

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo 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 a decrease in lethal violence in Edo state in March 2019. Based on reported fatalities (see Figure 2), Edo was the third most violent state in the Niger Delta during the period. Reported incidents included cult violence, domestic violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls, and criminality including kidnapping.

**Criminality:** 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. In March, hoodlums reportedly attacked a Divisional Police Headquarters and killed four policemen in Afuze, Owan West LGA. Separately, a taxi driver was reportedly killed by gunmen in Akugbe, Ikpoba-Okha LGA.

**Kidnaping:** In March, a traditional ruler was reportedly abducted by gunmen in Ukhiri community, Ikpoba Okha LGA. 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. In another incident, herdsmen reportedly abducted and killed three men including a retired Airforce officer in Ofosu, Ovia North-East LGA.

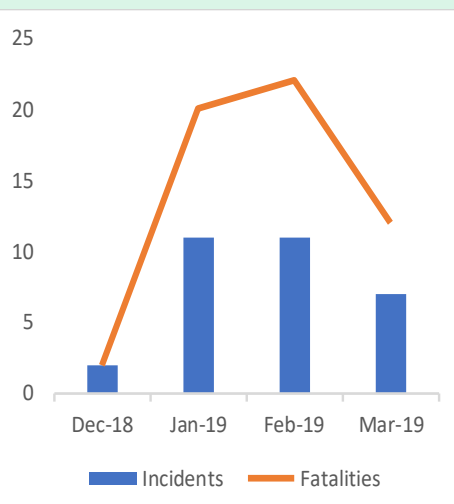
**Cult Violence:** In February, a hotel manager was reportedly killed during a clash between two rival cult groups in Sakponba, Ikpoba-Okha LGA. Separately, eight people were reportedly killed during a supremacy battle between two cult groups in Benin City, the state capital. In another incident, three people were reportedly killed during clashes between rival cult groups in a community in Benin City, Oredo LGA. In March, 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 for 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.

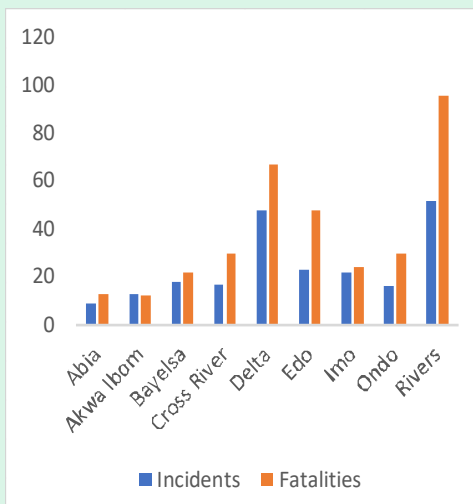
**Domestic Violence:** In January, a man reportedly killed his wife and two sons over infidelity in Ovbiogie village, Ovia North East LGA.

**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.

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



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



Reported incidents and fatalities from December 2018 – March 2019 in Edo 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).

## Recent Incidents or Issues, April 2019

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to cult violence and protest.

**Cult Violence:** During the month, the state government reportedly closed down two secondary schools in Benin City, as a result of cult violence. The closure followed a clash between rival cult groups in the two secondary schools.

**Protest:** There was a protest by students of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Benin over a labor strike embarked by lecturers of the institution.

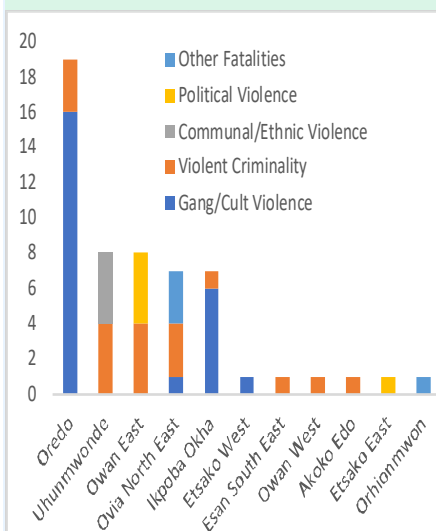
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to cult violence, criminality, domestic violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

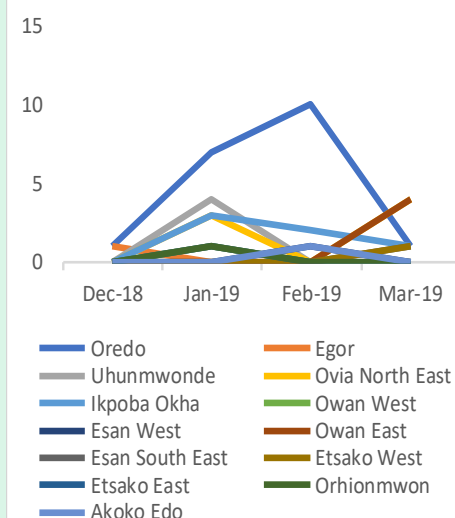
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (January - March 2019)**

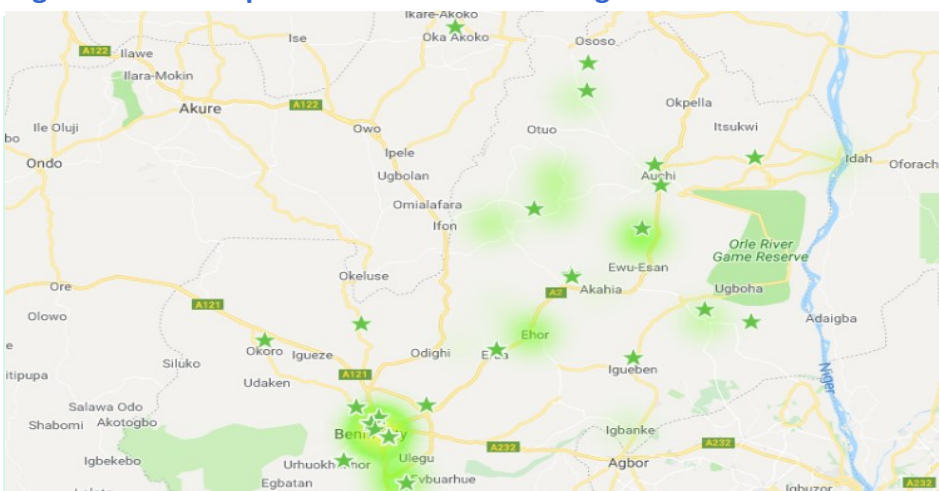


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from January - March 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](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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