

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom 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 (see Figure 1), conflict incidents reported during the period included communal tensions, criminality, mob violence, and protests.

Communal Tensions: In November, nine people, including a police officer, were reportedly injured when youth from Amazaba attacked Ikot Akpan Udo village in Ikot Abasi LGA over a protracted land dispute. Separately, a local chief was reportedly arrested over an attempt to assassinate a paramount ruler in Uyo.

Criminality: In September, a police corporal was reportedly killed by robbers in Etinam LGA. In October, the executive secretary of the Obudu Urban Development Authority was reportedly kidnapped in Obudu LGA. Separately, four oil thieves were reportedly arrested in Ataba LGA. In November, a politician and businessman was reportedly kidnapped along with his wife on their way from the Ibom International Airport in Uyo.

Child Trafficking: In October, a 51-year old woman was reportedly arrested for buying a 2-month old baby for 450,000 Naira in Uyo. Separately, 11 suspected child traffickers were reportedly arrested by police in Uyo. In November, a woman was reportedly arrested for stealing her neighbor's baby girl in Itu LGA.

Mob Violence: In September, a mob reportedly chopped off the hand of a robbery suspect in Uyo LGA. Separately, a policeman was reportedly mobbed by residents for allegedly causing a road accident in Uyo LGA.

Protest: In November, there was reportedly a protest over contracts for the clean up of an oil spill in Esit Eket LGA. Separately, there was reportedly a protest by students of the University of Uyo over school fees.

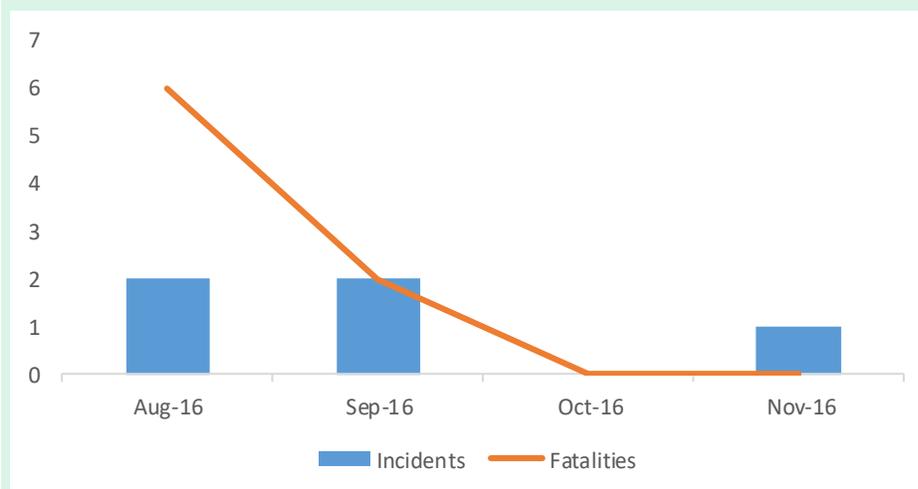
Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2016

Incidents of conflict risk and violence reported in December included communal tensions, child trafficking and infrastructural disasters.

Communal Tensions/Violence: During the month, ten people were reportedly killed during a clash between communities in Odukpani in Cross River state and Itu LGA. In a separate incident, a clash between communities in Ikot Offiong and Okuiboku in Itu LGA reportedly resulted in 15 fatalities, burned houses and kidnappings.

Protests: Youth reportedly blocked the entrance of a multinational oil company in protest of the termination of contract

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August - November 2016 in Akwa Ibom State.

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

workers. Separately, families of deceased teachers in the state reportedly protested over payment of pensions and gratuities in Uyo, the state capital.

Building Collapse: During the month, 29 people were reportedly killed and several other sustained different degrees of injuries following the collapse of a church building in Uyo, the state capital. Separately, two people were reported killed and 17 other injured following the collapse of a market structure in Onna LGA.

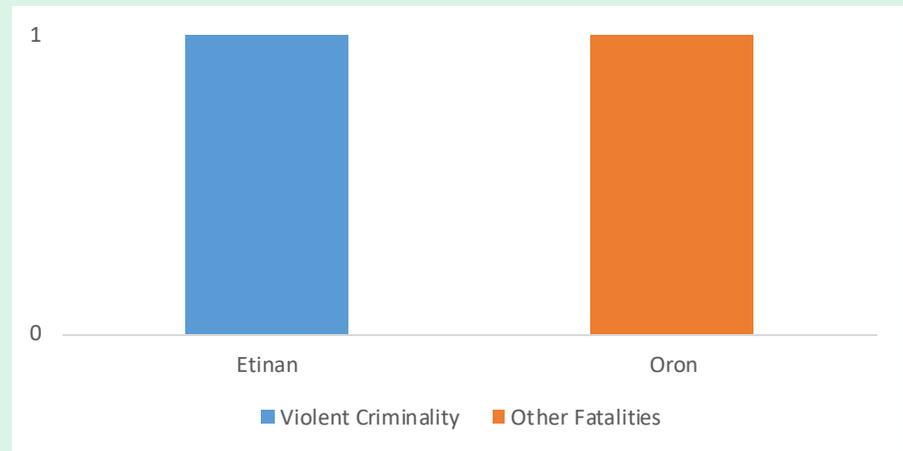
Prognosis

Conflict risk in the state during this period are mainly related to criminality, communal tensions, child trafficking and protests. Peace actors should monitor the situation closely.

Questions for Peace Agents

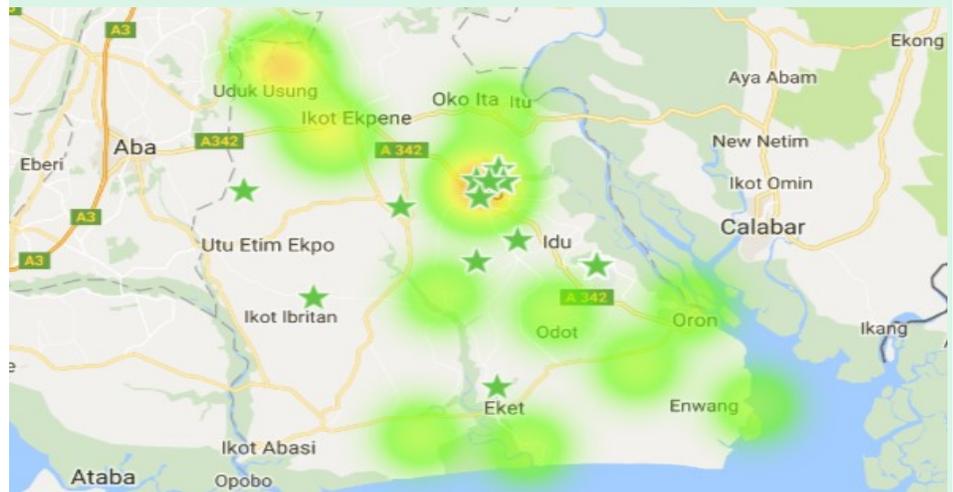
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next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



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Akwa Ibom state 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 September-November 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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