

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo 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), there was an increase in lethal violence in Ondo state in March 2019. Incidents reported in state during this period included political violence, cult violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), and criminality including kidnapping.

**Violent Criminality:** In January, a 75-year old woman was reportedly killed by drug dealers at her farm in Owo LGA. In February, three operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) were reportedly killed by gunmen suspected to be illicit drug dealers in Ifon community, Ose LGA. In March, a man reportedly killed his brother-in-law during a disagreement over a debt in Adebowale area, Akure South LGA. Separately, the corpse of a man was reportedly found in a septic tank at the residence of a security guard in Ita Olugbo, Akure South LGA. The victim was allegedly shot dead by the security guard during a fight.

**Kidnapping:** In February, a chieftain of the All Progressives Congress (APC) was

reportedly abducted in Ute community, Ose LGA. Separately, two sawmill operators were reportedly kidnaped by gunmen in Akoko North East LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In March, three people were reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Eiye and Aye cult groups in Akure South LGA

**Political Violence:** In March, two people were reportedly killed during a clash between youths and some officials of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in Oba Akoko community, Akoko South East LGA. Separately, four people were reportedly killed during a clash between supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ore community, Odigbo LGA.

### Violence Affecting Women and Girls

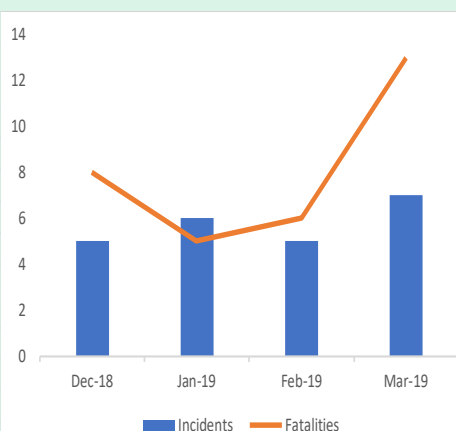
**(VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence was also reported during this period. In January, for instance, a 43-year old woman was reportedly raped by a 39-year old security guard in Agbogbo, Akure South LGA. In March, a man was reportedly arrested by security operatives for having a carnal knowledge of his 12-year old daughter in Akure Town, Akure North LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, April 2019

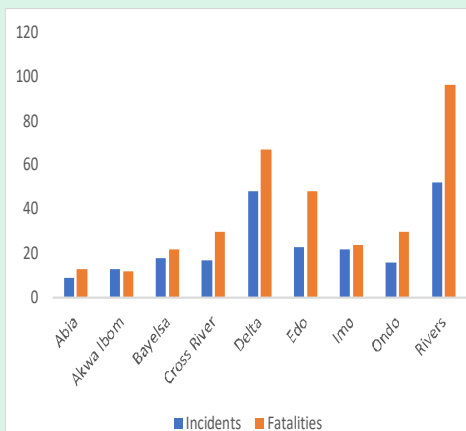
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**Criminality:** During the month, robbers reportedly trailed an Anglican church bursar

**Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State**



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



Reported incidents and fatalities from December 2018 - March 2019 in Ondo 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).

from the bank, killed him and made away with money belonging to his church in Alagbaka, Akure, the state capital. Separately, two bankers and two customers were reportedly killed by gunmen during a bank robbery in Idoani, Ose LGA.

**Ritual Killings:** A 50-year old woman was reportedly kidnapped and killed for ritualistic purposes in Arigidi Akoko, Akoko North West LGA. Her corpse was found near her home with her breasts removed. Separately, a young man reportedly sold his 60-year old mother to ritualists for seven million naira in Ayetoro, Ondo West LGA.

**Domestic Violence:** Five people were reportedly killed and several others suffered various degrees of burnt after a man set ablaze the home of his girlfriend's family in Okitipupa LGA.

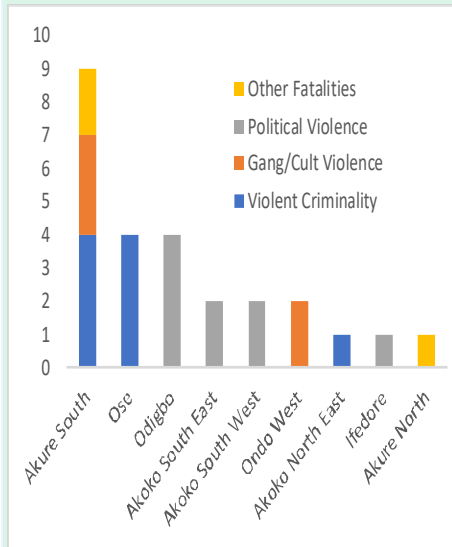
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to political violence, cult violence, sexual violence, domestic violence, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

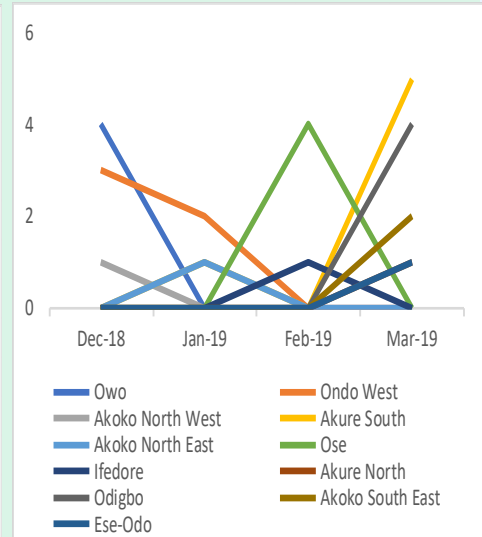
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is anything missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue 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, medium, and long term?

**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (January - March 2019)**

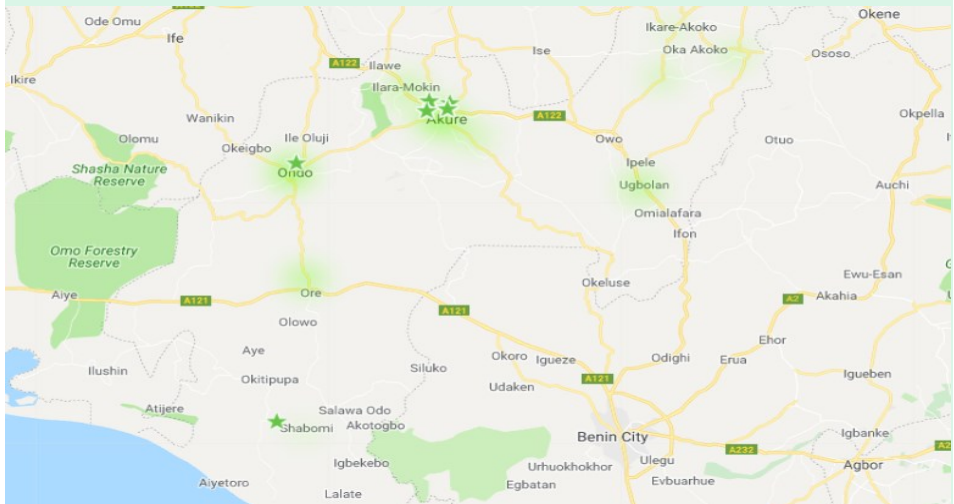


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Akure South had the highest number of 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from January – March 2019 in Ondo, 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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