

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom 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), there was an increase in fatalities in December 2016. Conflict incidents reported during the period included communal tensions, criminality, child trafficking and protests.

Communal Tensions: In November, nine people, including a police officer, were reportedly injured during a clash between youths 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. In December, a reported clash between communities from Itu LGA in Akwa Ibom state and Odukpani LGA in Cross River state resulted in multiple fatalities, kidnappings and burned houses.

Criminality: In November, a politician and businessman was reportedly kidnapped along with his wife on their way from the Ibom International Airport in Uyo LGA.

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

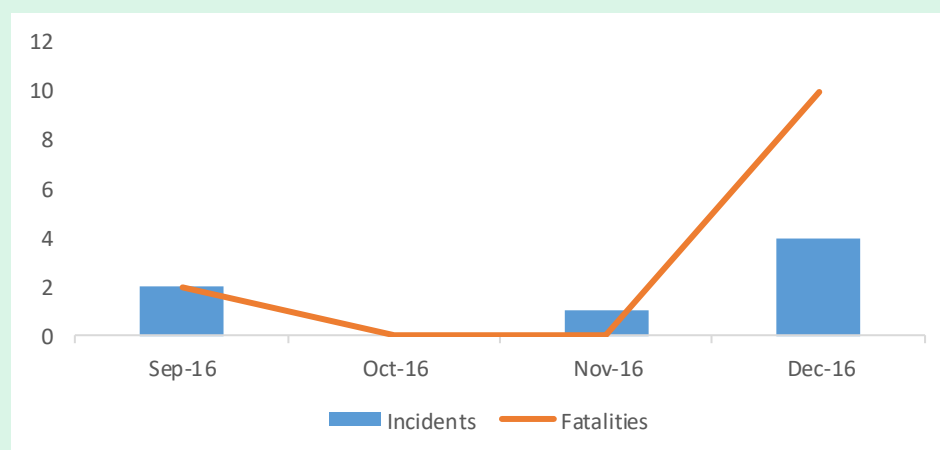
Protest: In November, there was reportedly a protest over contracts for the cleanup of an oil spill in Esit Eket LGA. In December, youths in Ibeno LGA reportedly protested the termination of contract workers by an oil company. Separately, families of deceased teachers in the state reportedly protested over payment of pensions and gratuities in Uyo.

Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2017

Incidents of conflict risk and violence reported in January included communal tensions and criminality.

Communal Tensions/Violence: During the month, five people were reportedly killed in renewed conflict over fishing rights between Oku Iboku in Itu LGA, Akwa Ibom and Ikot Offiong community in Cross River. Vehicles were reportedly destroyed during the clash. Separately, tension was reportedly elevated following clashes between Northerners and their host community in Uyo. Three people reportedly died from injuries sustained during the clash.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from September - December 2016 in Akwa Ibom State.

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

Violent Criminality: A village head was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants in his compound in Ukanafun LGA. The gunmen also reportedly killed two others in a neighboring village. The killing was reportedly related to a disagreement between the village head and a youth leader in the village. Separately, kidnappers reportedly abducted a lecturer with the Akwa Ibom State University in Oruk Anam and demanded a 10 million Naira ransom.

Prognosis

Conflict risk in the state during this period are mainly related to communal tensions, criminality, child trafficking and protests. Peace actors should monitor the 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 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 (October - December 2016)

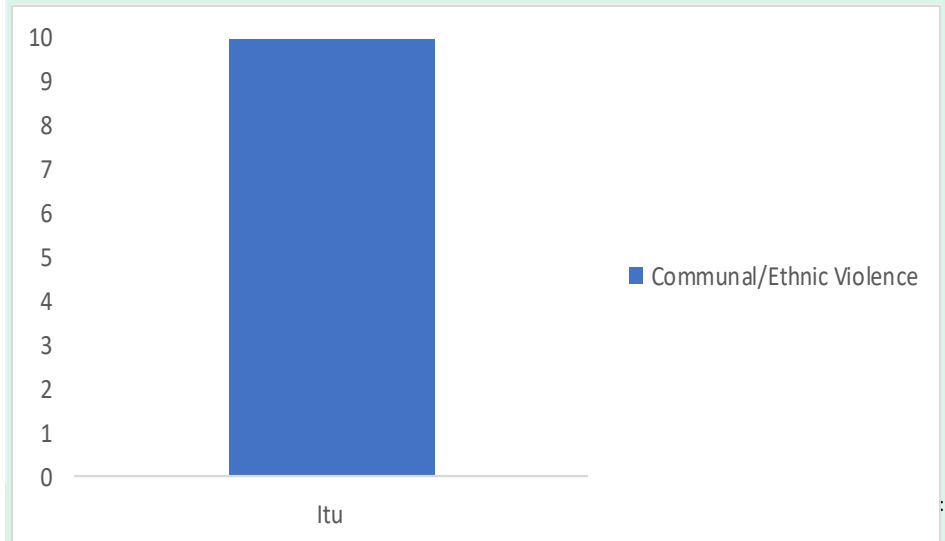
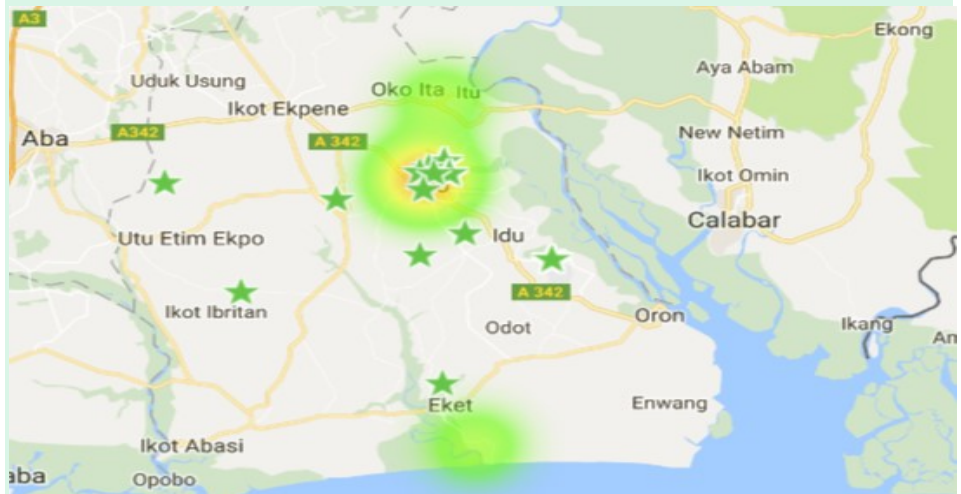


Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Akwa Ibom State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from October-December 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

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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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