

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo State: December 2016-January 2017

### 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 October-December 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during the period included cult violence, criminality, communal tensions, and protests.

**Gang/Cult Violence:** In November, four people were reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Black Axe and Eiye confraternities at Auchu Polytechnic in Etsako West LGA during a graduation ceremony. In December, several incidents of cult violence were reported in Benin City, the state capital. A young man was reportedly killed by cultists. Separately, three persons were reportedly killed during a rival cult clash. In another incident, a professional footballer who was on holiday in the state was reportedly killed by cultists in a drinking spot.

**Violent Criminality:** In November, a community leader was reportedly killed by unknown assailants in his residence in Ovia South-West LGA. Also, a 20-year old man reportedly killed a man and stole his motorcycle in Ovia South-West LGA. Separately, robbers reportedly attacked the home of a university lecturer in Egor LGA and killed his 4-year old daughter. In another incident, two robbers were reportedly killed by police in Benin City.

**Communal Tensions:** In October, police reportedly arrested the village head of Azagba community in Uhumwonde and nine other persons over a communal clash.

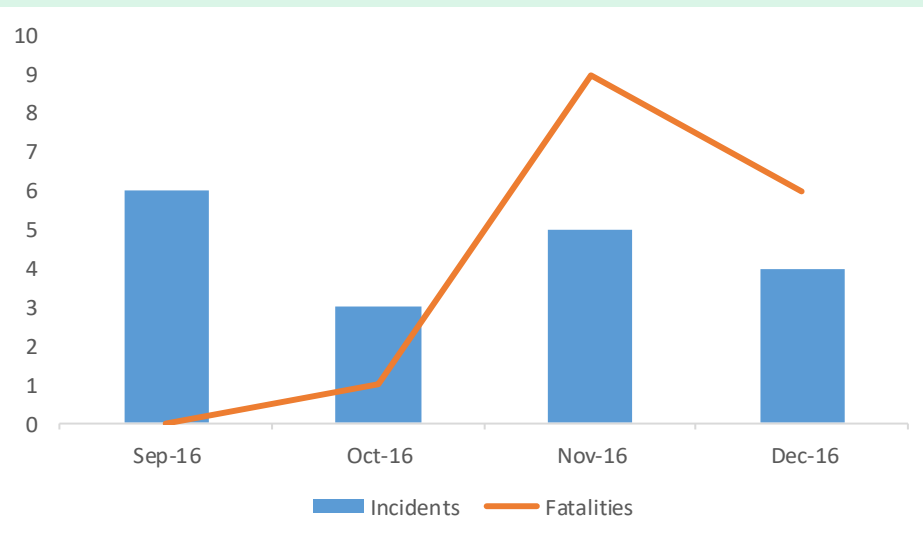
**Protest:** In December, there was a reported protest over the suspension of a traditional ruler, the Onojie of Uromi in Esan North-East LGA. Separately, commercial bus operators reportedly protested following the murder of their colleague by street gangs in Benin City.

**Other Incidents:** In December, a man was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by a policeman at a wedding ceremony in Oredo.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2017

Incidents reported in Edo state mainly related to communal tensions, criminality, and protests.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from September– December 2016 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

**Communal Tensions:** Tension was reportedly elevated in Benin City, as chiefs from the palace of the Oba of Benin stormed the residence of a prominent chief to secure the shrine of the Oba. The chief who traditionally performs spiritual functions for the Oba was reportedly suspended for designating his house as a palace where he held court.

**Protests:** Ex-militants under the Presidential Amnesty program reportedly protested against the Managing Director of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) over allegations of financial misappropriation.

## Prognosis

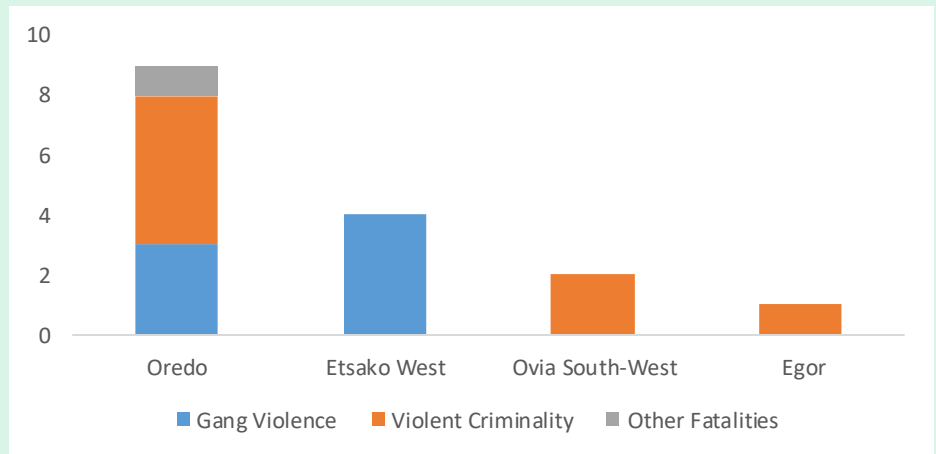
The key issues reported during this period included criminality, cult violence, protests, and communal tensions. Peace Actors should monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

## Questions for Peace

### Agents

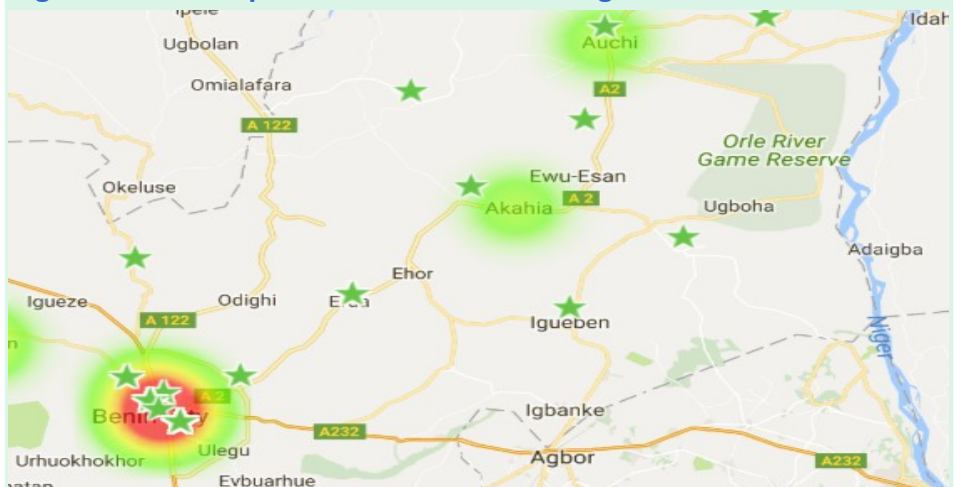
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the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



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Oredo had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. 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 Edo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from October-December 2016 in Edo State; 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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