

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Cross River State: March-April 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 January-March 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported in Cross River state during this period included criminality, political violence, and communal violence over land disputes.

**Communal Violence:** In January, tension was reportedly heightened over a missing man in Usumutong community, Yakurr LGA. The headless corpse of the man was found in a bush near a neighboring community. In March, four people were reportedly killed during a clash between three communities in Biase LGA, Cross River state, and Ikwo community in neighboring Ebonyi state. The clash was reportedly triggered by a conflict over an oil palm plantation at Egbor community in Biase LGA. Following the clash, three communities - Egbor, Ipene and Abanwan - in Biase LGA, Cross River State, were reportedly destroyed by attackers from Ebonyi state.

Separately, some people were reportedly killed in renewed clashes over land disputes between Ukelle community in Yala LGA, Cross River state and Izzi community in Ebonyi state. Also, in March, the Cross River state governor raised the alarm over

renewed killings over a longstanding boundary dispute between the two communities.

**Political Violence:** In January, a house belonging to the Cross River state Commissioner for Water Resources was reportedly burned during a clash between supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Etomi community, Etung LGA. In February, a ward chairman of the PDP and three others were reportedly killed during a clash between supporters of the PDP and APC in Bendeghe Ekiem community, Etung LGA. The incident reportedly occurred shortly after leaders of the community facilitated a peace accord between leaders of the parties to ensure a peaceful elections in the area.

**Violent Criminality:** In January, a male journalist and broadcaster with the Cross River Broadcasting Corporation (CRBC) was

reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Calabar Municipal LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, April 2019

Incidents reported during this period related mainly to communal conflict, cult violence, criminality, and sexual violence.

**Communal Violence:** During the month, 10 people were reportedly killed during a clash over a land dispute between some communities in Obubra LGA, Cross River state and Ikwo community in neighboring Ebonyi state.

**Violent Criminality:** Gunmen reportedly killed a police constable at the office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) at Ikot Effiom, Bakassi LGA.

**Cult Violence:** Four people were reportedly killed during a clash between Black Axe and Klans cult groups in Calabar Municipal. The

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Cross River

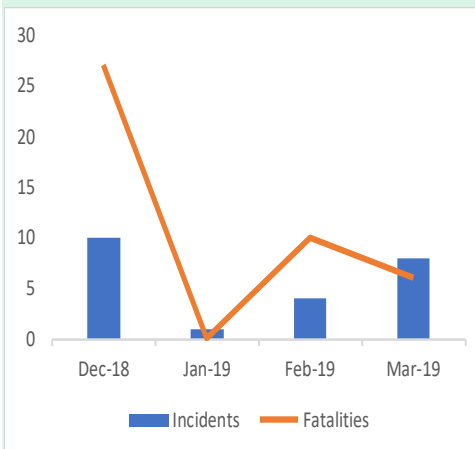
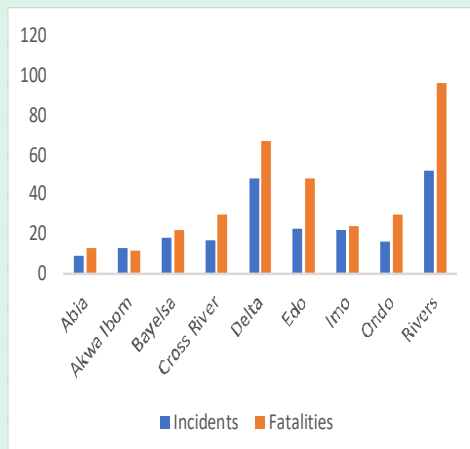


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (Dec 2018 - Mar 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from December 2018 – March 2019 in Cross River State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

clash was reportedly triggered by a fight at a drinking spot in the area.

**Sexual Violence:** During the month, a 45-year old man was arrested for having carnal knowledge of a 5-year old girl at his residence in Mkpang Street, Calabar Municipal LGA. Separately, a 59-year old man was reportedly arrested for raping a 12-year old girl at his residence in Calabar Municipal LGA.

**Human Trafficking:** A man was reportedly arrested by the police for attempting to sell his two children, a boy and a girl, at Murray Street, Calabar Municipal LGA.

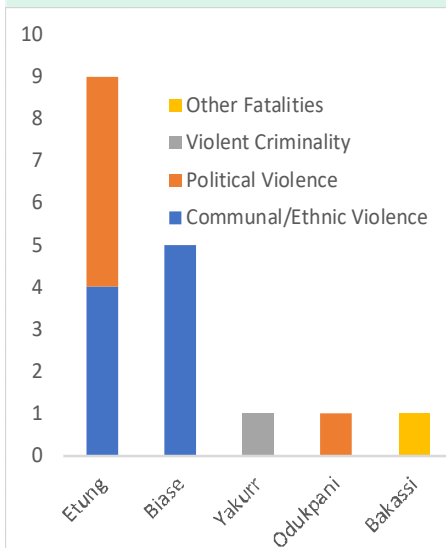
## Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and lethal violence reported during the period included criminality, communal conflict, and political violence, cult violence, sexual violence and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors in the state should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

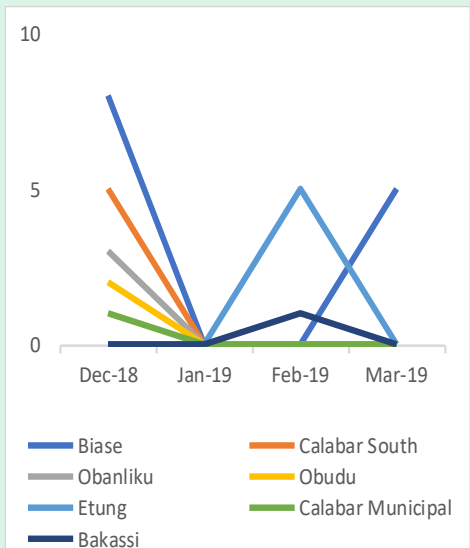
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (January - March 2019)**

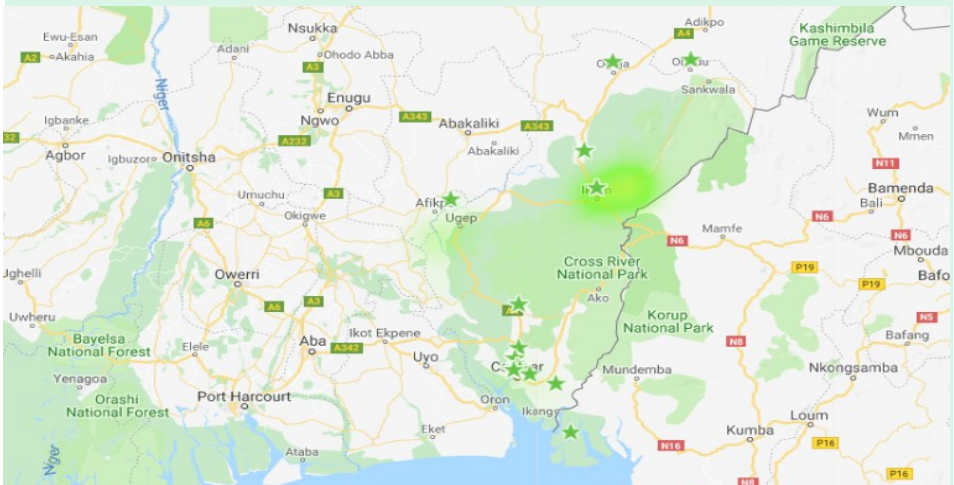


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



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

**Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from January - March 2019 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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