

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo 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 has been an increase in lethal violence in Edo state since January 2019. Based on reported fatalities (see Figure 2), Edo was one of the most violent states in the Niger Delta during the period. Reported incidents included criminality, cult violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls.

Criminality: In December, a robber was reportedly killed during a gun battle between members of his gang and the police in Benin City, Oredo LGA. In January, gunmen reportedly abducted a State House of Assembly candidate of the All Progressive Congress (APC) and killed his police orderly in Emeora village, Owan West LGA. Separately, gunmen reportedly killed a police orderly attached a local council boss at Upper Sakpoba Road, Ikpoba-Okha LGA.

Cult Violence: In October, over 20 people were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult clashes at different locations in Benin City and its environs in Oredo LGA. In February, a hotel manager was reportedly killed during a clash between two rival cult groups in Sakponba, Ikpoba-Okha LGA. Separately, eight people were reportedly killed during a

supremacy battle between two cult groups in Benin City, the state capital. In another incident, three were reportedly killed during clashes between rival cult groups in a community in Benin City, Oredo LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):

In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence was also reported in the state during this period. In January, for instance, four men were reportedly arrested by the police for defiling a 9-year old girl in Ekpoma, Esan West LGA.

Other: In December, a man along with his wife and baby were reportedly burned to death during a fire incident in their home in Benin City, Oredo LGA. The fire was reportedly caused by a lit candle. In January, a man reportedly killed his wife and two sons

over infidelity in Ovbiogie village, Ovia North East LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2019

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to cult violence and criminality including kidnaping for ransom.

Violent Criminality: Hoodlums reportedly attacked a Divisional Police Headquarters and killed four policemen in Afuze, Owan West LGA. Separately, herdsman reportedly abducted and killed three men including a retired Airforce officer in Ofosu, Ovia North-East LGA. In another incident, a taxi driver was reportedly killed by gunmen in front of his house in Akugbe, Ikpoba-Okha LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State

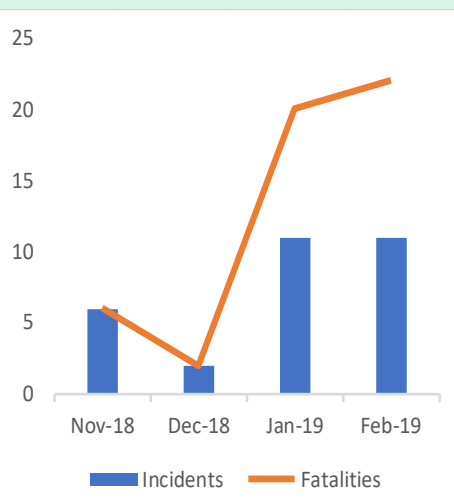
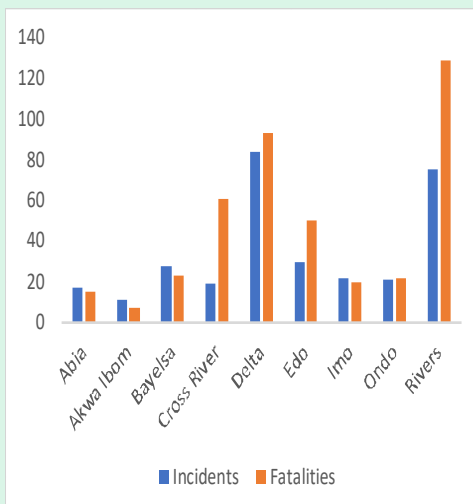


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (Nov 2018 - Feb 2019)



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

Kidnaping: A traditional ruler was reportedly abducted by gunmen in Ukhiri community, Ikpoba Okha LGA. The gunmen kidnapped the monarch from his palace and burned his car. Separately, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) was reportedly abducted by gunmen and later found dead in a forest in Ubiaja, Esan South East LGA.

Cult Violence: Cultists reportedly killed a 23-year old student of a federal polytechnic in Auchi, Etsako West LGA. Separately, a 19-year old boy was reportedly killed during a battle of supremacy between two rival cult groups in Omozeghiam street, Oredo LGA. In another incident, a barber was reportedly shot dead by cultists in front of his shop in Idumwunowina, Ovia North-East LGA.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to cult violence, criminality, 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 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2018 - February 2019)

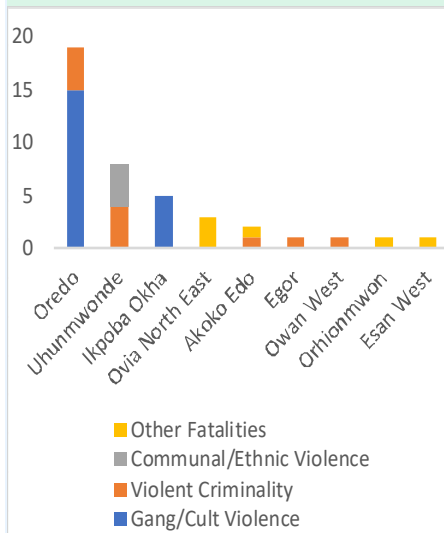
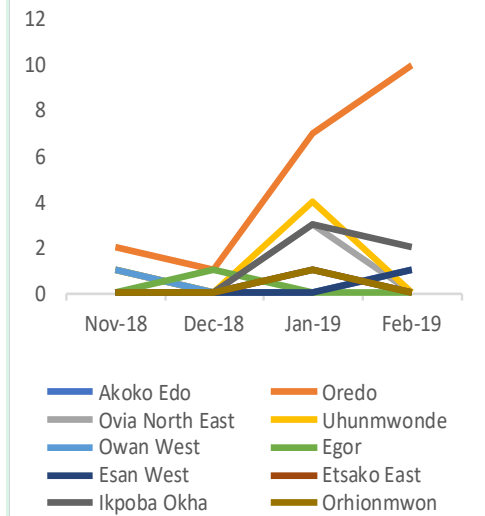
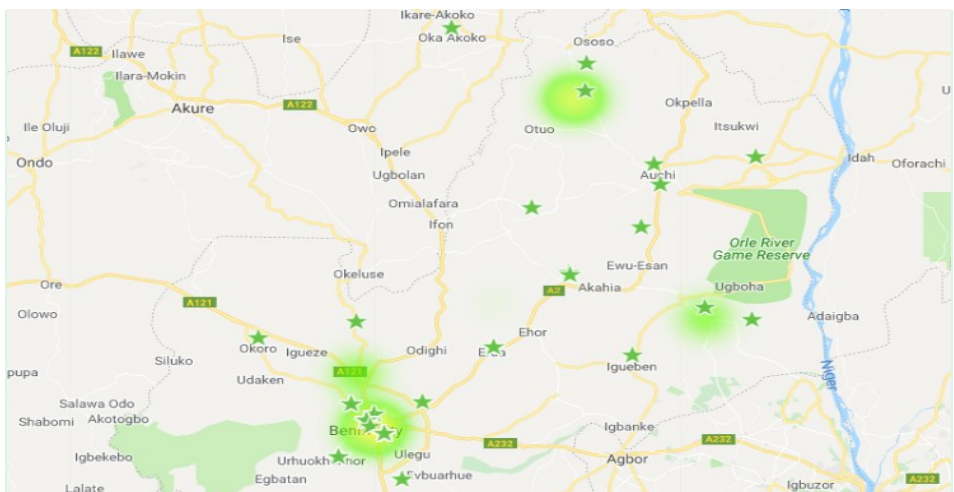


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



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



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

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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