

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom 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 2), Akwa Ibom was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta during this period. Reported incidents in Akwa Ibom during this period included political and election violence, criminality, cult violence, domestic violence, and disease outbreak.

Election/Political Violence: In March, a hoodlum was reportedly shot dead by soldiers during elections in Ikot Udo Ossiom village, Ukanafun LGA. The hoodlum was killed while trying to steal a ballot box from a voting center.

Cult Violence: In March, five people were reportedly killed during a clash between members of the Vikings and Iceland confraternities in Urua Ekpa community, Uyo LGA. In April, four students were reportedly killed during a clash between rival cult groups at a university in Uyo, the state capital.

Violent Criminality: In March, a 45-year old member of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) was reportedly killed by four policemen during a disagreement at Itam motor park in Uyo, the state capital. Separately, a soldier was reportedly killed by another soldier during a disagreement at a beach in Ikot Abasi LGA. In April, an expatriate working with a construction company was reportedly abducted by gunmen in Uruan LGA. The kidnappers also killed a security operative attached to the expatriate.

Domestic Violence: In April, a male pastor was reportedly killed by his younger brother during a disagreement over a domestic issue in Uyo, the state capital.

Other Fatalities: In April, it was reported that 14 people were killed by water borne diseases in Okoro-Utip community, Ibeno

LGA. The outbreak of the diseases was reportedly caused by the activities of some oil companies operating in the area.

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2019

Incidents during this period mainly related to communal conflict and criminality.

Communal conflict: During the month, eight people, including fishermen, farmers and traders, were reportedly killed during a resurgence of communal conflict over a longstanding land dispute in Oku Iboku community in Itu LGA, Akwa Ibom state. The villagers were reportedly attacked by militias from neighboring Ikot Offiong community in Odukpani LGA, Cross River state.

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State

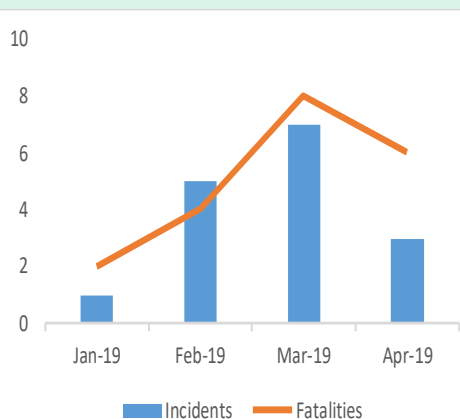
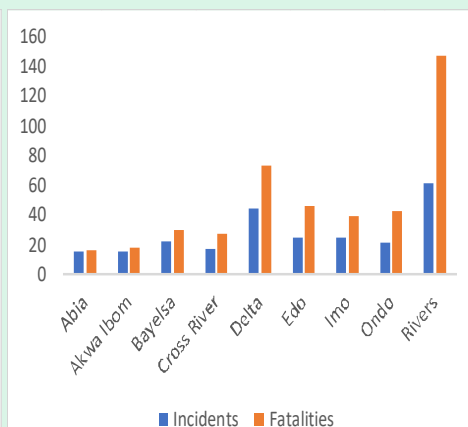


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (January - April 2019)



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

Criminallity: A student of the Akwa Ibom State University was reportedly killed by robbers at Ikot Okoro Road, Oruk Anam LGA. Separately, hoodlums reportedly attacked Ekpenyong Atai village in Essien Udim LGA and chased away residents including the village head. Properties were also destroyed during the incident.

Protest: During the month, a group of 'Persons Living with Disabilities' protested at the state government house in Uyo, the state capital, over delay in the passage of a law that prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence during this period were driven mainly by criminality, cult violence, election violence, communal conflict over land, and protests. 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 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 (February - April 2019)

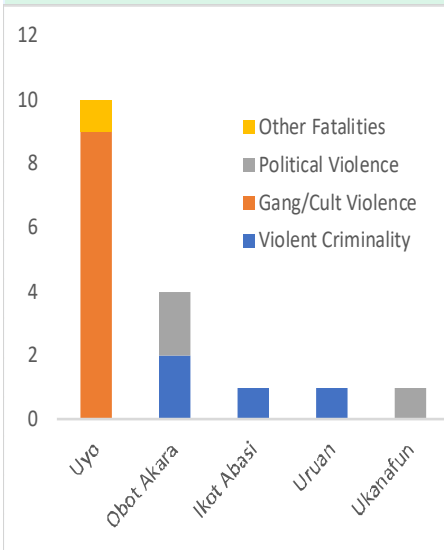
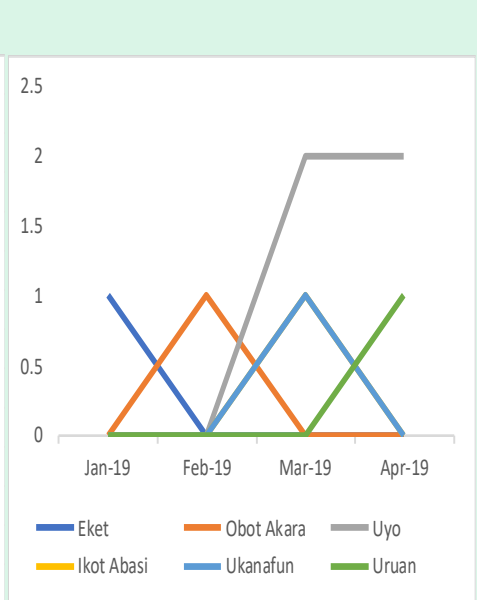
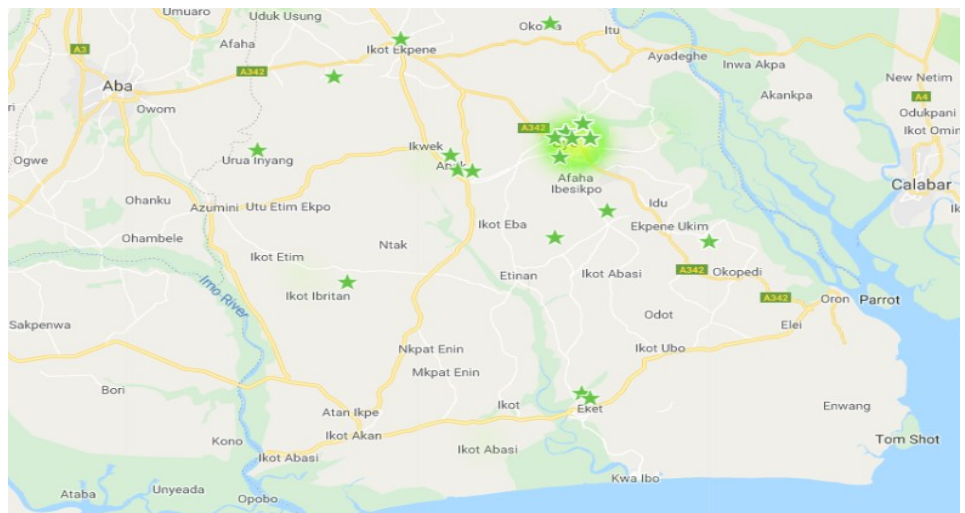


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Uyo, followed by Obot Akara, had the most reported lethal conflict 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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from February - April 2019 in Akwa Ibom; 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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