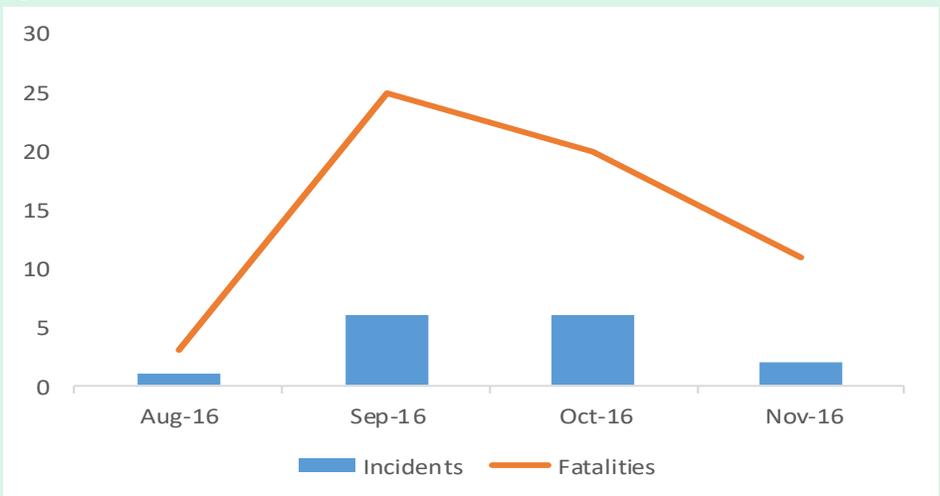
State Ministry of Health was reportedly kidnapped. Also, three suspected kidnapers were reportedly arrested. In another incident, hoodlums reportedly robbed traders and killed two people in Boki LGA.

**Militancy:** During this period several clashes between soldiers and militants were reported in Bakassi LGA. In September, a soldier was reportedly killed by militants. Also, six members of the militant group, Bakassi Strike Force (BSF), were reportedly killed. In October, two members of the BSF were reportedly shot dead by soldiers under the military task force (JTF), 'Operation Delta Safe.' Separately, five members of the BSF and two pirates were reportedly killed by soldiers. In November, soldiers attached to the JTF reportedly raided a militant shrine in Bakassi, arrested their chief priest and killed a militant.

**Cult Violence:** Cult violence was mainly reported Calabar South LGA during this period. In October, seven including a police inspector and a corporal were reportedly killed during a shootout with cultists. Separately, two men were reportedly killed by cultists. A student was reportedly killed by cultists at the University of Calabar. Two cultists were reportedly killed by police in Bogobiri LGA.

**Other Incidents:** In November, traders and fishermen reportedly protested over their mistreatment by the Cameroonian Gendarmes in Calabar South. A 23-year old man reportedly killed his father in Akpabuyo LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August – November 2016 in Cross River State.

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

## Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2016

Incidents reported in December include violent criminality and communal conflict.

**Violent Criminality:** During the month a man was reportedly killed by gunmen in Obudu LGA. A trader was reportedly killed by gunmen in Ogoja LGA. In Calabar Municipal LGA, robbers reportedly attacked a popular Christmas market and robbed vendors.

**Communal Conflict:** A villager was reportedly killed and several others injured by an explosion in Abi LGA. The explosion reportedly related to renewed conflict between Adadama community in Abi LGA and Amagu community in neighboring Ebonyi state over farmland.

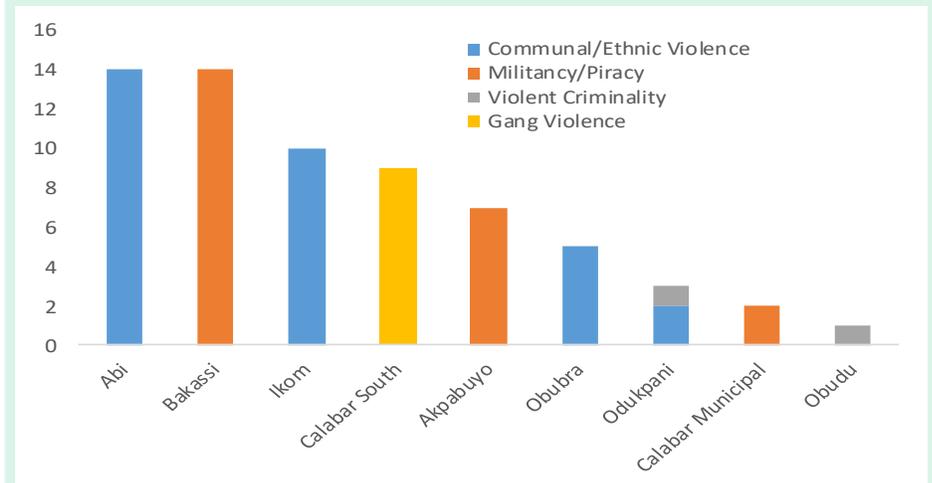
## Prognosis

There has been a reported rise in violence in the last two months, particularly incidents of communal conflict and violent criminality. Peace Actors in the state should monitor the current security situation closely.

## Questions for Peace Agents

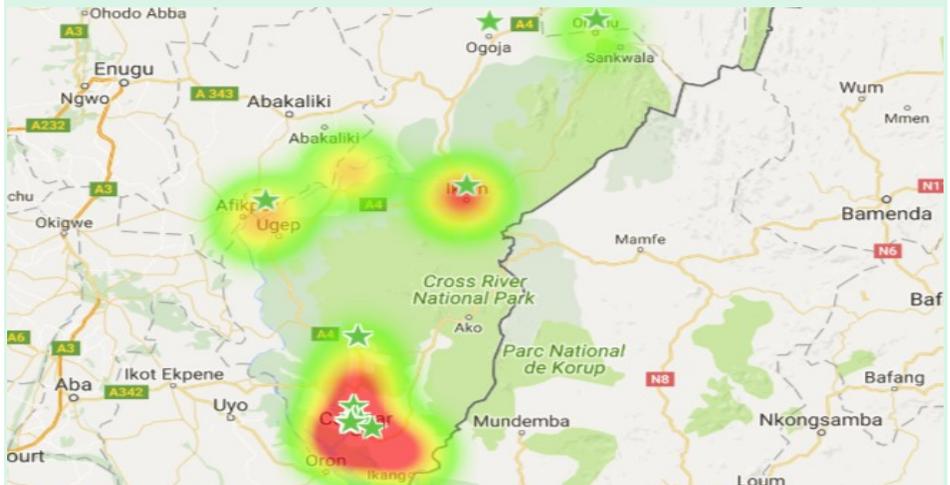
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you as a Peace Agent?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
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 and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Bakassi and Abi, followed by Ikom had the most reported lethal conflict incidents during this period. 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 Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September-November 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](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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