

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo 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 the period included communal and political tensions, cult violence, and violent criminality.

**Communal Tensions/Violence:** In December, several houses were reportedly set ablaze in a reprisal attack after a man was killed by youths from another community in Ese-Odo LGA. Separately, tension was heightened among Igbo communities in Akure South LGA over the selection of a traditional leader for Igbo residents in the state. In Ilaje LGA, tension was reportedly elevated between Atijlere and Imakun Omi communities over a boundary dispute. Residents of Atijere reportedly protested over attacks on their community by militia from Imakun Omi.

**Political Tensions:** In November, a chieftain of the APC was reportedly shot dead on his way from a political meeting in Owo LGA.

Separately, there were protests over the substitution of the gubernatorial candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), following a court judgment in Akure LGA.

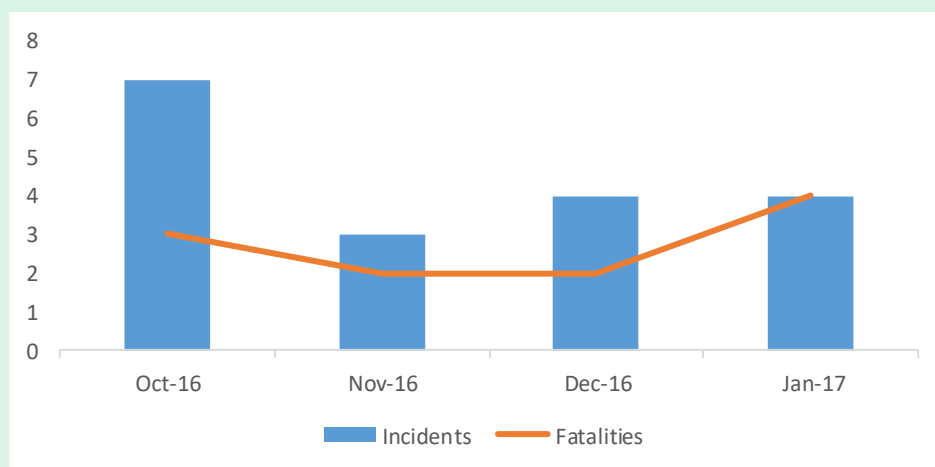
**Violent Criminality:** In November, the police reportedly arrested the leader of a robbery gang in Akure South LGA. The suspect had reportedly held a woman and her four children hostage and took them to a bank to withdraw money from her account. In December, the wife of the General Secretary of the Nigerian Anglican Communion was reportedly kidnapped in Akure, the state capital. The kidnappers later demanded a 20 million Naira ransom. Separately, a man was reportedly killed during a traditional festival

in Okitipupa. In January, police reportedly shot dead a kidnapper who tried abducting the wife of a traditional ruler in Okitipupa. Separately, a 21-year old student of the Adekunle Ajasin University was reportedly killed by unknown assailants in Ondo town.

**Gang Violence:** In December, a policeman was reportedly killed by rival cultists in Akure. Separately, another man was reportedly shot dead by cultists.

**Other Incidents:** In December, a 41-year old man reportedly burned his two children with a hot knife for stealing in Owo LGA. Separately, protesters reportedly barricaded an expressway over the death of two residents in an auto accident in Odigbo.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from October 2016 - January 2017 in Ondo State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

## Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2017

Incidents reported in the state during the month were mainly related to criminality, political violence, and labor strike/protest.

**Violent Criminality:** During the month, a policeman was reportedly killed by gunmen in front of his house in Okitipupa.

**Political Violence:** Five people were reportedly injured in a clash between political thugs and commercial tricycle operators in Ondo town.

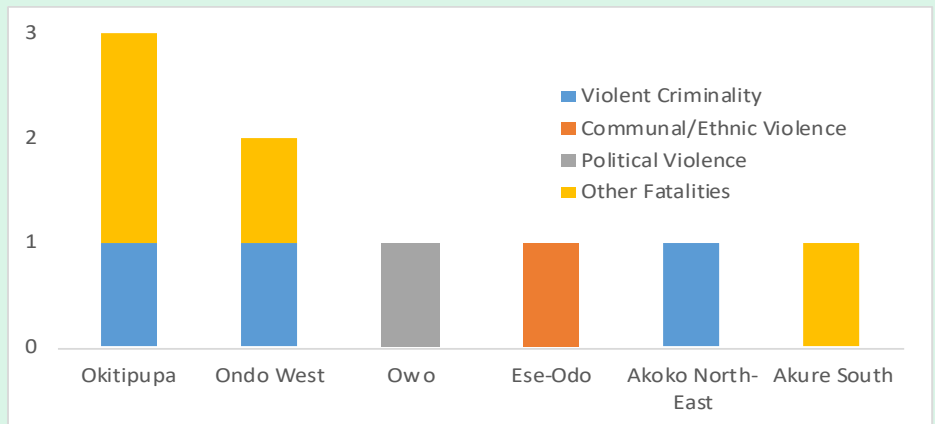
## Prognosis

Reported incidents in the State during this period are mainly related to cult violence, criminality, communal and political tensions. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

## Questions for Peace Agents

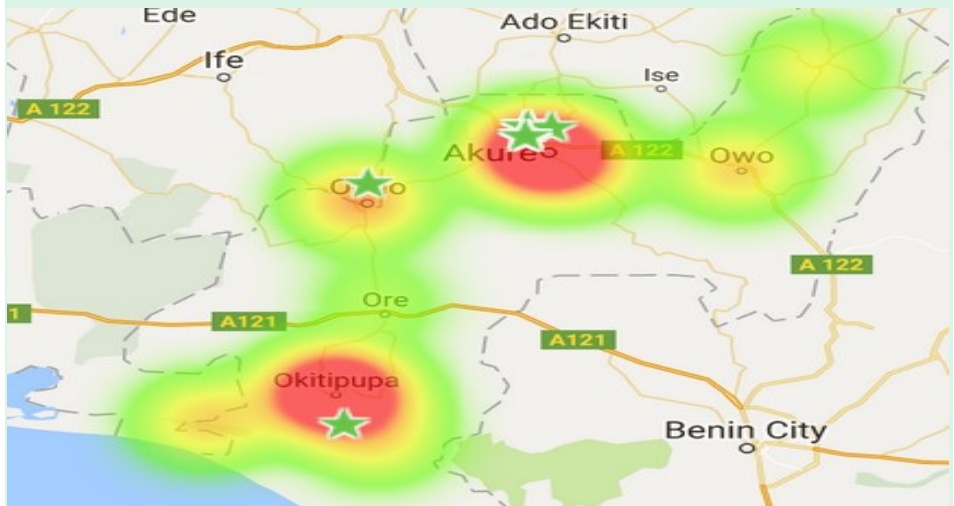
1. What is missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you as a Peace Agent?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months that could escalate this conflict?
4. Who are the key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

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



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Okitipupa and Ondo West had the highest number of fatalities. 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 Ondo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from November 2016–January 2017 in Ondo, 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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