

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia 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), issues reported during the quarter were related mainly to communal tensions, criminality, child trafficking, and protests.

Communal Tension: In November, tensions were reportedly elevated in Arochukwu LGA over a clash between herdsmen and youths in Ndi Okereke community.

Violent Criminality: In September, a lawyer was reportedly killed in Obi-Ngwa LGA. In November, the deputy chairman of the Abia State Chapter of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) was reportedly abducted in Aba North. Separately, a businessman was reportedly shot dead by a policeman in Osisioma.

Child Trafficking: In September, police reportedly arrested two teenage girls for attempting to sell their unborn babies in Aba LGA. Separately, a 15-year-old girl who was reportedly kidnapped was rescued by the police in Umuahia LGA.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In September, government security forces reportedly arrested four pro-Biafra agitators during the 17th anniversary of MASSOB in Umuahia. In October, judicial workers in the state reportedly embarked on a labor strike in protest over salaries and absence of financial autonomy. Also in October, tensions were reportedly elevated in Aba South LGA following a protest by residents over the takeover of a piece of land by a company.

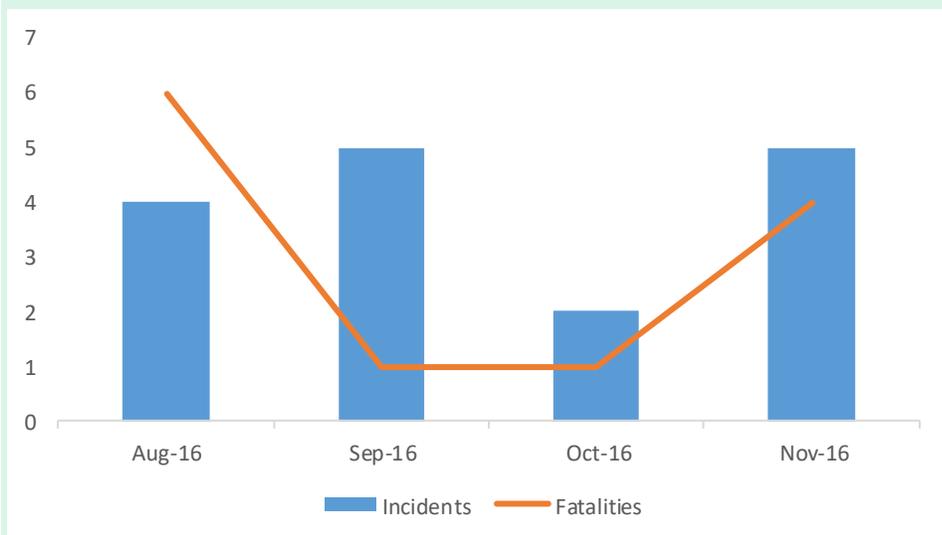
Human Rights: In October, a 65-year old woman was reportedly raped and killed by robbers in Umuahia LGA. In November, a 60-year old man reportedly raped and strangled a 36-year old woman in Amaekpu community, Ohafia.

Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2016

Incidents of conflict risk and violence that were reported in December included communal tension, political violence, criminality, domestic violence, and protest.

Communal Tensions: Tension was reported in Bende LGA over an attack on a community by herdsmen who reportedly destroyed crops and inflicted injuries on farmers. Separately, gunmen reportedly attacked a community, killed three people and inflicted injuries on ten others. The attack was reportedly a revenge for the death of a colleague who was lynched by youths the previous week.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Abia State



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

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

Political violence: Twenty were reportedly injured during a clash between APC and PDP supporters over the destruction of campaign posters during a political rally in Obi-Ngwa.

Violent Criminality: Two kidnappers were reportedly shot dead by soldiers in Osisioma-Ngwa LGA. The kidnappers were ambushed and shot dead while attempting to abduct a man.

Other Incidents: During the month, a woman reportedly stabbed her neighbor’s son to death in Umuahia North LGA. Separately, there was a protest by staff of the Abia State Polytechnic over salaries in Aba.

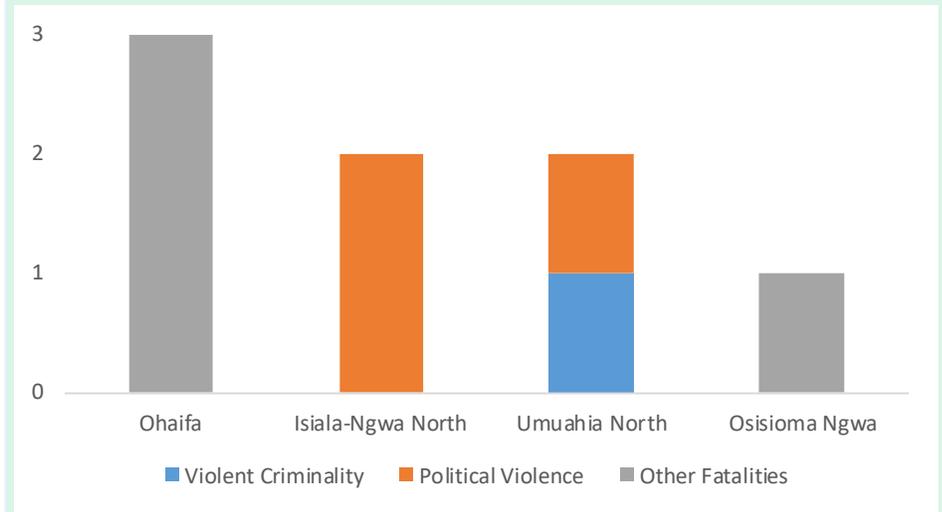
Prognosis

Conflict risk in the state during this period included incidents of violent criminality, communal and political tensions, and issues relating to human rights violations. Peace agents should monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

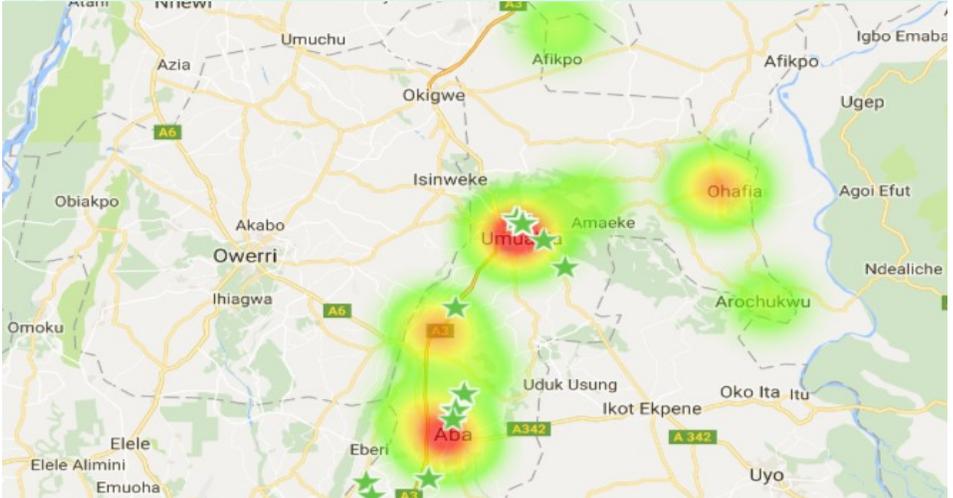
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely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



Reported fatalities show that Isiala Ngwa North and Ohaifa had the most violent LGA during 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 Abia State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September-November 2016 in Abia State; 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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