

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Cross River 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), incidents reported in the state during this period included communal violence, criminality, cult violence, political tension, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Communal Violence:** In June, 15 people were reportedly killed in renewed hostilities over a land dispute between Ukele community in Yala LGA, Cross River state and Igbeagu community in Izzi LGA, Ebonyi state. In July, two young men were reportedly killed during a clash between some residents of Ukelle community in Yala LGA, Cross River state and neighboring Igbeagu community in Izzi LGA, Ebonyi state. The incident is believed to be connected to a land dispute.

**Violent Criminality:** In June, a businessman was reportedly shot dead by robbers at his residence in Calabar South LGA. In July, a police sergeant reportedly shot dead his landlady's daughter in Ikot Ansa, Calabar Municipal LGA. The policeman allegedly returned from work drunk and shot the lady in the neck. In August, three suspected robbers were reportedly burned to death by mobs at three different locations in Calabar South LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In June, seven were reportedly killed in a renewed supremacy battle between rival cult groups in Calabar South LGA. The renewed gang war started after a cult leader was killed in reprisal by a rival cult member that was earlier attacked. Separately, six were reportedly killed at different locations in Calabar South LGA by rival Vikings and Klans cult members.

**Others:** In June, three children who were reportedly incarcerated by their father over allegation of witchcraft practices were rescued by a child rights group in Akpabuyo LGA. In August, six people, including a staff member of the University of Calabar, were reportedly killed by flooding in Calabar South LGA.

**Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, domestic violence against the girl child was also reported during this period. In July, for

instance, the lower limb of a 2-year old girl was reportedly burned by her uncle in Akamkpa LGA. The little girl was tied to a tree and had her legs burned as punishment for defecating in her uncle's compound. In August, a 17-year old girl was reportedly raped and abandoned at the roadside in Calabar Municipal LGA. The victim later died in the hospital.

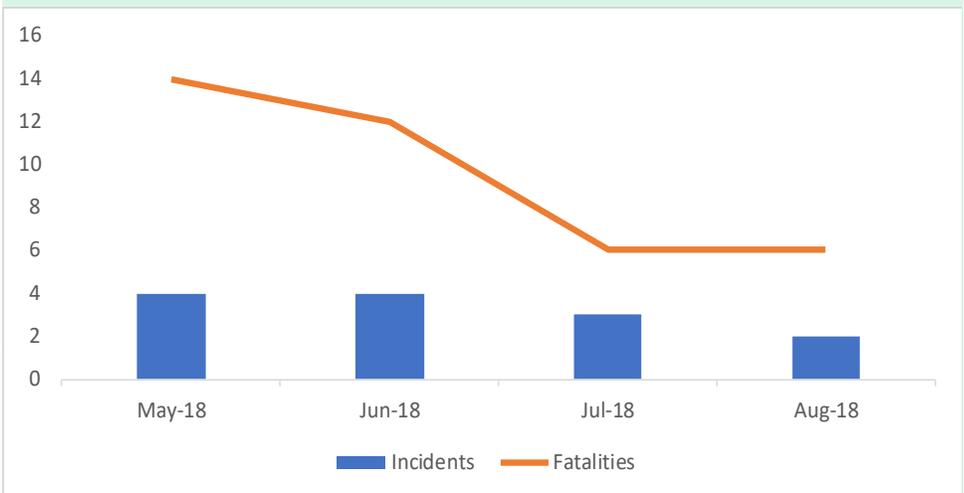
**Protest:** In August, there was a protest by a group of women over incessant killings as a result of inter-communal conflicts in Boki LGA.

### Recent Incidents, September 2018

Incidents reported during the month related mainly to political violence, child trafficking, and protest.

**Political Violence:** Some aggrieved members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) reportedly protested at the state secretariat

Figure 1: Conflict Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



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

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

of the party over alleged imposition of candidates during the party primary elections in Calabar Municipal LGA. Two people were reportedly shot during the protest.

**Child Trafficking:** A couple was reportedly arrested by the police for trafficking their 2-year old son to Port Harcourt to raise money to pay their house rent in Calabar Municipal LGA. The child was allegedly trafficked to an agent as a collateral for a loan of twenty one thousand naira to pay their house rent.

**Protest:** There was a protest by civil servants in Calabar South LGA over an alleged plan by the state government to make deductions from their salaries to purchase solar lamps and biofuel cookers for employees of the state government.

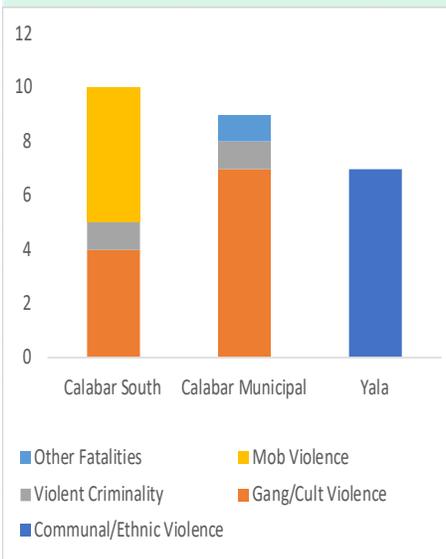
## Prognosis

Incidents during the period included communal conflict, cult violence, political violence, criminality, child abuse, human trafficking, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors in the state should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

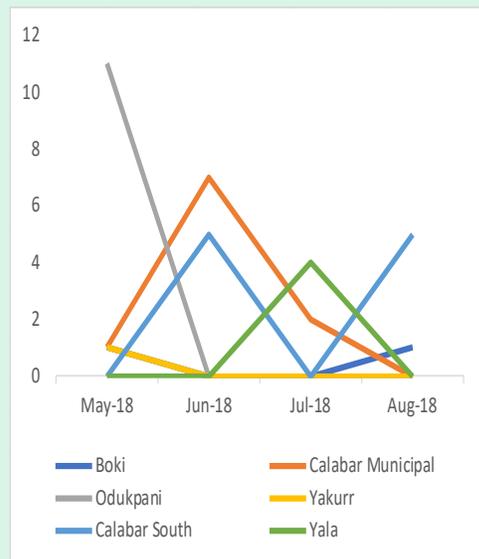
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 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 and long term?

**Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (June - August 2018)**

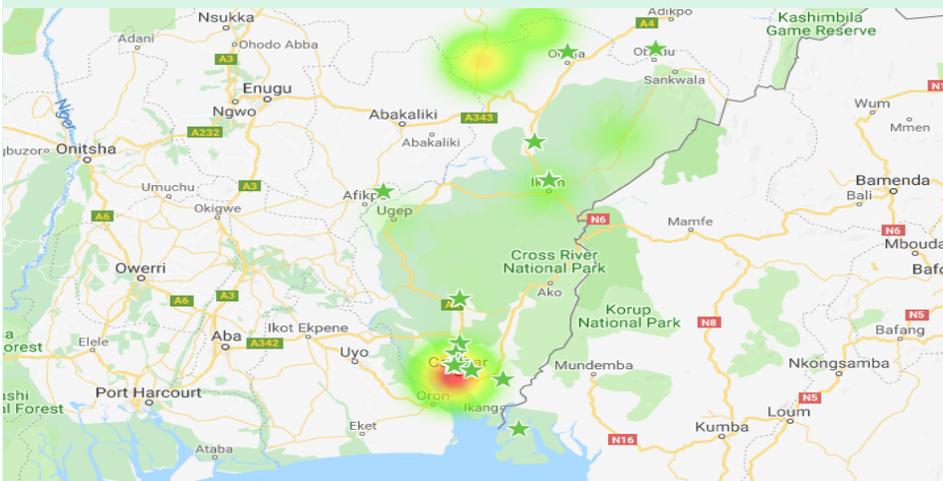


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Calabar South, followed by Calabar Municipal and Yala had the most reported lethal conflict incidents 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June - August 2018 in Cross River; 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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