

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River 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), incidents reported during this period included communal conflict, criminality, militancy, and protests.

Communal Violence: In December, a villager was reportedly killed and several others were injured by an explosion in Abi LGA. The explosion was said to be related to an ongoing conflict between the Adadama community in Abi LGA and the Amagu community in neighboring Ebonyi state over farmland. In January, ten people were reportedly killed in reprisal attacks over the alleged beheading of a man from a neighboring community in Obubra LGA. Separately, five people were reportedly killed in a clash between Ikot Offiong in Odukpani LGA and a community in Akwa Ibom state. In another incident, multiple people 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 said to have been destroyed and several persons wounded in a clash between Kutia and Ukepe

communities.

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

Militancy: In November, soldiers attached to the JTF reportedly raided a militant shrine in Bakassi, arrested the chief priest and killed a militant.

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

killed his twin daughters with poison over allegations of witchcraft in Akamkpa LGA.

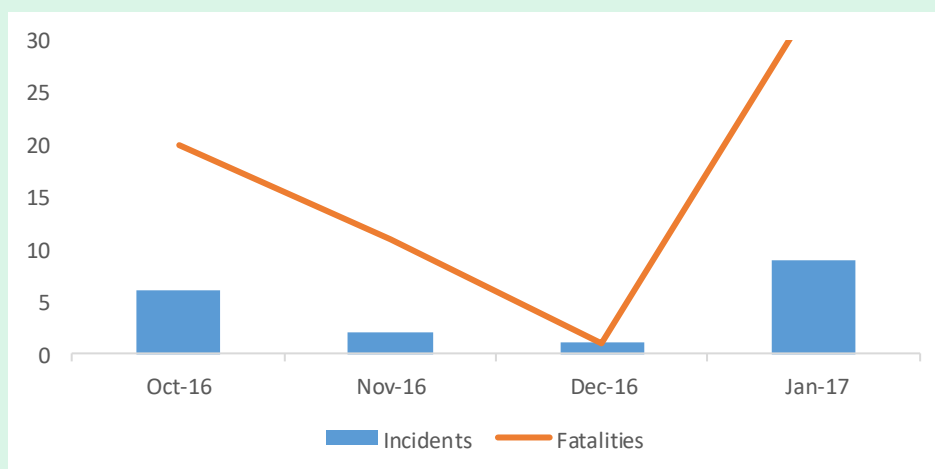
Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2017

Incidents reported in February include violent criminality and communal conflict.

Communal Conflict: Twenty people were allegedly killed in a clash over land between Ikot Offiong community in Odukpani LGA and Oku Iboku community in Itu LGA of Akwa Ibom. The clash reportedly caused the temporary closure of a major highway in the state.

Violent Criminality: A vice principal was reportedly killed in his home by masked gunmen in Calabar South. The killing is believed to be politically motivated because the victim is involved in politics. Separately, a 25-year old mechanic was reportedly beaten to death by a group of boys who dumped the

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



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

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

corpse by the roadside in Calabar South. In another incident, two robbers were reportedly killed in a shoot-out with police in Calabar South. Also, two robbers were allegedly burned to death by a mob in Calabar South.

Other Incidents: A man reportedly killed a woman for denying him sex, and later defiled the corpse in Calabar. Separately, a 50-year old woman was reportedly burned to death by a fire caused by adulterated kerosene in Nko, Yakurr LGA. Over ten related incidents reportedly have occurred in the community in recent times.

Protests: There was a reported protest by staff of Federal Government Collage (FGGC) in Calabar over alleged assault of teachers by suspected operatives of the Department of State Services.

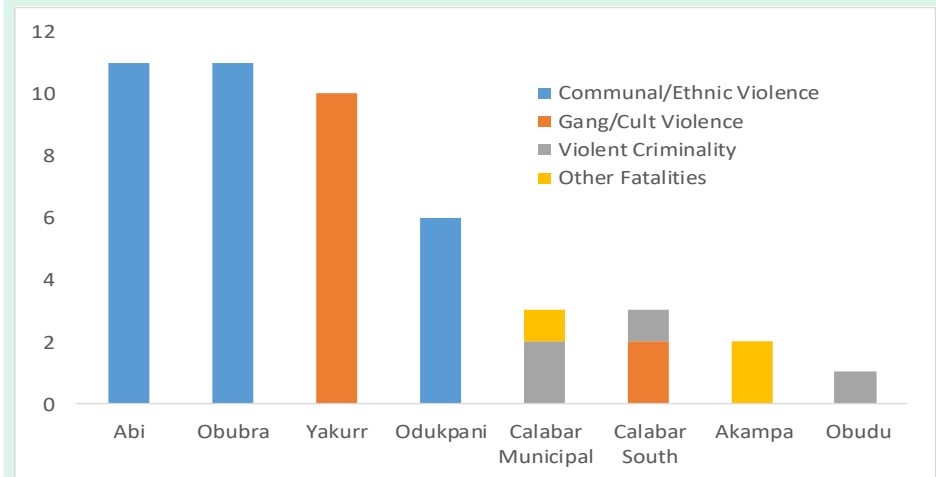
Prognosis

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

Questions for Peace Agents

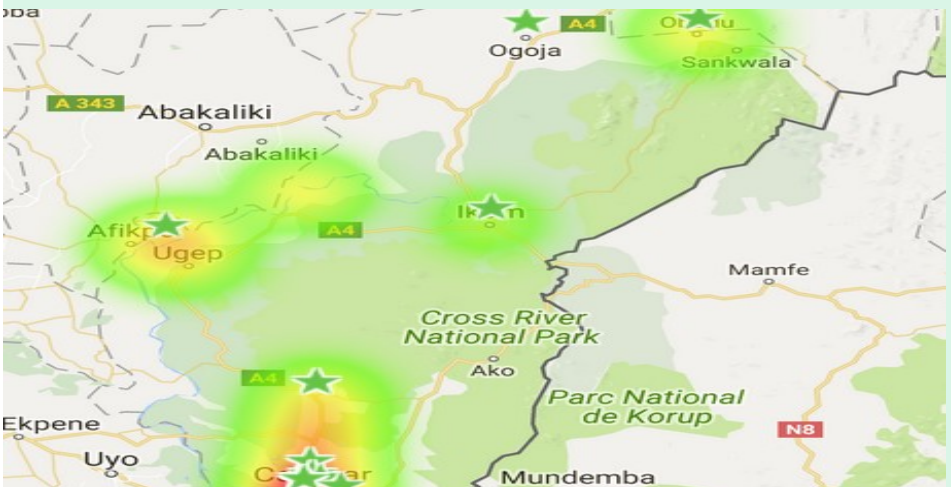
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you as a Peace Agent?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?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

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (November 2016 - January 2017)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Abi and Obubra, followed by Yakurr 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 November 2016-January 2017 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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