

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Cross River 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 a rise in conflict risk and violent fatalities in Cross River since October 2017. Incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, militancy, cult violence, and protests.

Communal Violence: In November, a herdsman was reportedly killed during a clash between farmers and herders in Yala LGA. In December, four people, including a policeman, were reportedly killed during a clash between Ojor and Uyangha communities in Akamkpa LGA. Separately, four were reportedly killed during a clash between herdsman and residents of Mbiabong community in Odukpani LGA. In Ito community, Odukpani LGA, residents reportedly fled their homes after herdsman arrived in the area with large herds of cattle.

Communal violence was a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. In November for instance, there was a protest by women over frequent herder/farmer clashes and the destruction of crops by cattle in Yala LGA.

Violent Criminality: In November, a member of a gang of kidnappers was killed by a mob

and another had one of his hands chopped off in Calabar Municipal. Separately, the police reportedly killed five kidnappers and rescued a female victim in Ikom LGA. In another incident, a community leader was reportedly killed by a motorcyclist in Calabar Municipal.

Criminality was a driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. For example, in October, a woman was kidnapped in Odukpani LGA. In November, another woman was kidnapped in Ikom LGA.

Militancy: In December, suspected militants reportedly attacked a community with a gunboat and killed three residents in Calabar South LGA. It was reported that the militants had targeted local oil dealers in the area, but accidentally fired at residential buildings.

Gang/Cult Violence: In November, a man was reportedly killed by cultists in a nursery school in Calabar Municipal. The victim was

chased into the school by his assailants.

Child Trafficking: In December, a 62-year old woman was reportedly arrested by immigration officials for trafficking a 4-day old baby girl in Calabar Municipal.

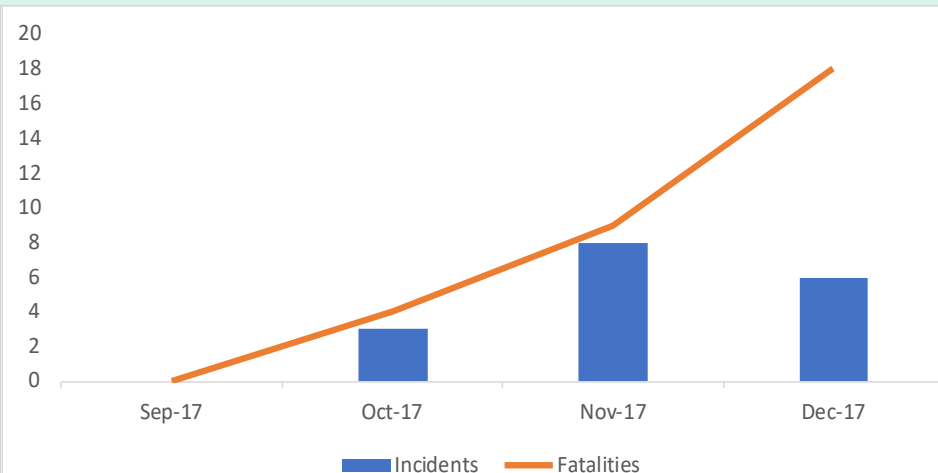
Others: In December, a revenue collector was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by an operative of the police Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Bekwara LGA. Separately, six people including three soldiers were killed in a fire when an oil tanker exploded in Biase LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2018

Incidents reported during the month related mainly to criminality and cult violence.

Criminality: A robber was reportedly killed during a gun battle between members of his gang and the police in Calabar South LGA. The gang had robbed a sport betting shop, a beer distributor and a bank before they were

Figure 1: Conflict Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from September – December 2017 in Cross River State.

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

confronted by the police. Arms, laptops money were recovered from the robbers. There were also incidents of kidnapping during the month. In Akamkpa LGA, a male medical doctor was kidnapped and later released by gunmen. In Calabar Municipal, a female medical doctor with the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital (UCTH) was abducted. In Itu LGA, a pastor was reportedly kidnapped on the highway. The kidnappers demanded a 50-million Naira ransom.

**Cult Violence:** Four people were reportedly killed during a rival cult clash between Bendeghe Mafia and another local cult group in Boki LGA. A policeman was reportedly injured during a shootout with the cultists. Separately, a man reportedly shot dead by members of a cult group, known as the King Crackers during a political assembly in Calabar South LGA.

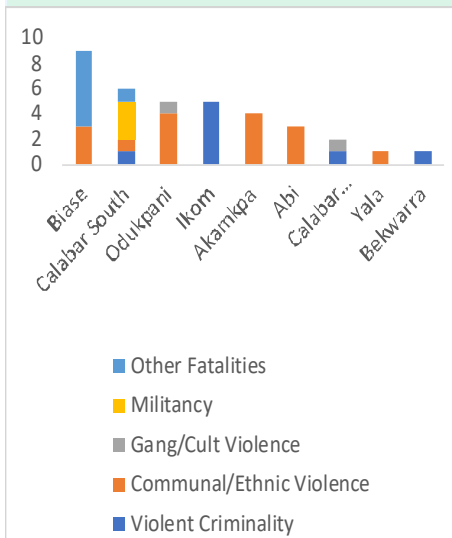
## Prognosis

Incidents during the period included communal conflict, cult violence, militancy, child trafficking, and criminality including kidnapping. Peace Actors in the state should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

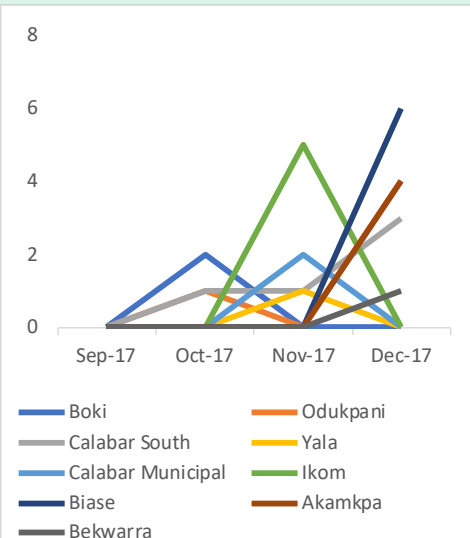
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 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 and long term?

**Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (October - December 2017)**

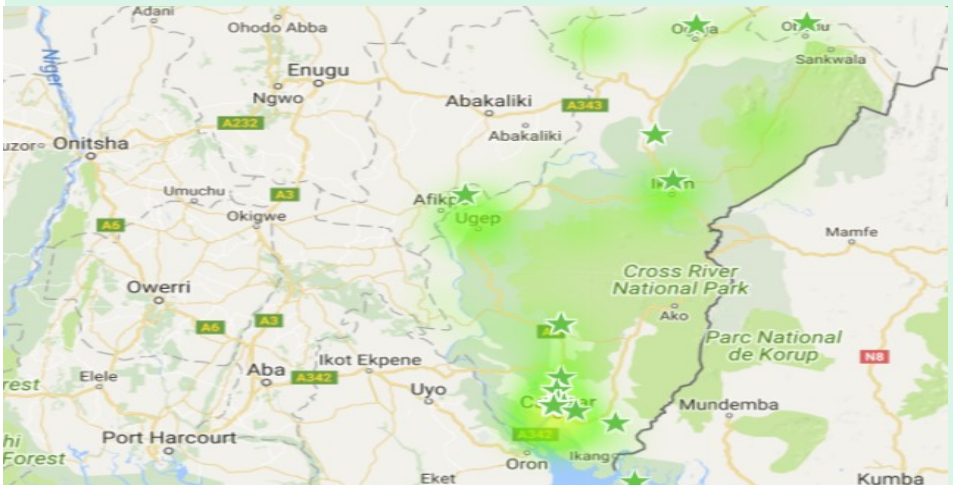


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Biase, followed by Calabar South had the most reported lethal conflict incidents 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from October-December 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](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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