

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo State: April-May 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 February-April 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in Ondo state in April 2019. Incidents reported in state during this period included political violence, cult violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), criminality including kidnapping, and killings for ritualistic purposes.

Violent Criminality: 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. In April, robbers reportedly trailed an Anglican church bursar 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 Ido-Ani, Ose LGA.

Kidnapping: In February, two sawmill operators were reportedly kidnaped by gunmen in Akoko North East LGA. Separately, a chieftain of the All Progressives Congress (APC) was reportedly abducted in Ute community, Ose 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, 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. Separately, 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.

Ritual Killings: In April, a 50-year old woman was reportedly kidnaped 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.

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 March, for instance, a man was reportedly arrested by security operatives for having a carnal knowledge of his 12-year old daughter in Akure North LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State

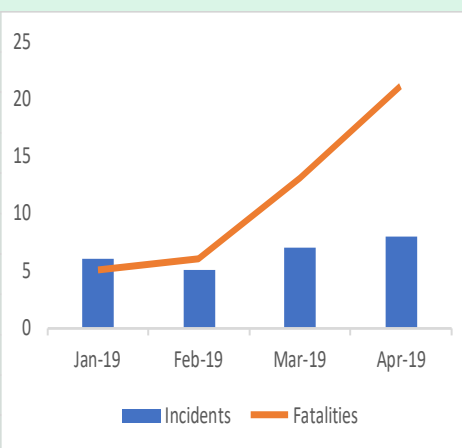
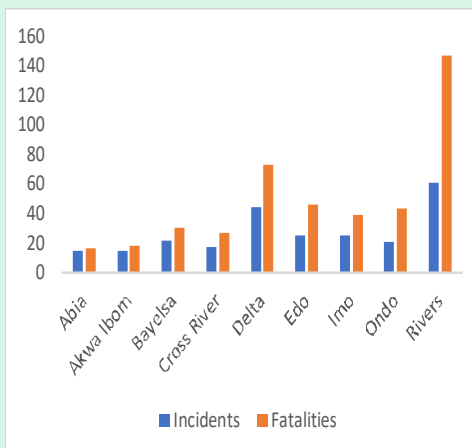


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (January - April 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from January - April 2019 in Ondo State and regional trends.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Domestic Violence: In April, 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.

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2019

Incidents during the month related mainly to criminality, ritual killings, and protests.

Mob Violence: During the month, two men allegedly responsible for the killing of aged women for ritualistic purposes were reportedly arrested by a community vigilante group in Arigidi, Akoko North-West LGA.

Protests: There was a protest by students of a federal university over their colleague who was reportedly killed by a reckless driver in front of the school in Akure, the state capital.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Ondo state during this period was driven mainly by political violence, cult violence, ritual killings, sexual 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 (February - April 2019)

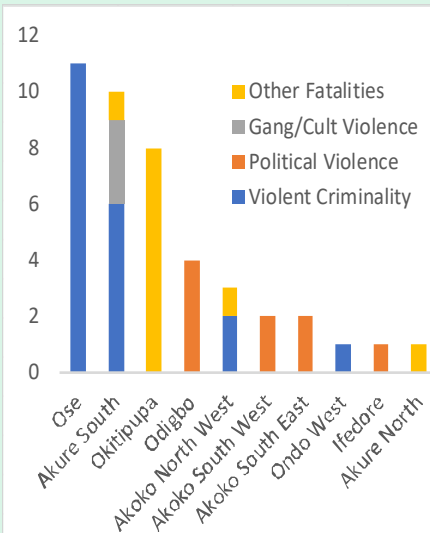
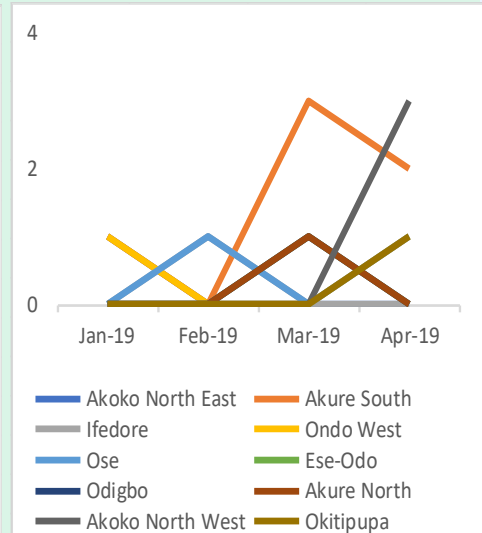
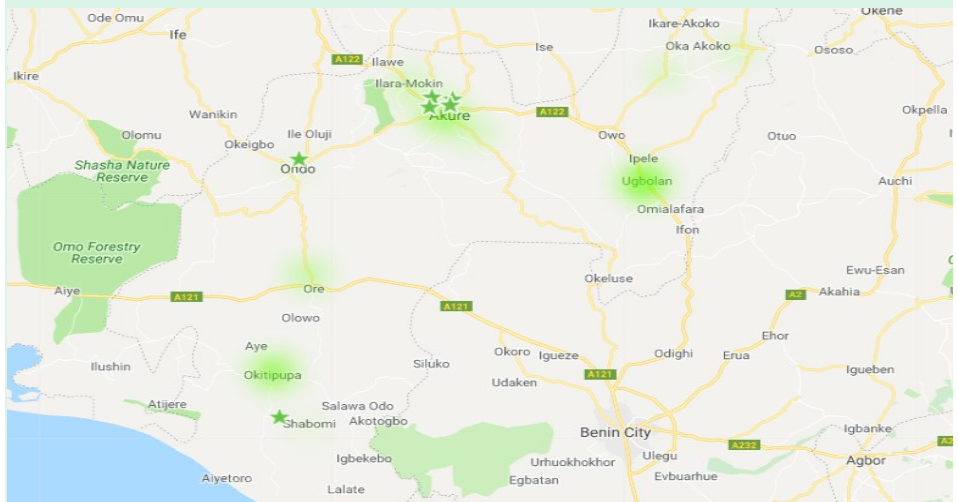


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Ose, followed by Akure South and Okitipupa, 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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from February – April 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

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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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