

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State: December 2017-January 2018

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 October-December 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1) there has been an increase in conflict risk and violent fatalities in Akwa Ibom since September 2017. Incidents reported in the state during the period included criminality and political tensions.

Criminality: In November, gunmen reportedly attacked the local community residence of a commissioner in the state and killed his younger sister in Ukanafun LGA. Two others were killed by stray bullet during the attack. Separately, a policeman and two others were reportedly killed by robbers. In Eket LGA, the police arrested three robbery suspects. In December, four prisoners were reportedly killed and 47 others escaped during a jailbreak in Ikot Ekpene LGA. Some staff of the prison were also injured during the incident. Security operative later arrested 14 of the escaped prisoners. Separately, a male university student was killed by robbers at a viewing center in Uyo

LGA. In another incident, two children, aged nine and five years, were reportedly killed by unknown gunmen in their home in Nsit Ibom LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In October, a man reportedly killed his wife and dumped the corpse in a refuse dump in Uyo LGA. In November, a 28-year old woman was stripped and paraded by residents over unsubstantiated allegation of theft in Oruk Anam LGA.

Political Violence: In December, one person was reported to have been killed during local government elections in Uyo, the state capital. Hoodlums reportedly attacked the state's office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) during the election, shot sporadically, killed one and injured several others.

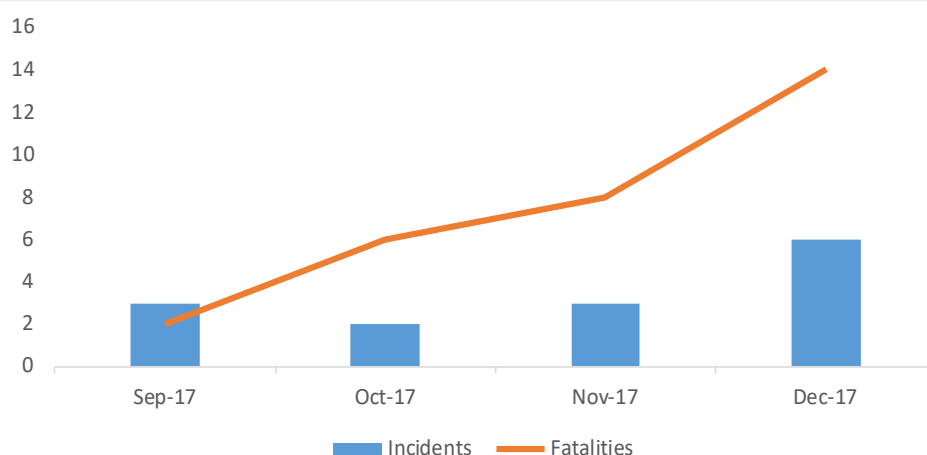
Other: In October, five people reportedly died in a stampede during a football match in Uyo. In December, two male secondary school students drowned while swimming in a river in Eket LGA. Separately, newsmen belonging to several media houses were reportedly attacked by operatives of the Department of State Services (DSS) at the government house in Uyo.

Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2018

Incidents during this period included violent criminality, militancy, and cult violence.

Criminality: During the month, three robbers were reportedly killed during a shootout with the police in Uyo, the state capital. Separately, a 27-year old member of the

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from September - December 2017 in Akwa Ibom State.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants in Eket LGA. In another incident, a former councilor was reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Etim Ekpo LGA.

Militancy: Two militants who doubles as kidnappers were reportedly killed during a gun battle with soldiers in Etim Ekpo LGA.

Cult Violence: Four persons were reportedly killed during a cult clash involving members of Vikings, Dey Bam and Black Axe confraternities in Oron LGA. Separately, three were reported killed in a clash between Dey Bam and Aro Baggers cult groups in Ikot Ekpene LGA.

Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, militancy, political and cult violence. 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 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 (October - December 2017)

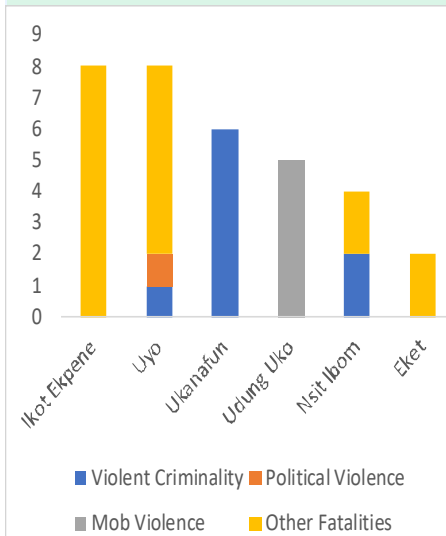
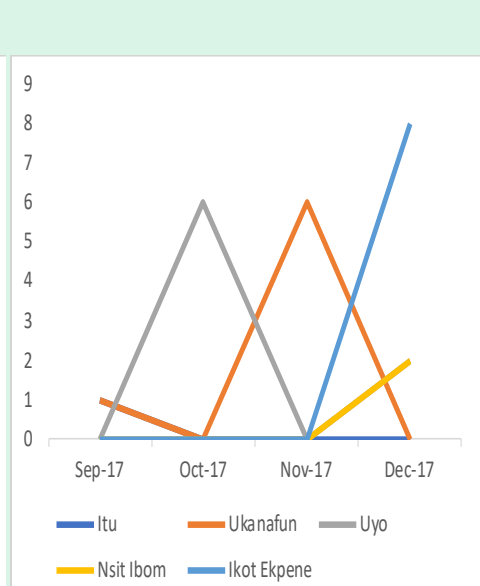


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Ikot Ekpene and Uyo had the most reported lethal conflict during this period. 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

Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Akwa Ibom State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September-November 2017 in Akwa Ibom; 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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