

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo 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 was an increase in violence and conflict fatalities in the state in January 2018. Incidents included criminality, cult violence, and violence affecting women and girls.

Violent Criminality: In November, several incidents of criminality were reported in Oredo LGA. A man was abducted from a drinking spot and killed by hoodlums. Separately, kidnappers abducted an 80-year old retired professor and demanded a 500 million naira ransom. The victim was later found dead in a bush. In December, a 42-year old man was reportedly killed by gunmen during the burial ceremony of his mother in Oredo LGA. In January, a university lecturer was killed by robbers at his residence in Oredo LGA. One of the robbers was later killed by the police during a shootout. In Ovia North-East, an 87-year old man was kidnapped and killed by his driver who dumped his body in a pit toilet after he had collected two million Naira ransom from the deceased children. In Etsako East, the police reportedly arrested a couple and other for illegally manufacturing Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in their

apartment. One of the bombs exploded and killed one of the suspects. In Akoko-Edo LGA, a local vigilante arrested nine herdsmen allegedly responsible for killings and kidnapping in their community, and hand them over to the police. In a separate incident, a suspected cultists and kidnapper who allegedly participated in the new year killings in Ogbu/Egbema/Ndoni LGA, Rivers state, was reportedly shot dead by the police in Etsako West LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls

(VAWG): In January, two brothers reportedly killed their grandmother for ritualistic purposes in Ikpoba-Okha LGA. Separately, a retired female military officer was reportedly killed and set ablaze in her house by her security guard in Benin City, the state capital. Also, in January, a herdsman reportedly inflicted a fatal injury on a woman at her

farm in Akoko-Edo LGA.

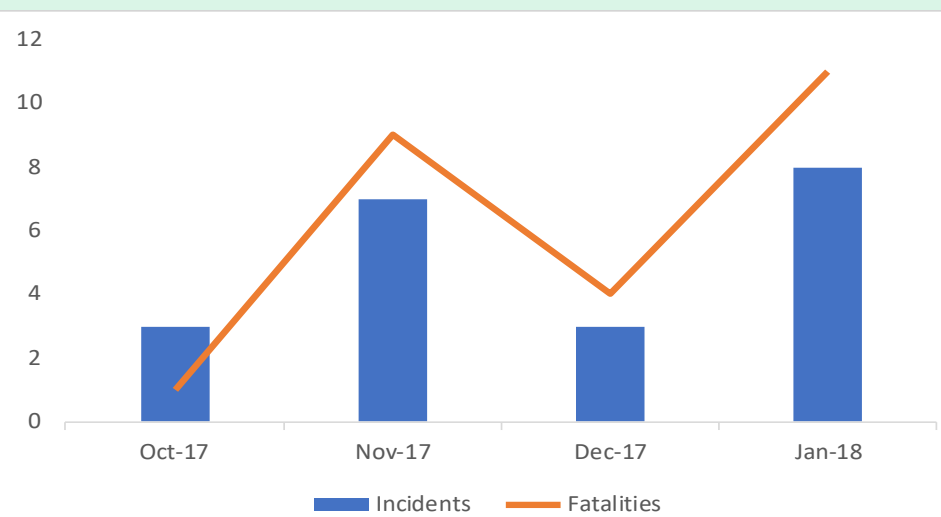
Gang/Cult Violence: In November, several were killed in rival cult clashes in Oredo LGA. A young man was beheaded by rival cultists during a supremacy battle. Separately, a boy was killed and his body dumped on road by members of a rival cult group.

Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2018

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to communal tensions, violent protests, and Fire Outbreak/arson.

Communal Tensions: Soldiers reportedly shot dead a vigilante who was watching over some herdsmen arrested for alleged armed robbery in Ikpoba-Okha LGA. The incident led to heightened tensions in the area.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from October 2017– January 2018 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Violent Protest: Four people including a policeman were reported dead during a protest over the dead of a 26-year old commercial driver in Benin City, Oredo LGA. The driver reportedly died when he was pushed into a moving truck by a policeman during a disagreement. Five vehicles belonging to the police were burned during the protest.

Arson: A man reportedly set ablaze the house he inherited from his father over payment of rent in Oredo LGA. Over 20 shops were destroyed. The man resisted attempts by neighbors to stop the fire, claiming it is better for him to burn down the house than to allow tenants stay for free.

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 (November 2017 - January 2018)

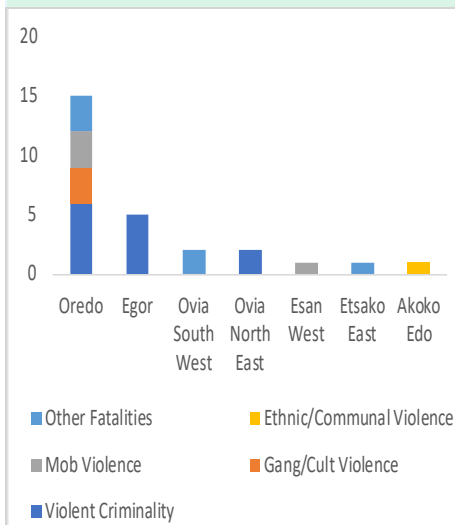
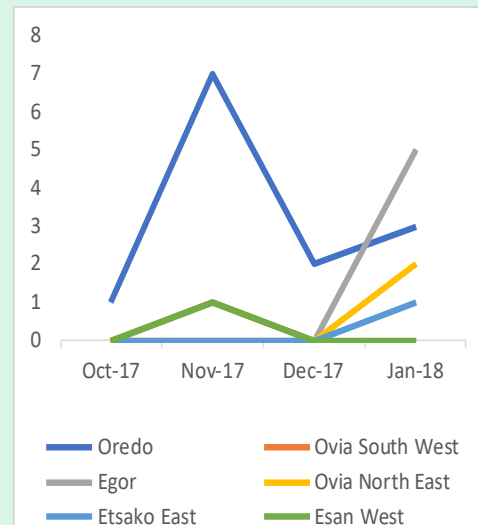
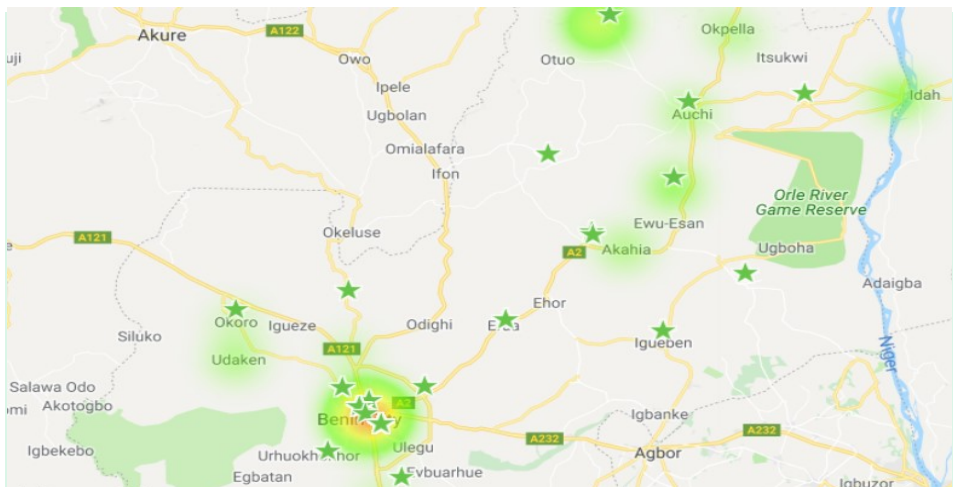


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from November 2017-January 2018 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

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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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