

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia State: August-September 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

June-August 2018

According to Peace Map data, (see Figure 1), reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality, child trafficking, sexual violence, drug trafficking and protests.

Criminality: In June, soldiers reportedly rescued a pastor and a nursing mother during a raid on the hideout of kidnappers in Osisioma LGA. Separately, soldiers reportedly arrested three kidnapping suspects, rescued a victim and recovered ammunition in Aba South LGA. In July, a male student of the Abia State Polytechnic was reportedly killed by gunmen at a private hostel in Umuatako community, Osisioma LGA. Separately, a 37-year old man was reportedly arrested for killing a 56-year old man in Umuoko-Umudala Ntigha community, Isiala Ngwa North LGA. The victim was the chairman of the community electricity task force, and was killed for disconnecting the electricity line of the suspect. In August, the police reportedly rescued a 2-year old baby girl during a raid on the hideout of kidnappers in Umuahia South LGA. The police also arrested six

suspects. Separately, hackers reportedly broke into the database of a bank and stole several millions of naira from customers' accounts in Umuahia South LGA.

Sexual violence: In July, a 29-year old man was reportedly arrested for defiling an 8-year old female primary school pupil in Aba North LGA.

Child Trafficking: In June, three members of a child trafficking syndicate including a 17-year old girl were reportedly arrested by the police in Umuahia South LGA. The 17-year old suspect reportedly sold her 2-day old baby boy for six hundred and seventy thousand naira, due to financial difficulties.

Drug Trafficking: In August, operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) reportedly raided a hideout used by illegal drug peddlers and users in Aba South

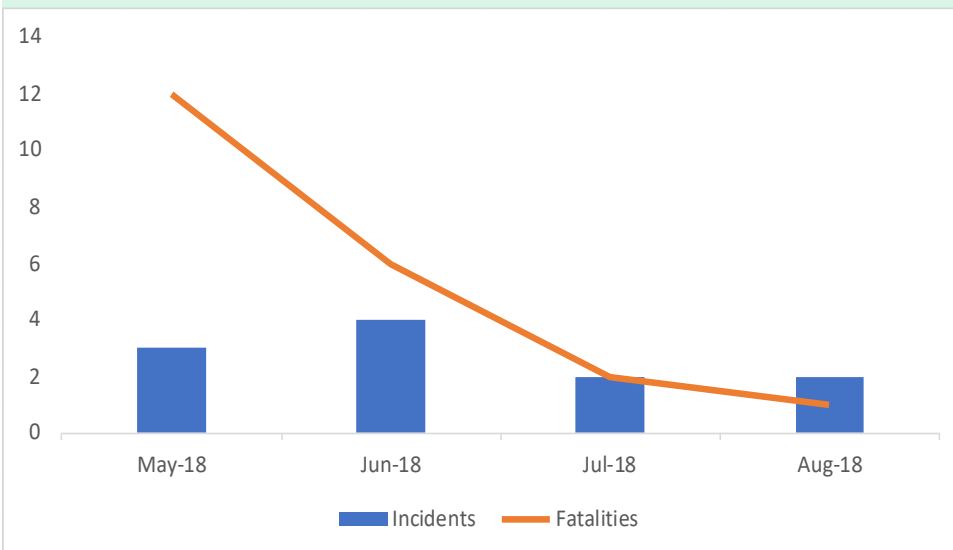
LGA. Different kinds of illicit drugs including cocaine, cannabis and heroine were seized by the operatives of the law enforcement agency during the raid.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In August, members of the Abia state chapter of the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA) protested the kidnap of their colleague in Umuahia, the state capital. A medical doctor was reportedly abducted on his way to work at a government medical center in the state capital.

Recent Incidents, September 2018

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality, political violence, and protests.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Abia State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May – August 2018 in Abia State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Criminality: During the month, the two robbers were reportedly killed by public security operatives in Umuahia North LGA. The robbers attacked a commercial bus and they were trying to divert it before they were killed by the security operatives.

Political Violence: Ten people were reportedly killed by hoodlums during a meeting of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Okpuala Aro village, Osisioma LGA. Several others were also injured during the attack.

Protest: There was a protest by female traders over issues relating to tax in at a market in Aba South LGA. The traders alleged harassment by members of the Abia State Vigilante Services over payment of tax.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, political violence, sexual violence, child trafficking, drug abuse, protests, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace agents must continue to monitor the security 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 or potential 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 (June–August 2018)

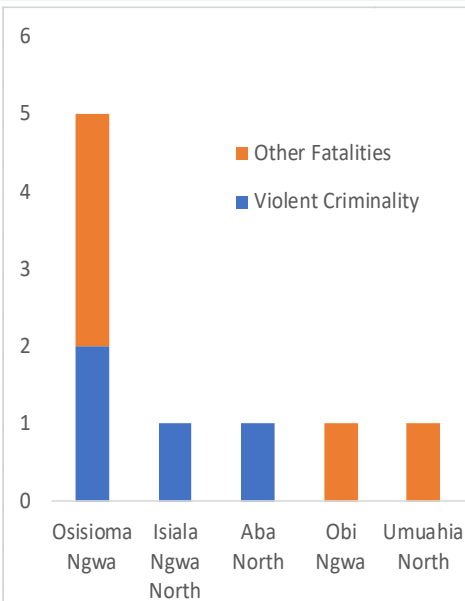
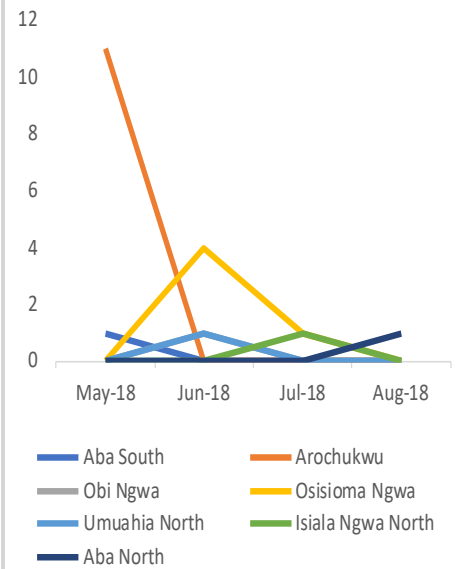
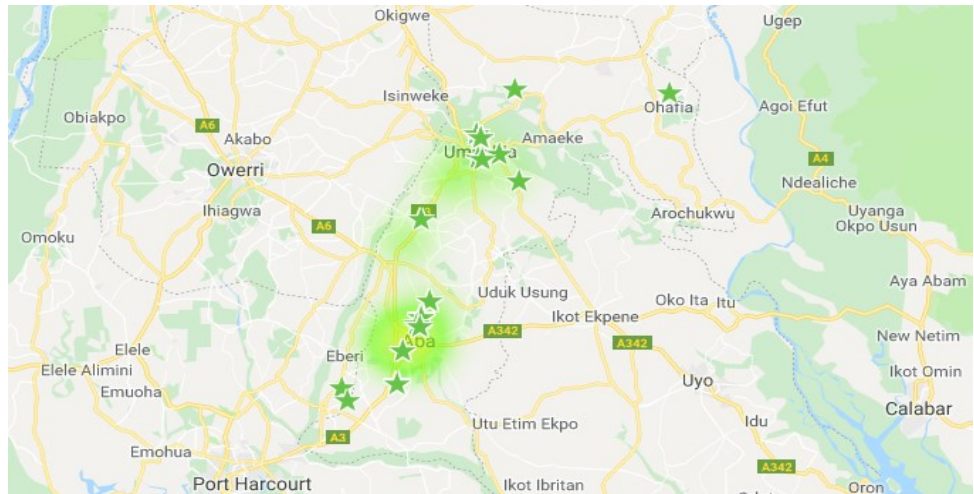


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Abia State this period show that Osisioma Ngwa had the most reported fatalities. Sources (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 Abia State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June - August 2018 in Abia 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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