

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo State: February-March 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 December 2016- February 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), issues 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 Atijere and Imakun Omi communities over a boundary dispute. Residents of Atijere reportedly protested over attacks on their community by militia from Imakun Omi.

**Violent Criminality:** In December, a man was reportedly killed during a traditional festival in Okitipupa. In January, police reportedly

shot a man who attempted to abduct the wife of a traditional ruler in Okitipupa. Separately, a 21-year old student was reportedly killed by unknown assailants in Ondo town. In February, a policeman was reportedly killed by gunmen in front of his house in Okitipupa.

**Political Violence:** In February, five people were reportedly injured in a clash between political thugs and commercial tricycle operators in Ondo town. Also about 10 were reportedly killed in a cult clash over political differences.

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

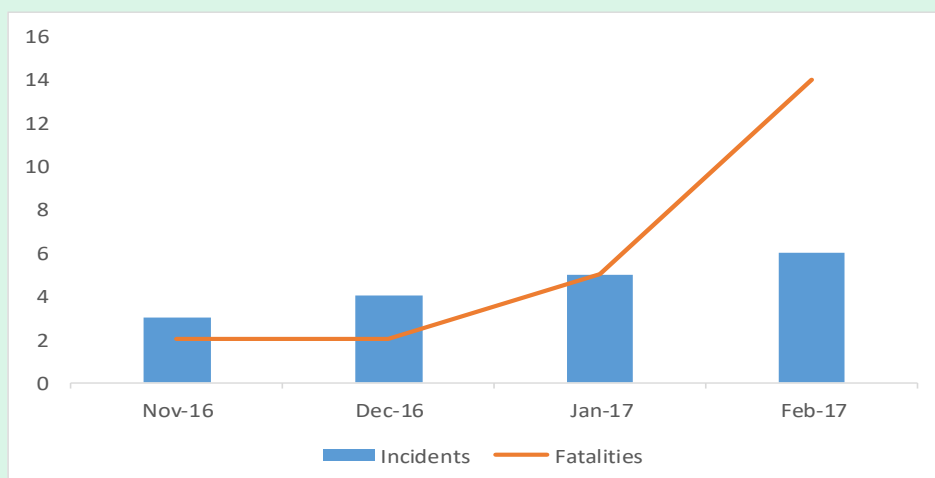
**Other Incidents:** In December, a 41-year old man reportedly burned the belly of his two children with a hot knife for stealing in Owo LGA. Separately, protesters reportedly barricaded an expressway over the death of two residents in an auto accident in Odigbo.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2017

Incidents reported in the state during the month were mainly related to criminality and protests.

**Violent Criminality:** During the month, five were reported killed during a bank robbery in Ogbagi Akoko, in Akoko North. Two security men were reportedly shot during the robbery. Separately, a robber was reportedly shot dead by soldiers along the

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2016 - February 2017 in Ondo State.

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

Ilesa-Akure expressway in Akure South. In another incident, gunmen reportedly attacked some churches during night vigil, robbed worshippers of their valuables and made away with church offerings in Akure.

**Protests:** Members of the Ondo State Timbers Traders Organization (OSTTO) reportedly blocked the entrance to the office of the state governor in protest over closure of forest reserves and banning of logging in the state. Separately, worshippers protested over the closure of their church by local government authorities in Ilaje.

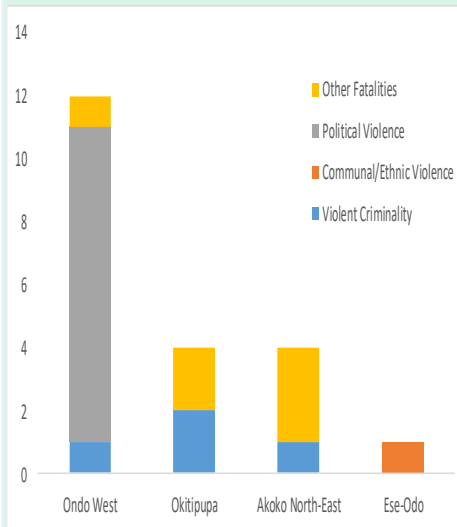
## Prognosis

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

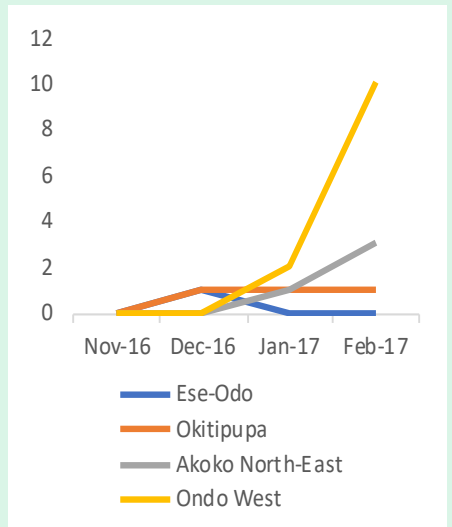
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (December 2016 - February 2017)**

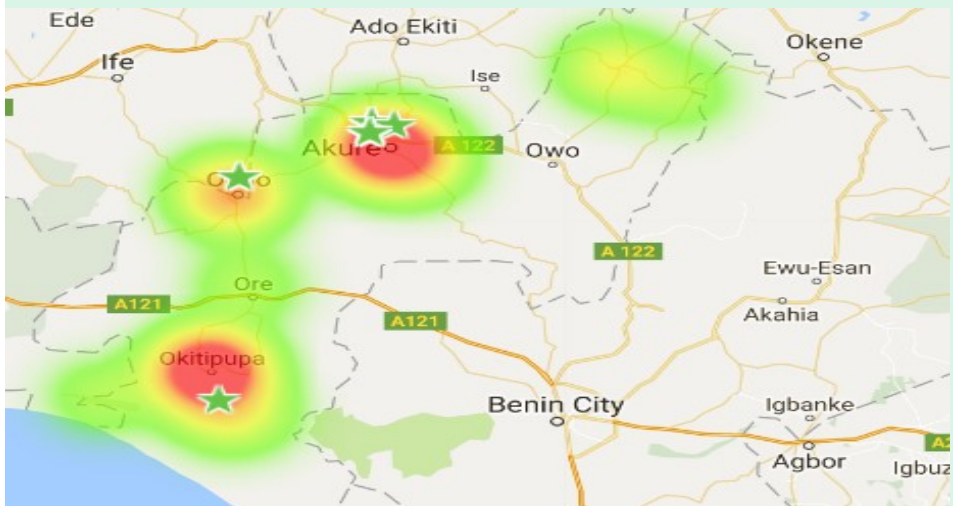


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Ondo West had the highest number of fatalities. Source (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Ondo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2016–February 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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