

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia State: November-December 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 September-November 2018

According to Peace Map data, (see Figure 1), there has been a decrease in lethal violence in Abia state since October 2018. Based on reported incidents (see Figure 2), Abia was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta during the period. Reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality, political violence, human trafficking, pipeline explosion and protests.

Criminality: In September, a retired policeman was reportedly killed by gunmen at his residence in Amaede community, Isiala Ngwa South LGA. Separately, a footballer who plays for one of the top football clubs in the Nigeria Premier League was reportedly kidnapped along with his wife in Aba South LGA. In another incident, the police reportedly arrested a 24-year old man and three members of his gang for abducting the mother of his girlfriend and collecting a 300-hundred thousand naira ransom in Ukwa West LGA. In November, a Pentecostal pastor and two members of his church were reportedly killed by a 27-year old man in

Olokoru, Umuahia South LGA. Separately, a robber was reportedly lynched by a mob in Aba South LGA.

Political Violence: In September, 10 people were reportedly killed by hoodlums during a meeting of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Okpuala Aro village, Osisioma LGA.

Child Trafficking: In September, a couple was reportedly arrested by the police for allegedly selling their 1-week old baby boy for two hundred thousand naira in Isiala Ngwa LGA.

Pipeline Explosion: In October, over 150 people were reportedly burned to death by fire caused by a pipeline explosion in Osisioma Ngwa LGA. The explosion occurred at an abandoned pipeline belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

Labor Strikes/Protests: In September, there was a protest by female traders over issues relating to tax at a market in Aba South LGA. The traders alleged harassment by members of the Abia State Vigilante Services over payment of tax.

Others: In November, a man was reportedly stabbed to death by a soldier in Ugwuagbo LGA. Separately, fire reportedly razed Nkwa Ngwa, a popular market in Aba South LGA.

Recent Incidents, December 2018

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to separatism, domestic violence and fire outbreak.

Separatism: During the month, the police reportedly arrested 51 members of the

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Abia State

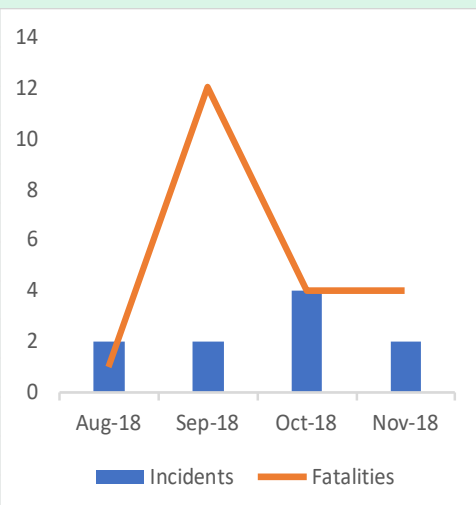
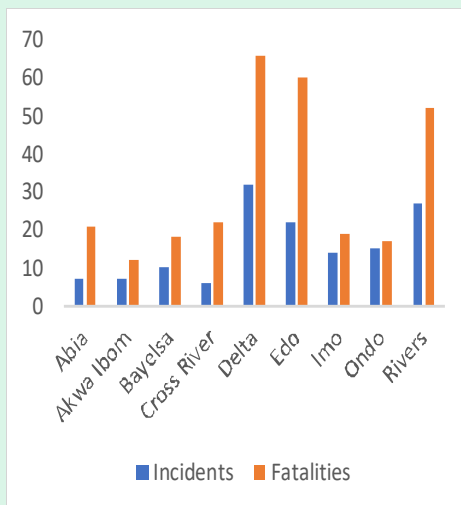


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (Aug - Nov 2018)



Reported incidents and fatalities from August – November 2018 in Abia State and regional trends.

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

Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), including 41 males and 10 females, during a religious procession in Umuahia, the state capital. The procession was reportedly performing a Jewish religious obligation. They were allegedly arrested for a breach of the peace.

Domestic Violence: A man reportedly beat his wife to stupor during a disagreement in Ahaba, Isuikwuato LGA. The later burned himself to death.

Fire Outbreak: A man and his 3-year old son reportedly died during a fire outbreak at their residence in Mgbe street, Aba South LGA.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, political violence, separatism, child trafficking, domestic violence, protests, oil pipeline explosion, and fire outbreak. 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (September - November 2018)

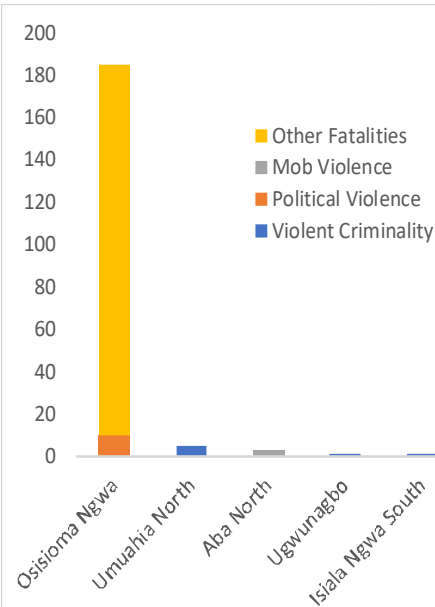
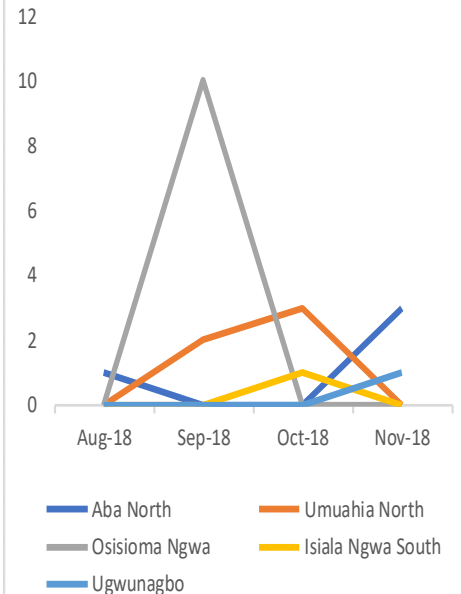
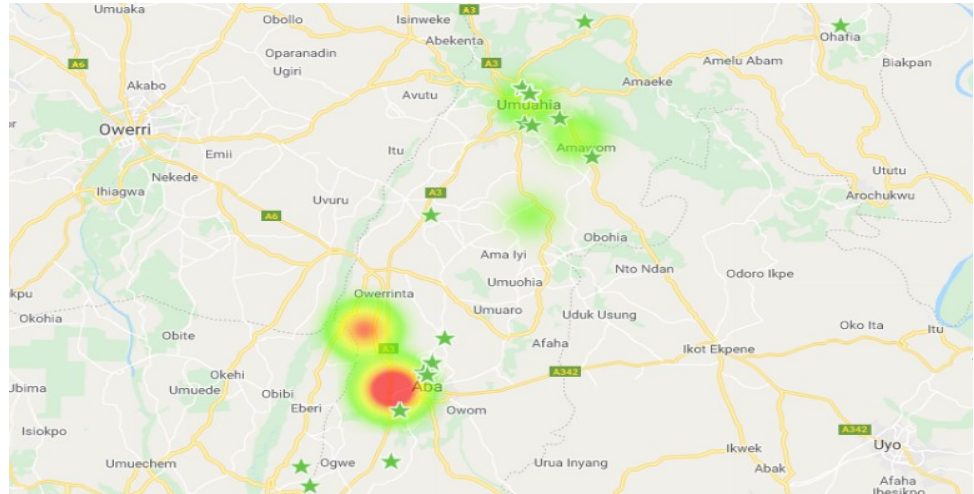


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Abia State this period show that Osisioma Ngwa had the most reported fatalities. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Abia State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from September - November 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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