

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State:

January-February 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

### Nov 2017-Jan 2018

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

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

**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.

**Militancy:** In January, two militants who doubles as kidnappers were reportedly killed during a gun battle with soldiers in Etim Ekpo LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In January, 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.

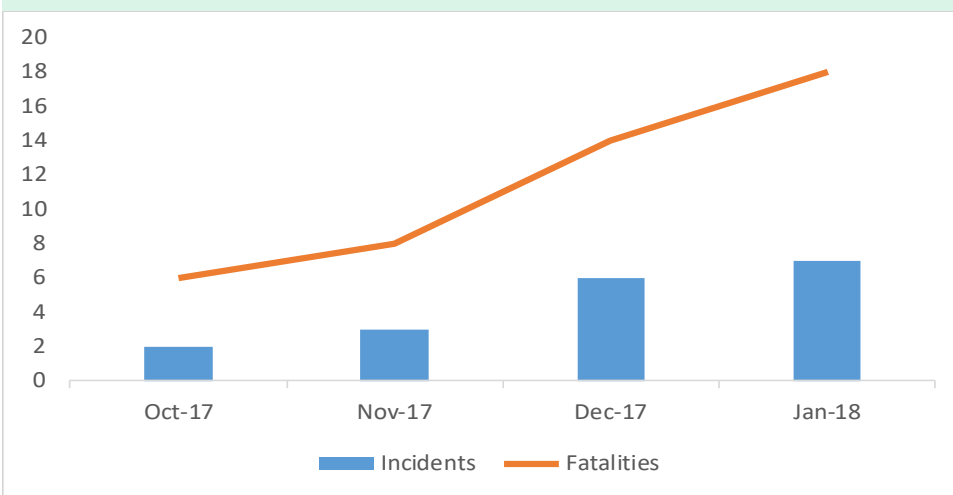
**Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):** In November, a 28-year old woman was stripped and paraded by residents over unsubstantiated allegation of theft in Oruk Anam LGA.

**Other:** In December, 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, February 2018

Incidents during this period included violent criminality and kidnapping.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from October 2017 - January 2018 in Akwa Ibom State.

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

**Criminality:** Four smugglers were reportedly arrested by operatives of the Nigerian Navy along the waterways of Akwa Ibom state. Sixty-two drums of oil and boats used for illegal bunkering and smuggling business were recovered from the suspects.

**Kidnapping:** A village head was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Etim Ekpo LGA. The kidnappers abducted the monarch after a gun duel with security operatives in the area.

**Other Incident:** A 30-year old mother of five children was reportedly killed by her husband over a misunderstanding in Ibiono Ibom LGA.

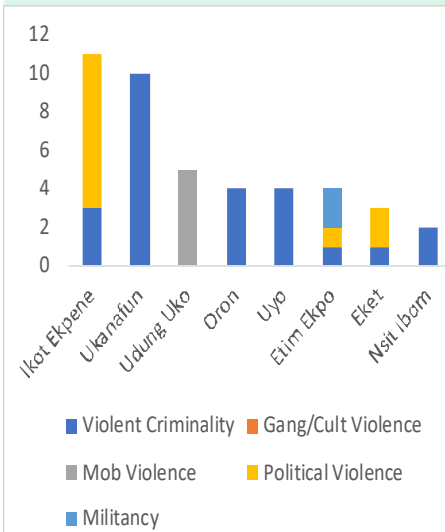
## Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, militancy, political tensions, cult violence, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG). Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

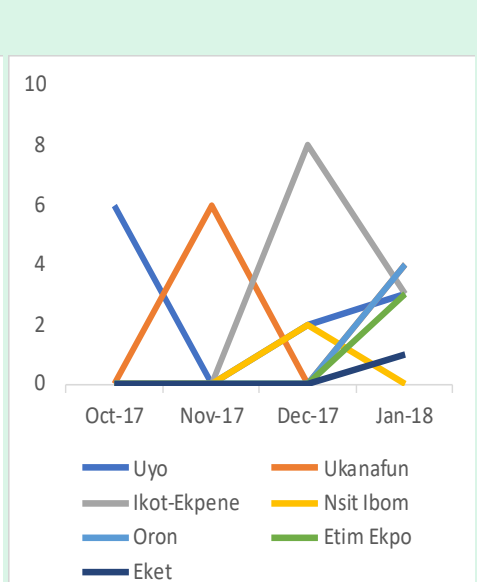
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 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 (November 2017 - January 2018)**

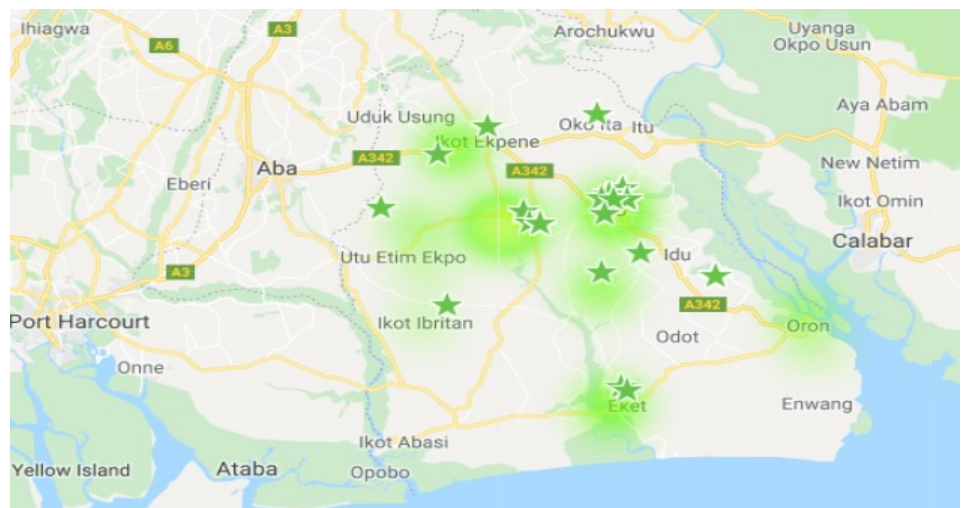


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Ikot Ekpene and Ukanafun 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](http://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 November 2017 - January 2018 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](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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