

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom 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 included criminality, cult violence, child trafficking, and protest.

Criminality: In June, an official of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Ukanafun LGA. In July, suspected militants reportedly attacked the palace of a village head and killed four people in Ikot Ese village, Etim Ekpo LGA. In a related incident, militants reportedly ambushed soldiers at a security checkpoint and killed a soldier and five civilians in Iwukem community, Etim Ekpo LGA. In a separate incident, the police reportedly arrested a village head and four other suspects for allegedly abducting 19 staff members of an international oil company at the Qua Iboe Terminal in Ibeno LGA. In August, a petrol station was reportedly robbed by a 5-man gang of robbers in Ukana Ikot community, Essien Udim LGA. The police later killed four of the robbers and arrested

their leader during a shootout. Separately, suspected militants reportedly attacked a commercial bus, killed one and inflicted injuries on three others in Ikot Mkporkpo community, Etim Ekpo LGA. In another incident, the police reportedly killed two kidnappers during a gun duel and rescued an 83-year old abducted woman in Etim Ekpo LGA. Separately, the police rescued a 4-year old child from her abductors and arrested four suspects in Uyo. In another incident, a male member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) was reportedly abducted from his village in Ukanafun LGA.

Cult Violence: In June, cultists reportedly attacked a commercial bus conveying people to a funeral and killed three in Etim Ekpo LGA. Separately, a man was reportedly killed by cultists for allegedly working as an informant for the police in Etim Ekpo LGA. In

another incident, three were reported killed in a battle for supremacy between members of Vikings and Black Axe cult groups in Eket.

Child Trafficking: In August, the police reportedly arrested a 27-year old pregnant woman for selling her granddaughter for two hundred thousand naira in Uyo.

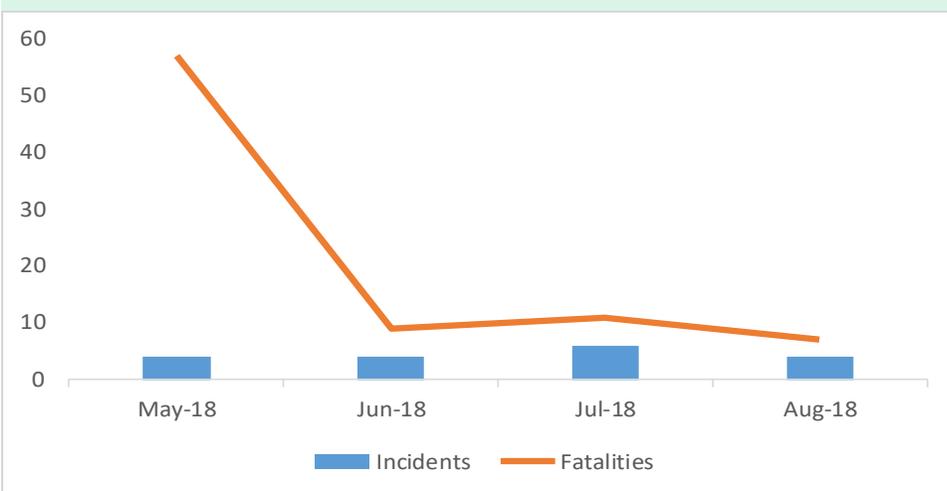
Protest: In July, youths from five LGAs - Oron, Mbo, Urue-Offiong/Oruko, Okobo and Udung Uko - protested over an alleged plan by the state government to relocate a deep seaport from Ibaka community in Mbo LGA.

Recent Incidents, September 2018

Incidents during this period mainly related to child trafficking, cultism and protest.

Child Trafficking: During the month, a woman was reportedly arrested by the

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



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

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

police for child trafficking in Owot-Uta community, Ibesikpo Asutan LGA. The woman sold her new born baby boy to raise money for her upkeep. The police also arrested another woman who allegedly negotiated the sale of the baby.

Cultism: The Akwa Ibom state government reportedly discovered 12 new cult groups in the state. The state government had earlier announced the proscription of 23 cult groups in the state.

Protest: Some staff members of the Akwa Ibom State University reportedly threatened to embark on a protest over payment of salaries by the management of the institution.

Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, child trafficking, and protest. 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 (June - August 2018)

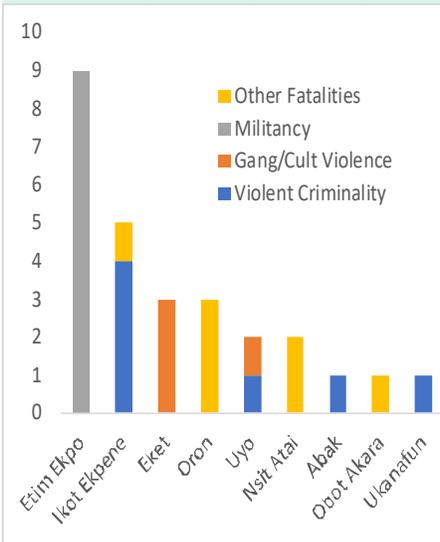
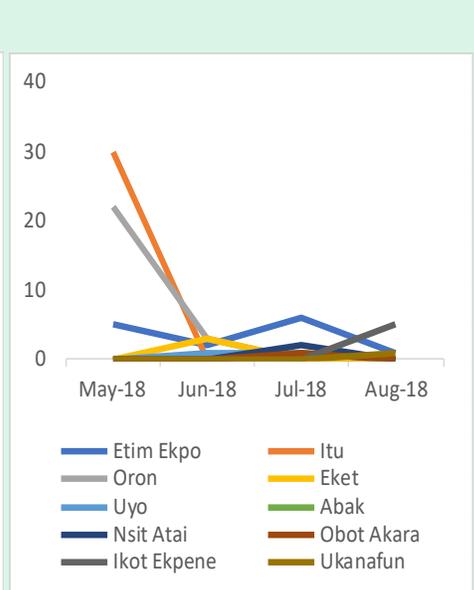
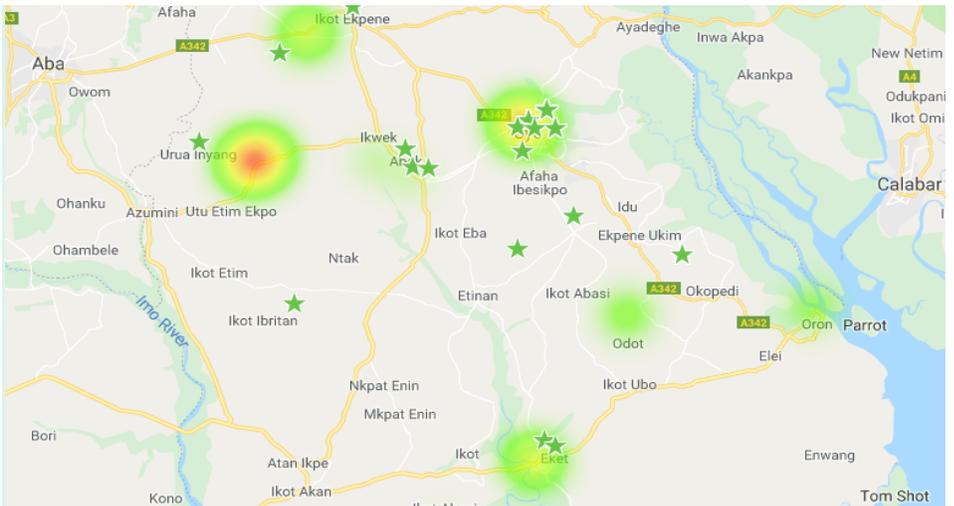


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Etim Ekpo had the most reported lethal conflict during this period. 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 Akwa Ibom State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June - August 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

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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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