

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo State: November-December 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 September-November 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in violence and conflict fatalities in the state in November 2017. Incidents included criminality, cult violence, communal tensions, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG).

**Violent Criminality:** In October, a professor at a federal university was reportedly killed by gunmen in his residence in Benin City. Separately, herdsmen reportedly kidnapped an 80-year old retired Superintendent of police, his wife, and a client at a quarry site and demanded a 25 million naira ransom in Akoko Edo LGA. In November, several incidents of criminality were reported in Oredo LGA. A man was abducted from a drinking spot and killed by hoodlums. Separately, three robbery suspects were reportedly killed by vigilantes. In another incident, kidnappers abducted an 80-year old retired professor and demanded a 500 million naira ransom. The victim was later found dead in a bush. A lawyer was reportedly kidnapped in Benin City. In Ovia North West LGA, militants reportedly attacked a police patrol team, burned the

patrol vehicle, and killed a policeman.

#### Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):

In October, the wife of an abducted musician was killed by kidnappers in Egor LGA. Separately, in Oredo LGA, a 14-year old female secondary school student was reportedly raped by three boys. In November, the headless body of a young girl was discovered in a suitcase on the road in Oredo. The victim is believed to have been killed for ritualistic purposes.

**Gang/Cult Violence:** In November, several were killed in rival cult clashes in Oredo LGA. A young man was beheaded by rival cultists during a supremacy battle. Separately, a boy was killed and his body dumped on road by members of a rival cult group.

**Communal Tensions:** In September, a 52-year old farmer was reportedly killed by

herdsmen in Orhionmwon LGA. In November, tension was heightened between ethnic Binis and the Ijaws in Ovia North East LGA over the installation of a paramount ruler by the Ijaw leaders. The Binis contend that the Oba of Benin is the only recognized paramount ruler in the area.

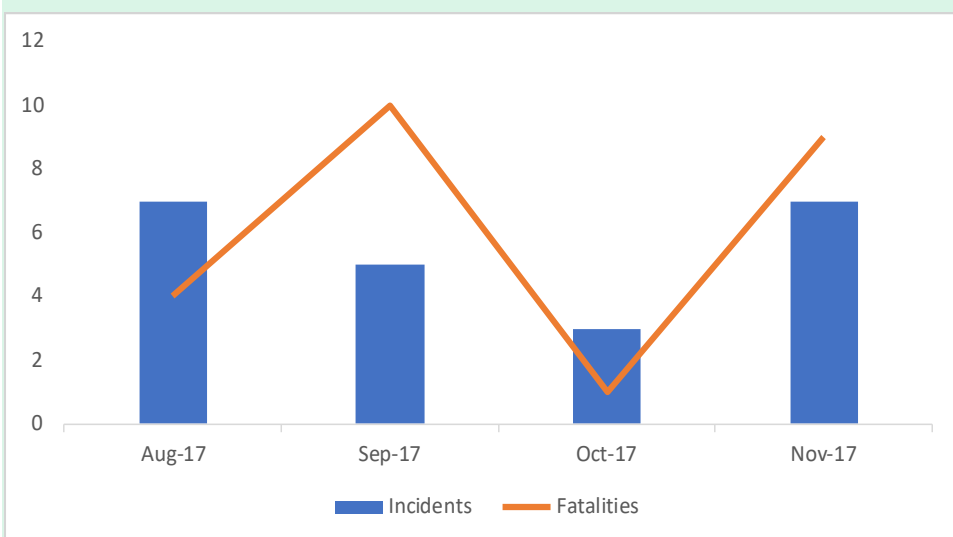
**Others:** In November, a female student was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by a vigilante invited to provide security during a graduation ceremony at a polytechnic in Esan West LGA.

### Recent Issues or Incidents, December 2017

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to criminality.

**Criminality:** A 42-year old man was

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from August– November 2017 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

reportedly killed by gunmen during the burial ceremony of his mother in Oredo LGA. The gunmen killed the victim, abandoned their vehicle, and fled with another vehicle belonging to a friend of the deceased.

**Others:** A truck driver was reportedly killed by a soldier at a security checkpoint in Oredo LGA. In a separate incident, two male artisans reportedly died after inhaling fumes from a power generator in Oredo LGA.

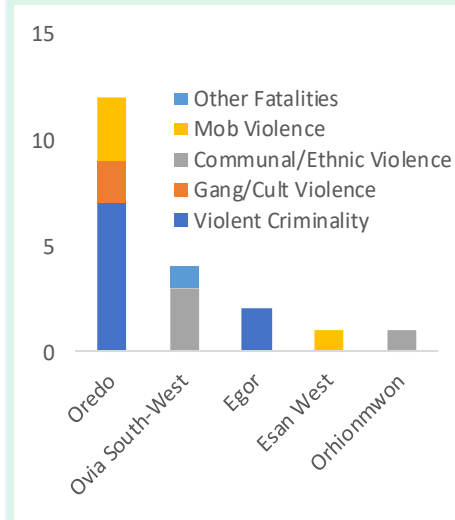
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to communal tensions, criminality, and cult violence. Many involved violence affecting women and girls (VAWG). Peace Actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

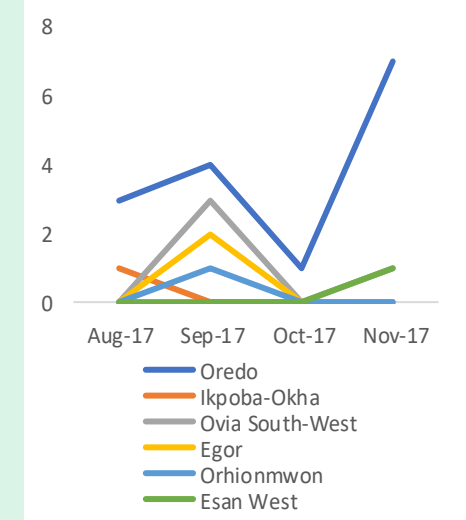
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 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 (September - November 2017)**

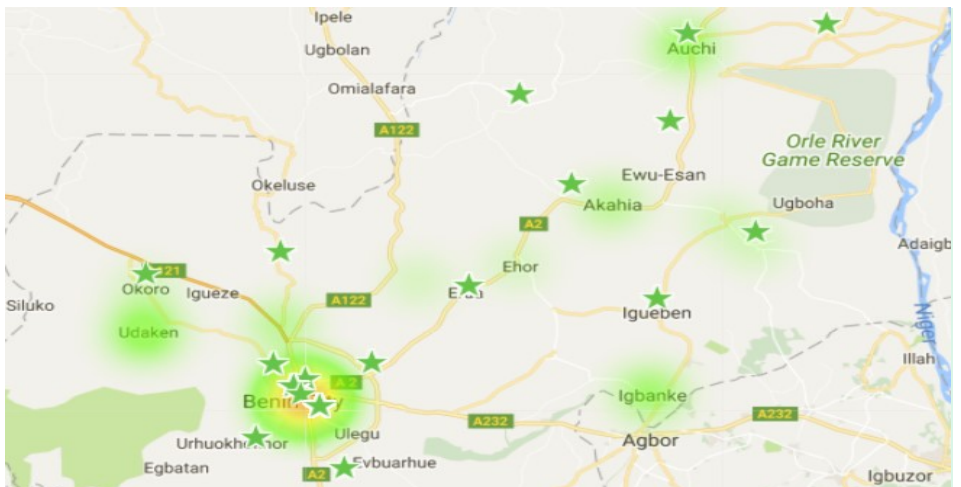


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2017)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Oredo had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. 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 Edo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September-November 2017 in Edo State; 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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