

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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 period included political tensions and violent criminality.

Political Tensions: In October, two factions of All Progressives Congress (APC) reportedly clashed in Akure South, over the choice of the party's candidate in the November 2016 gubernatorial elections. In November, there were protests over the substitution of the gubernatorial candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), following a court judgment in Akure. Separately, a chieftain of the APC was reportedly shot dead on his way from a political meeting in Owo.

Violent Criminality: In October, the chief security officer (CSO) to the state governor was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Akure North. In November, the police reportedly arrested the leader of a robbery gang in Akure South. The suspect had reportedly held a woman and her four children hostage and took them to a bank to withdraw money from her account.

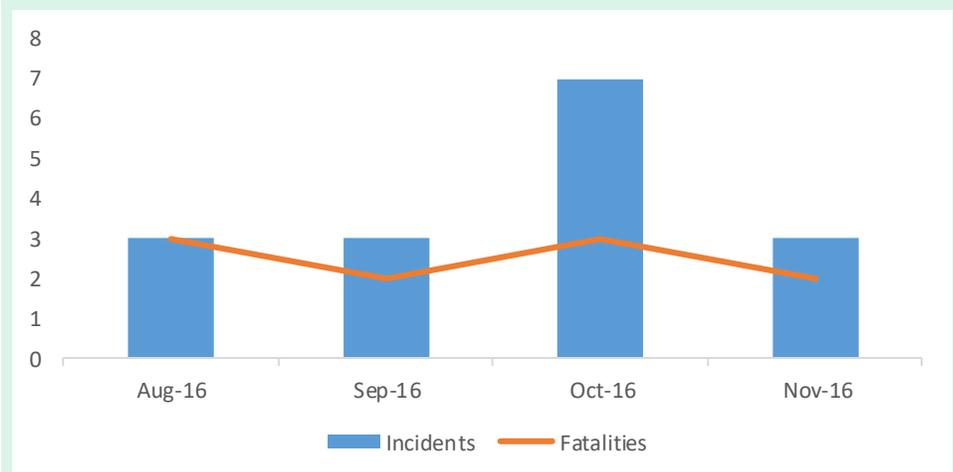
Recent Incidents or Issues, December 2016

Incidents reported during the month included communal violence, gang violence, violent criminality, child abuse, and protest.

Communal Tensions/Violence: Tension was heightened among Igbo communities in Akure South over the selection of a traditional leader for Igbo residents in the state. Separately, several houses were reportedly set ablaze in a reprisal attack after a man was killed by youths from another community in Ese-Odo LGA. Tension was reportedly elevated between Atijlere and Imakun Omi communities over a boundary dispute in Ilaje LGA. Residents of Atijlere reportedly protested over attacks on their community by militia from Imakun Omi.

Gang Violence: A policeman was reportedly killed by rival cultists in Akure. Separately, another man was reportedly shot dead by cultists in Akure.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



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

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

Violent Criminality: The wife of the General Secretary of the Nigerian Anglican Communion was reportedly kidnapped in Akure, the state capital. The kidnapers later demanded a 20 million Naira ransom. Separately, a man was reportedly stabbed to death with a broken bottle during a traditional festival in Okitipupa.

Other Incidents: A 41-year old man reportedly burnt the belly of his two children with a hot knife for stealing in Owo LGA. The man was later arrested for child abuse. Separately, protesters reportedly barricaded an expressway over the death of two residents in an auto accident in Odigbo LGA.

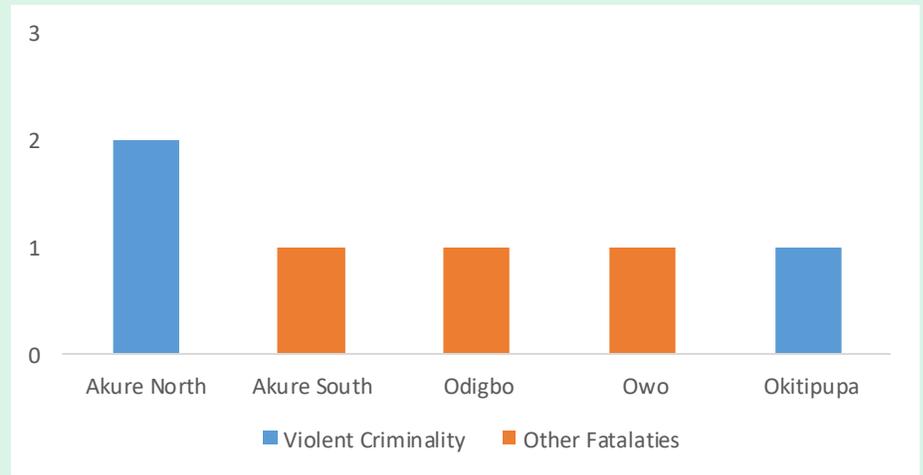
Prognosis

Reported incidents in Ondo State during this period are mainly related to political tensions and criminality. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

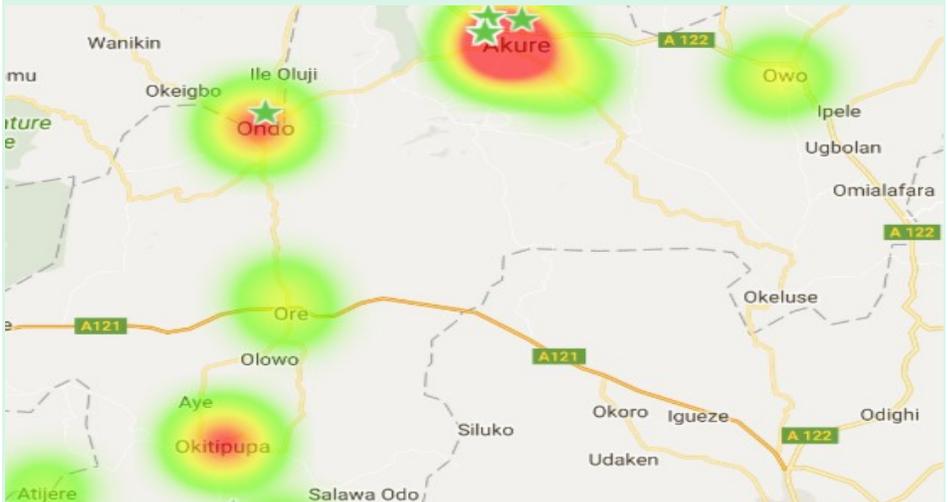
1. What is missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you as a Peace Agent?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
4. Who are the key stakeholders that have influence on the conflict?
5. What will you do to help mitigate the conflict in the short, medium, and long term?

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



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Akure South had the highest number of fatalities. 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 Ondo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September–November 2016 in Ondo, 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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