

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo 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), there was an increase in lethal violence in Edo state in August 2018. Incidents reported during this period included criminality, political tensions, protests, human trafficking, domestic violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls.

Criminality: In July, a man was arrested for kidnapping a retired military officer and his sales girl in Egor LGA. In August, robbers reportedly killed 10 people including a policeman during an attempted bank robbery in Igarra community, Akoko Edo LGA. Separately, a man was reportedly arrested in an attempt to assassinate a 60-year old woman in Benin City, Oredo LGA. In another incident, three persons were reportedly arrested for attempting to kidnap a retired professor for a ransom in Benin City. In another incident, a commercial motorcyclist was reportedly killed and buried in a forest by his passenger in Okada town, Ovia North East LGA.

Political Tensions: In June, a female Special Assistant (SA) to the Edo State governor was reportedly beaten by some local government officials over allegations of disloyalty to the

chairman of the council in Esan West LGA.

Human Trafficking: In June, two female tenants reportedly stole two female children of their landlord, aged 4 and 2 years, in Ovia North East LGA. In August, a 4-year old girl that was stolen from her parents in Lagos state was reportedly found at an orphanage in Oredo LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, domestic violence against women was also reported during this period. In July, for instance, a 38-year old man reportedly killed his 27-year old girlfriend in Orhionmwon LGA. Separately, a 38-year old woman was reportedly killed by her 46-year old lover during a disagreement in Ikpoba Okha LGA.

Protests: In July, there was a protest by ex-

militants under the Presidential Amnesty Program over the payment of stipends in Benin City. Separately, there was a protest by secondary school pupils over their colleague that was electrocuted by a naked electricity wire in Eyean community, Uhumwonde LGA.

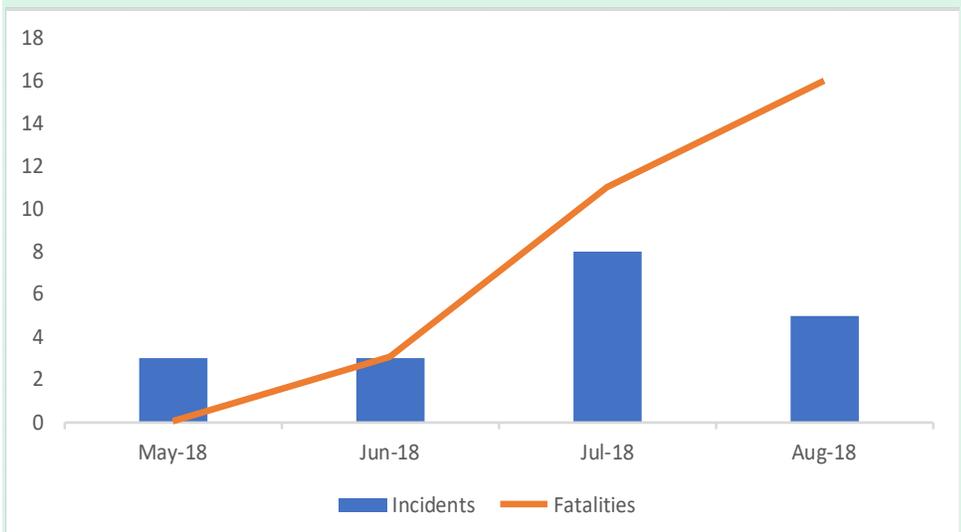
Others: In August, the naked corpse of a woman identified as a sex worker was found by the roadside in Oredo LGA.

Recent Incidents, September 2018

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Criminality: Two people were reportedly stabbed to death by robbers in New Benin, Oredo LGA. The robbers also inflicted injuries on other residents during the incident.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



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

Kidnapping: The chairman of the Akoko-Edo LGA chapter of the All Progressives Party (APC) was reportedly kidnapped in Igarra, Akoko-Edo LGA. The kidnapers later demanded a 20-million naira ransom.

Cult Violence: Six people were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult clashes in Benin City, Oredo LGA. The killings caused chaos in the area. The police and vigilante were deployed to restore order. Separately, a patent medicine dealer was reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Black Axe and Aiye confraternities in Auchi, Etsako West LGA. In another incident, 6 students were reportedly killed by cultists during a graduation ceremony in Ekpoma, Esan West LGA. Another was killed in a reprisal attack. His body was found in a well.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, human trafficking, political tensions, protests 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 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)

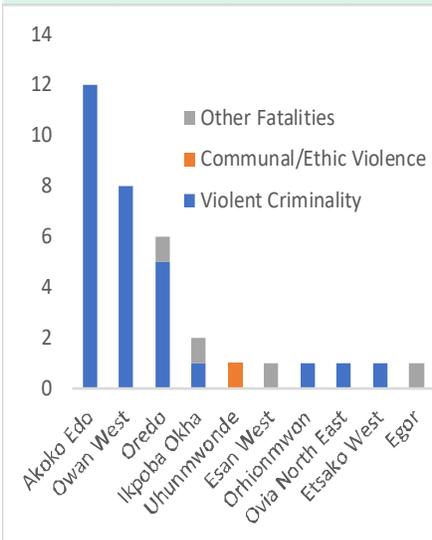
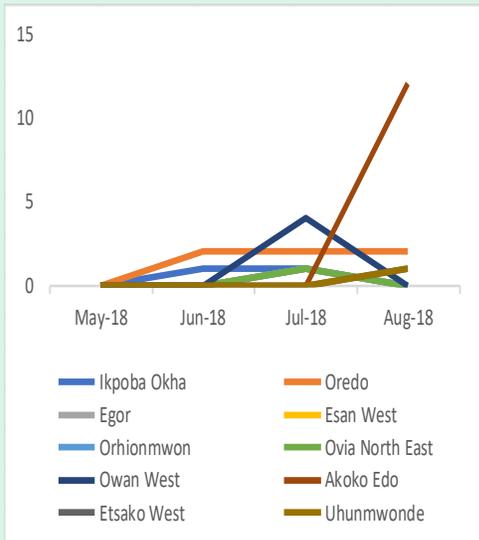
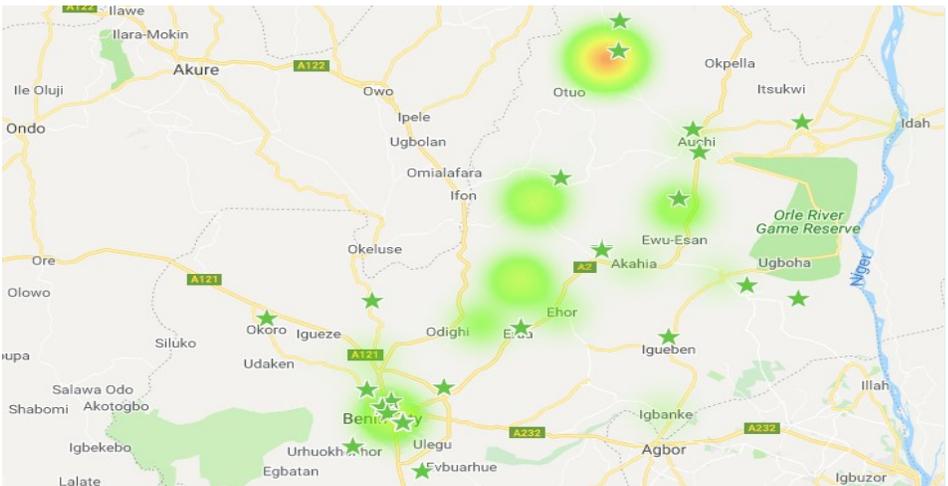


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (June - August 2018)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Akoko Edo, followed by Owan West and Oredo had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. 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 Edo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June - August 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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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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