

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo State: March-April 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 January-March 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during the period included communal tensions, criminality, sexual violence, and protest.

**Violent Criminality:** In January, a 10-man kidnapping/robbery gang which included two soldiers, were reportedly arrested by the police in Owo LGA. In February, a couple reportedly kidnapped two of their landlady's children, a boy and girl, in Owo LGA. Separately, a 40-year old lawyer was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Akoko South LGA. Criminality was a key driver of violence affecting women and girls (VAWG) during the period. In March, a 40-year old man reportedly killed and secretly buried his son in Akoko North East LGA. The man hit the boy with a plank for releasing his younger sibling who was tied up and locked in a room by his father as punishment.

**Communal Tensions:** In February, a local vigilante group reportedly arrested four herdsmen for criminality in Ese-Odo LGA. Weapons were recovered from suspects. Separately, tension was reportedly heightened among residents of Akunu

community, Akoko North East LGA, following the arrival of herdsmen in four trailer trucks. In Akure South LGA, over 30 herdsmen reportedly attacked the council secretariat and chased out officials following a confrontation between a staff and a herdsman. In Akure South LGA, herdsmen reportedly attacked a farm belonging to the Speaker of the Ondo State House of Assembly, and destroyed a maize plantation.

**Sexual Violence:** In March, a 35-year old male commercial bus driver was arrested for raping a 28-year old female student of a university in the state in Akure South LGA. The incident happened in February but the suspect was arrested in March 2018. Separately, a 17-year old male secondary student was arrested for sodomizing an 8-year old boy in Akure South LGA.

**Protest:** In March, students of a college of education in the state protested over the death of their colleague who was knocked down by a car. The car was set ablaze during the protest. Two students also sustained injuries.

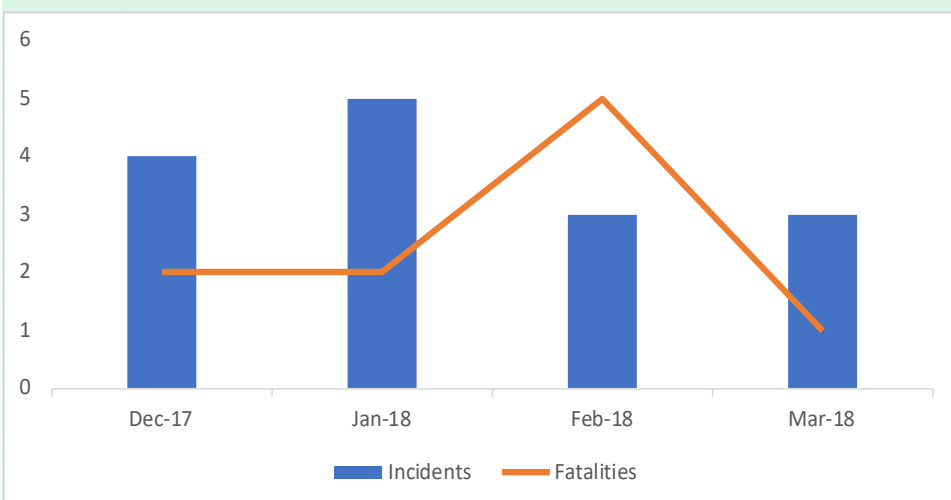
**Others:** In March, a church building under construction reportedly collapsed and killed six people including a pregnant woman in Igbado community, Ese-Odo LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, April 2018

Incidents during the month related mainly to criminality, communal tensions and protests.

**Criminality:** Three male travelers were reportedly abducted from their vehicle on the expressway in Odigbo LGA. Separately, two officials of Akure North LGA were reportedly abducted by gunmen in Ose LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from December 2017 - March 2018 in Ondo State.

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

In another incident, two fraudsters were reportedly arrested by operatives of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), for allegedly duping their victims of 10 million Naira for HIV cure in Akure South LGA.

**Communal Tensions:** Tension is reportedly heightened in Arogbo-Ijaw community in Ese-Odo LGA over the installation of a new monarch. Separately, a woman reportedly died during a clash between Yorubas and Hausas in Sabo, Akure South LGA. The woman slumped and died of shock while she was searching for her son at the scene of the clash. Four houses and 12 motorcycles were destroyed during the incident.

**Others:** Pregnant women protested at the premises of a state specialist hospital in Akure South LGA, over increase in medical bills. Separately, students of a university in the state protested over a hike in tuition fees in Akure South LGA.

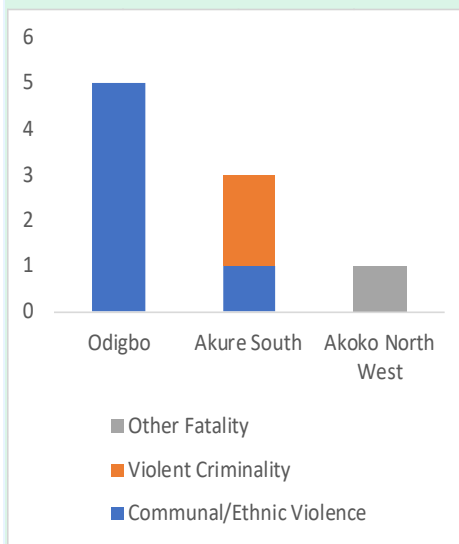
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality, communal tensions, sexual violence, and protests. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

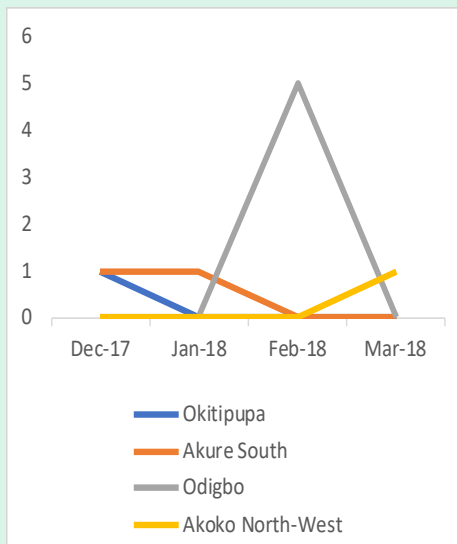
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (January - March 2018)**



**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that 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 January – March 2018 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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