

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River 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 this period included communal conflict, criminality, militancy, cult violence, and protests.

Communal Violence: In November, ten people were reportedly killed following the escalation of an ongoing land dispute between Usumutong and Ediba communities in Abi LGA. In December, a villager was reportedly killed and several others were injured by an explosion in Abi LGA. The explosion was reportedly related to ongoing conflict between Adadama community in Abi LGA and Amagu community in neighboring Ebonyi state over farmland.

Violent Criminality: In November, a soldier attached to the Joint Task Force's 'Operation Delta Safe' was reportedly kidnapped in Calabar. Separately, the Director of the State Ministry of Health was reportedly kidnapped in Calabar. In another incident, attackers reportedly robbed traders and killed two people at a market in Boki LGA. In December, a man was reportedly killed by gunmen in Obudu LGA. In Calabar Municipal LGA, robbers reportedly attacked a popular

Christmas market and robbed vendors.

Militancy: During this period several clashes between soldiers and militants were reported in Bakassi LGA. In October, two members of the Bakassi Strike Force (BSF) were reportedly shot dead by soldiers under the Joint 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 the chief priest and killed a militant.

Cult Violence: Several incidents of cult violence were reported in Calabar South LGA during this period. In October, seven people including a police inspector and a corporal were reportedly killed during a shootout between police and 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 the Bogobiri area of Calabar South.

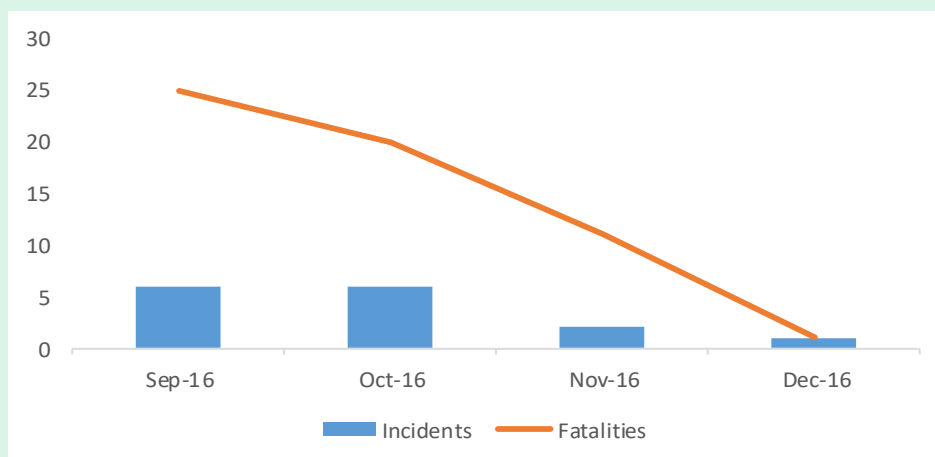
Other Incidents: In November, traders and fishermen reportedly protested over their mistreatment by the Cameroonian Gendarmes in Calabar South LGA. A 23-year old man reportedly killed his father in Akpabuyo LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2017

Incidents reported in January include violent criminality and communal conflict.

Communal Conflict: Ten people were reportedly killed in hostilities between communities in Obubra LGA. An alleged beheading of a man from a neighboring community resulted in reprisal attacks. Separately, five people were reportedly killed in a clash between Ikot Offiong in Odukpani LGA and a community in Akwa

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from September–December 2016 in Cross River State.

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

Ibom state. In another incident, multiple were reportedly killed and several others injured in a clash over land dispute between a community in Obudu LGA and another in neighboring Benue state. Also in Obudu LGA, 18 houses were reportedly destroyed and several persons wounded in a clash between Kutia and Ukpe communities.

Violent Criminality: A robber was reportedly killed by operatives of the state special security task force code-named 'Operation Skolombo' in Calabar. Separately, a man was stabbed to death by unknown assailants in Calabar South LGA.

Child Abuse: In Akamkpa, a man reportedly killed his twin daughters with poison over allegations of witchcraft.

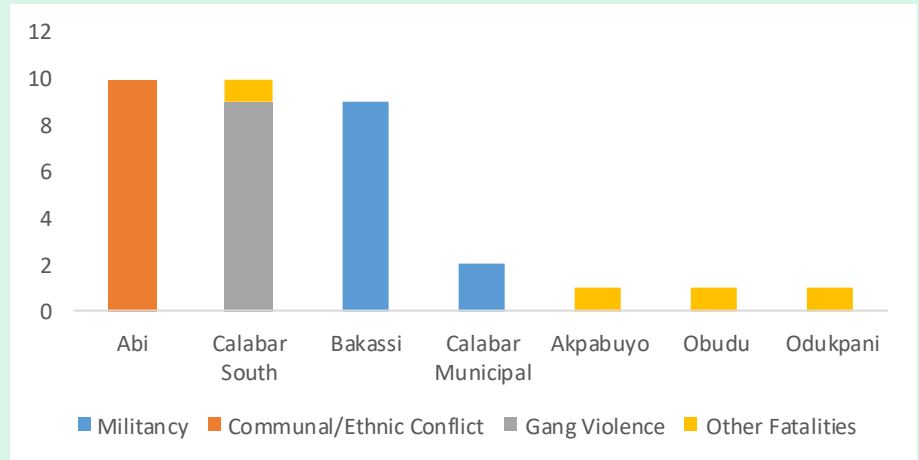
Prognosis

Communal violence and criminality have reportedly been elevated over the last three months, a trend which has continued into January, 2017. Peace Actors in the state should monitor the current security situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

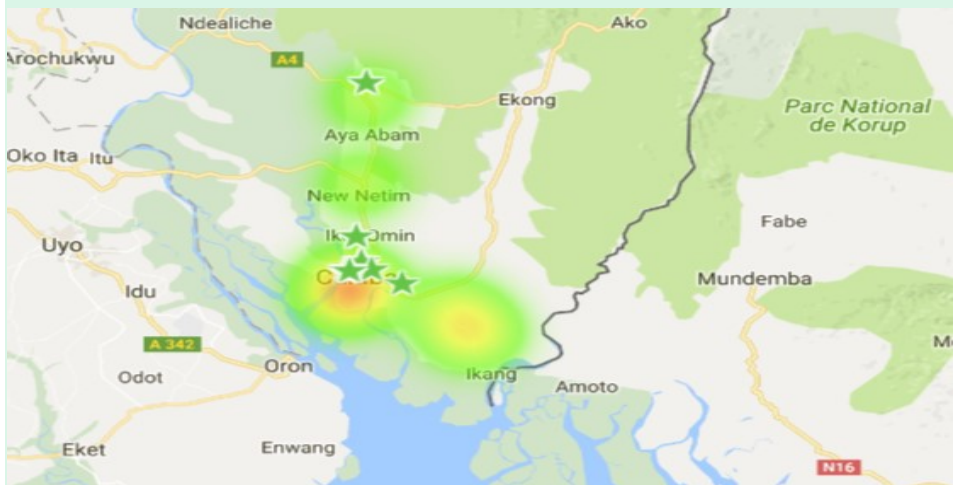
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you as a Peace Agent?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
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 (October - December 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Abi and Calabar South, followed by Bakassi 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

Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from October-December 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

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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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