

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo 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), incidents reported during the period included communal tensions, criminality, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG).

**Violent Criminality:** In October, a 15-member gang of robbers reportedly attacked a bank, killed two policemen and stole money from the bank's vault in Ose LGA. Separately, robbers reportedly attacked the office of an airline and stole from the staff in Akure South. In a separate incident, gunmen reportedly attacked a mission house and killed a pastor in Odigbo LGA. In Akure South LGA, three robbery suspects including two brothers were lynched by a mob. In November, a policeman and a pastor were reportedly killed during a gun battle between a team of police and a gang of kidnappers in Odigbo LGA. The son of the pastor and two others who were abducted by the kidnappers were rescued by the police. In December, a 70-year old man was killed by his neighbor during a disagreement in

Okitipupa LGA. In a separate incident, a monarch was reportedly attacked by hoodlums in Igbokoda, Ilaje LGA.

Criminality was a key driver of violence affecting women and girls (VAWG) during the period.

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

In November, a male member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) was reportedly arrested by the police for uploading compromising photos of a woman on the internet in Akure South LGA. The suspect used the pictures to blackmail the victim in order to extort money from her.

**Communal Tensions:** In October, a 64-year old man was reportedly killed by herdsmen on his farm in Akure North LGA.

**Others:** In December, a man reportedly died

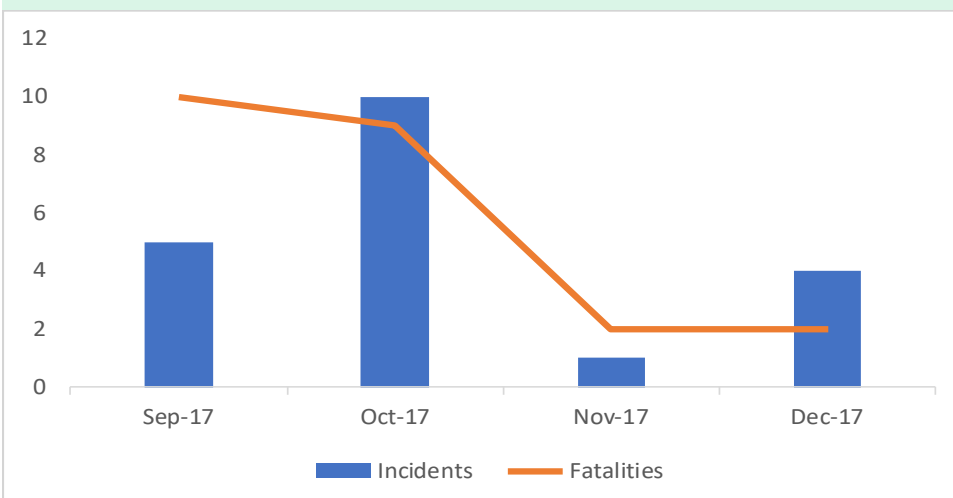
in police custody in Akure South LGA. The victim was arrested and detained by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), but was later found dead. Separately, a young boy selling food on the street was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by a security guard attached to a petrol station in Akure South LGA. The security guard was later arrested by the police.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2018

Incidents during the month related mainly to criminality and communal violence.

**Criminality:** A 10-man kidnapping/robbery gang which included a two soldiers, were reportedly arrested by the police in Owo LGA. A kidnapped victim was also rescued by the police. Separately, a hotel director and guest were reportedly abducted by

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



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

gunmen in Akoko South LGA. In another incident, a commercial bus driver was stabbed to death by a herdsman during a misunderstanding in Akure South LGA.

**Communal Violence:** Tension between herdsmen and farmers was elevated in the state during the month. In Akure South LGA, herdsmen reportedly attacked a farm belonging to a former Secretary to the Federal Government (SFG) and set it on fire. About five hectare of palm oil plantation was destroyed during the attack.

**Protest:** During the month, a group of ex-militants under the Presidential Amnesty Program reportedly besieged the office of the Ondo State Oil Producing Areas Commission (OSOPADEC) in protest over alleged mismanagement of the program in the state.

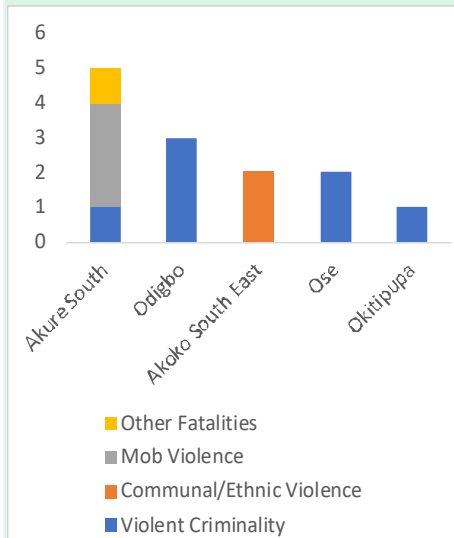
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality, communal tensions, protests, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

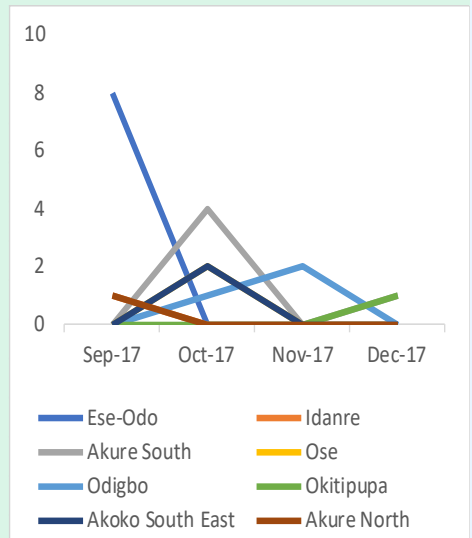
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. What is missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue 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 (October - December 2017)**

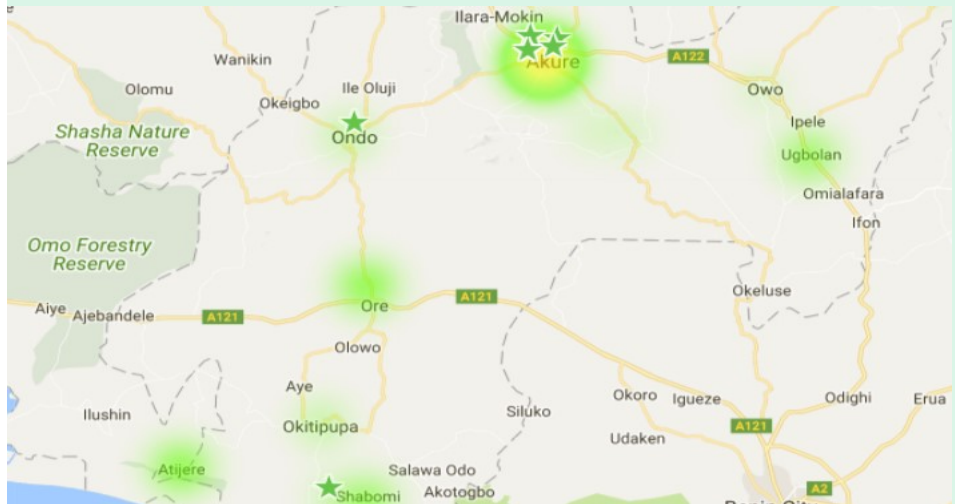


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Akure South, followed by Odigbo 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 October–December 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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