

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State: February-March 2019

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 Dec 2018-Feb 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in Akwa Ibom state in February 2019. Reported incidents during this period included political and election violence, cult violence, and protest. Based on reported fatalities (see Figure 2), Akwa Ibom was the least violent state in the Niger Delta during the period.

Political Violence: In December, political tension was reportedly heightened following mass decampment of politicians in the state. During the month, for instance, over two thousand members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from 16 LGAs in the state reportedly defected to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Uyo, the state capital. In January, political tension was reportedly elevated in Uyo, the state capital, following an alleged plan by some federal agencies to frame up key leaders of a major political party in order to arrest and detain them ahead of the general elections in the state.

Hoarding of Voters' Cards: In January, in the run-up to the February 2019 elections, operatives of the Nigerian Navy reportedly caught a man with 145 Permanent Voters Card (PVCs) and 27 temporary voters cards in Eastern Obolo LGA. A locally made pistol was also recovered from the suspect. Separately, security operatives reportedly arrested a man with 244 permanent voters' cards in Mbo LGA.

Cult Violence: In January, two people were reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Black Axe and Deybam cult groups in Eket LGA.

Protest: In December, there was a protest by women in Uyo, the state capital, over insecurity in the state. The protesters called for the redeployment of the state

commissioner of police. Separately, thousands of youths protested against an electricity company over employment in Ikot Abasi LGA. The youths called for the relocation of an electricity company to the city and employment of community members in the company.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2019

Incidents during this period mainly related to criminality, cult violence, political and election violence.

Criminality: During the month, a 45-year old member of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) was reportedly killed by four policemen during a

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State

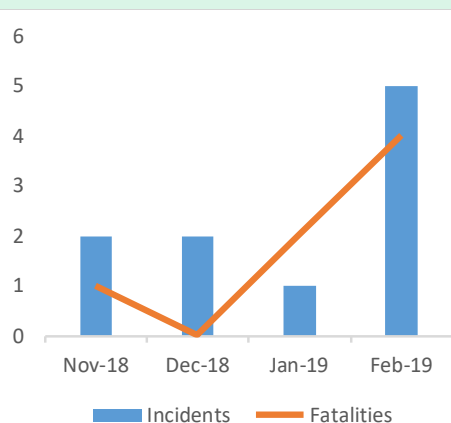
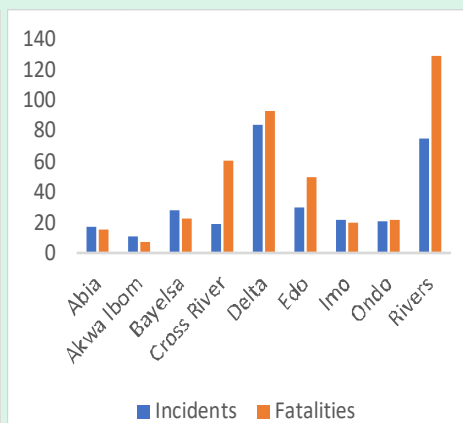


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (Nov 2018 - Feb 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2018–February 2019 in Akwa Ibom State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

disagreement at Itam motor park in Uyo, the state capital. Separately, a soldier was reportedly killed by another soldier during a disagreement at a beach in Ikot Abasi LGA.

Cult Violence: Five people were reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Vikings and Iceland confraternities in Urua Ekpa community, Uyo LGA.

Election Violence: A hoodlum was reportedly shot dead by soldiers during elections in Ikot Udo Ossiom village, Ukanafun LGA. The hoodlum was killed while trying to steal a ballot box from a voting center.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, political and election violence. Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2018 - February 2019)

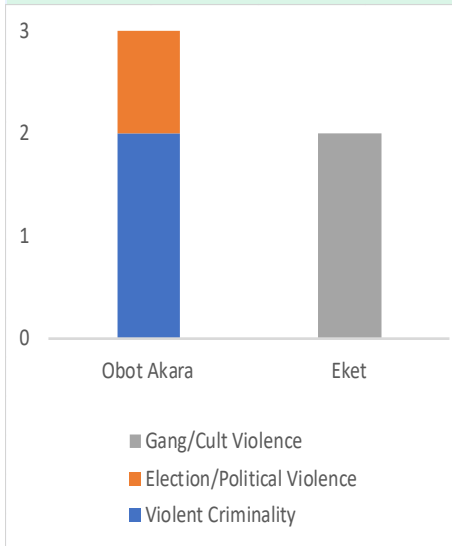
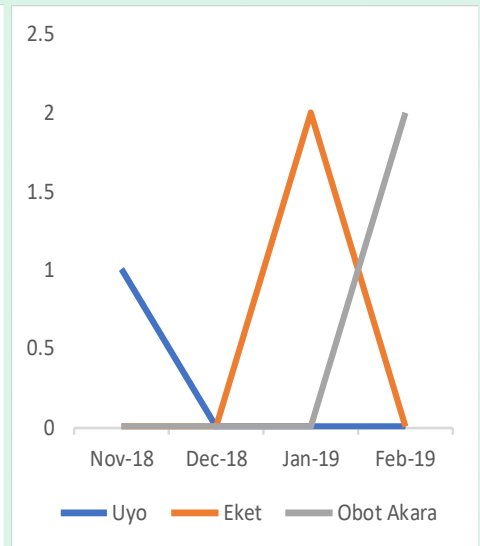
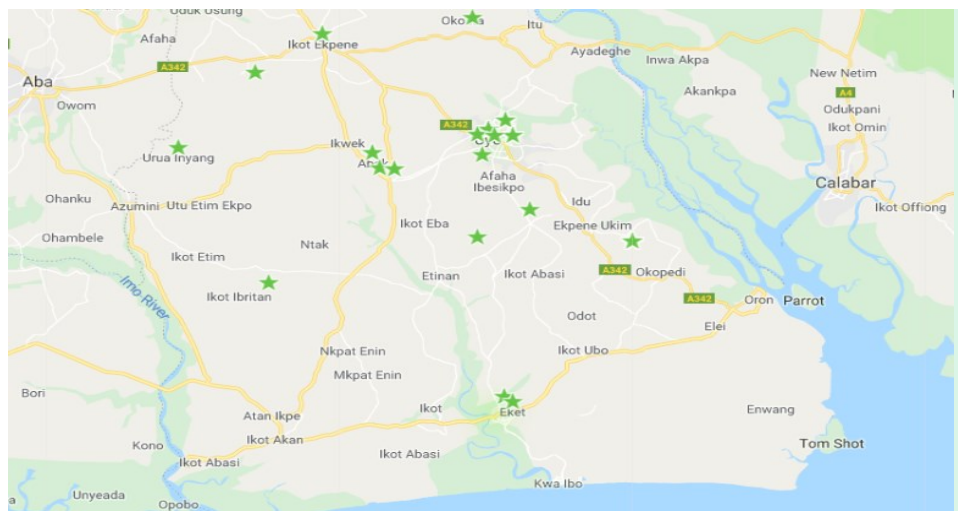


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2018 - February 2019 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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