

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia State: January-February 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 November 2016- January 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), reported incidents during this period related mainly to communal tensions, political violence, criminality, and protests.

Communal Tension: In December, tension was reported in Bende LGA following a clash that destroyed crops and resulted in injuries. Separately, gunmen reportedly attacked a community in Isiala-Ngwa North LGA, killing three and injuring ten others. The attack was allegedly in revenge for the death of a colleague who was killed the previous week.

Political Violence: In December, twenty people were reportedly injured during a clash between APC and PDP supporters over the destruction of campaign posters during a political rally in Obi-Ngwa LGA.

Violent Criminality: In December, two kidnappers were reportedly shot dead by soldiers in Osisioma-Ngwa LGA while attempting to abduct a man. In January, police arrested suspects for robbery, kidnapping, and vandalism in the state.

Police reportedly killed a kidnapper while picking up the ransom for an abducted victim in Osisioma. Separately, the police reportedly arrested a member of a gang that robbed a couple of a sum of money in Umuahia South. In another incident, soldiers reportedly burned down a house allegedly used as hideout by kidnappers in Osisioma.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In December, there was a protest by staff of the Abia State Polytechnic over salaries in Aba. In January, the state chapter of the Academic Staff Union of polytechnic (ASUP), Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Polytechnic (SSANIP), and Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) reportedly undertook a labor strike over salaries. Separately, teachers in primary and secondary schools reportedly embarked on labor strikes in protest over salaries in Umuahia North.

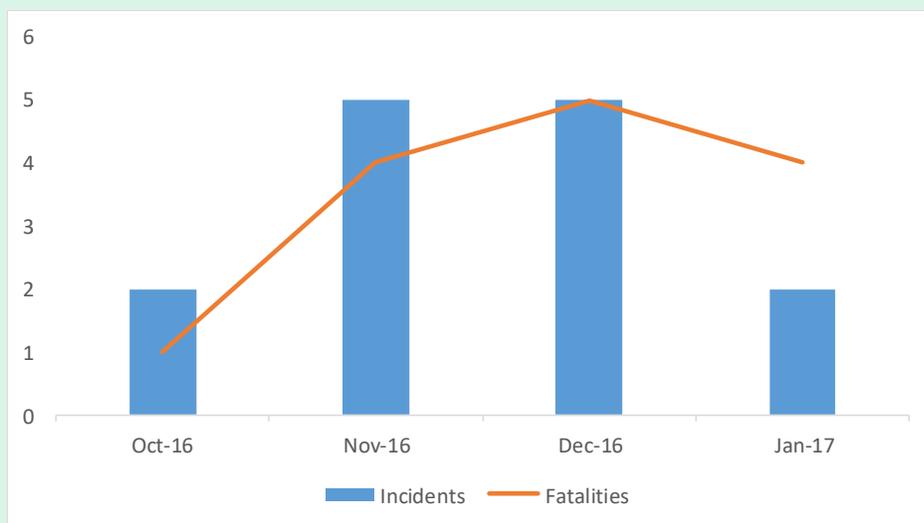
Other Incidents: In December, a woman reportedly stabbed her neighbor's son to death in Umuahia North LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2017

Reported incidents of conflict risk and violence during the month included criminality and protests.

Criminality: During the month, soldiers reportedly arrested a robbery suspect at a checkpoint in Ukwa West LGA, and recovered arms and ammunition including 38 AK-47 rifles. Separately, four members of the Abia State Vigilante Services were reportedly shot dead by kidnappers in Aba. The vigilantes were reported killed after they

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Abia State



Reported incidents and fatalities from October 2016–January 2017 in Abia State.

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

foiled a kidnapping attempt by the gang. In a separate incident, a woman was arrested for allegedly supplying arms and ammunition to criminals in Aba.

Labor Strikes/Protests: There was a protest over poor electricity supply and high bills by residents of Umuode community, Osisioma LGA.

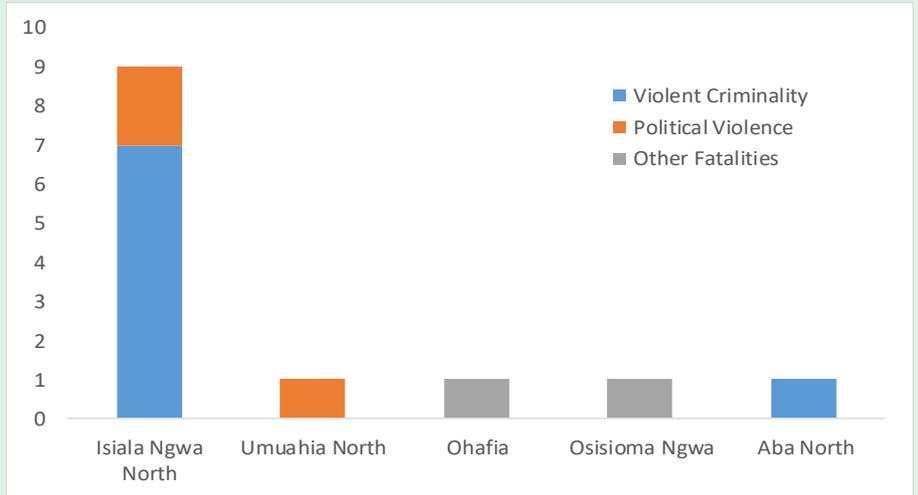
Prognosis

Incidents reported during the period were mainly related to criminality, communal and political tensions, and labor strikes/protests. Peace agents must continue to monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

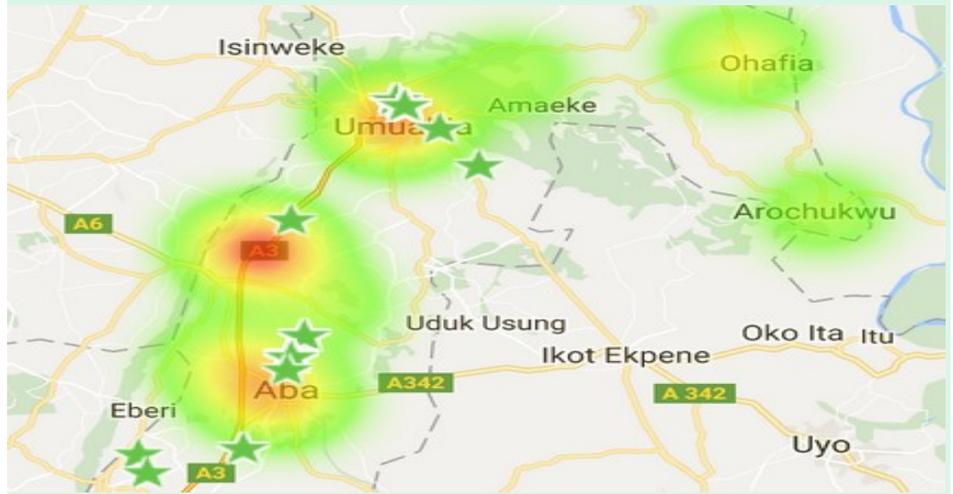
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely 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 (November 2016 – January 2017)



Reported fatalities show that Isiala Ngwa North had the most violent incidents 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 November 2016-January 2017 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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