

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo State: June-July 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 April-June 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in lethal violence in Edo state in June 2019. Reported incidents included communal conflict, cult violence, protests, and criminality including kidnapping.

**Criminality:** In May, gunmen reportedly shot dead a man along Medical Road in Egor LGA. Separately, hoodlums reportedly robbed worshippers and kidnapped a pastor from a church in Ologbosere, Egor LGA.

**Kidnaping:** In June, a Catholic priest was reportedly abducted by gunmen along Auchigarra Road, Akoko Edo LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In May, 11 people were reportedly killed following renewed cult violence in Benin City, the state capital. The killings took place during clashes between members of Eiye and Black Axe cult groups in different parts of the city. In June, three persons reportedly sustained injuries during a clash between members of a vigilante and a cult group at a funeral in Fugar community, Etsako Central LGA.

**Communal Conflict:** In June, a residents was reportedly killed by herdsmen in Okada, community, Ovia North East LGA. The incident sparked off a protest by youths who reportedly sacked some camps set up by the herdsmen in the area.

**Protest:** In April, there was a protest by some students of the University of Benin over a labor strike embarked by lecturers of the institution. In May, there was a protest against an oil company over community development and other issues relating to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Kolokolo, Ikpoba-Okha LGA. Separately, youths and women protested over a plan by the state government to develop a residential estate in their community in Gelegele, Ovia North-East LGA.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2019

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

**Violent Criminality:** During the month, the police reportedly killed four teenage robbers who stole a car at gunpoint in Benin City, Oredo LGA. Separately, two robbers were reportedly killed during a gun duel with the police in Ekehuan community, Egor LGA. In another incident, three robbers were reportedly arrested for robbing a man of his car in Ekpoma, Esan West LGA.

**Kidnaping:** Gunmen reportedly kidnapped two Chinese working with an aluminum company and killed a policeman attached to them in Utesi community, Ikpoba-Okha LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State

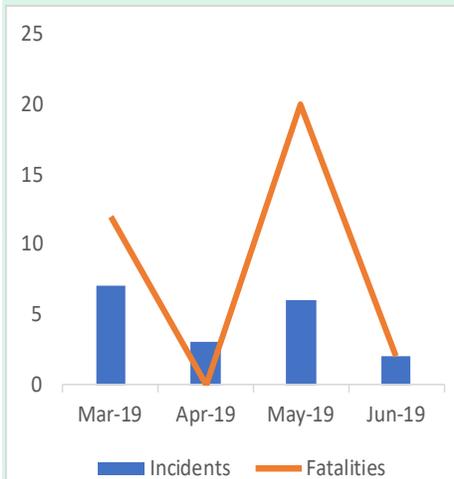
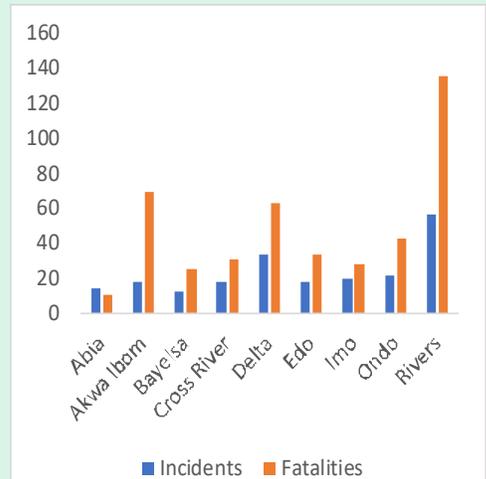


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (March - June 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from March – June 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).

Separately, herdsmen who double as kidnapers reportedly killed a naval officer and abducted 17 passengers from a commercial bus along the Benin-Lagos expressway in Ekiadolor, Ovia North-East LGA. In another incident, three women who were travelling to Lagos were reportedly abducted by kidnapers in Okada, Ovia North-East LGA. Gunmen reportedly abducted a man who was driving to his farm in Igarra-Okpe community, Akoko-Edo LGA.

**Other Fatalities:** An army corporal reportedly stabbed a man to death during a disagreement in Agbede community, Etsako West LGA. Separately, a 13-year old pupil was reportedly killed by flood on his way to school in Uromi, Esan North-East LGA.

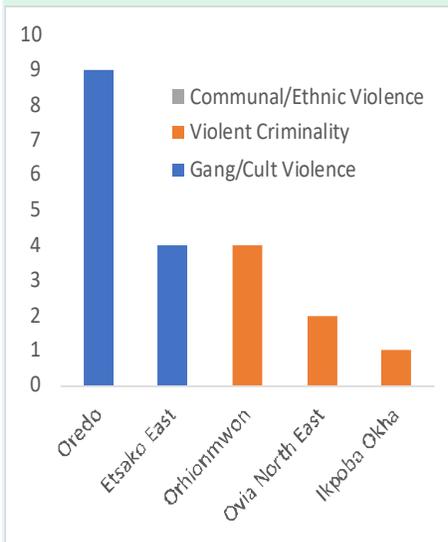
### Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Edo state during this period were driven mainly by cult violence, communal conflict, protest, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom. Peace Actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

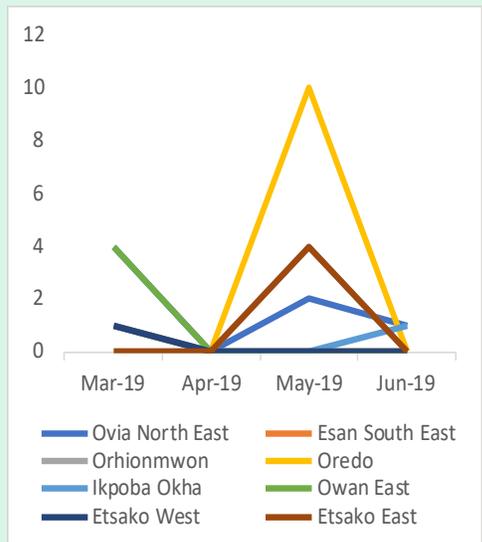
### Questions for Peace Agents

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 (April - June 2019)**

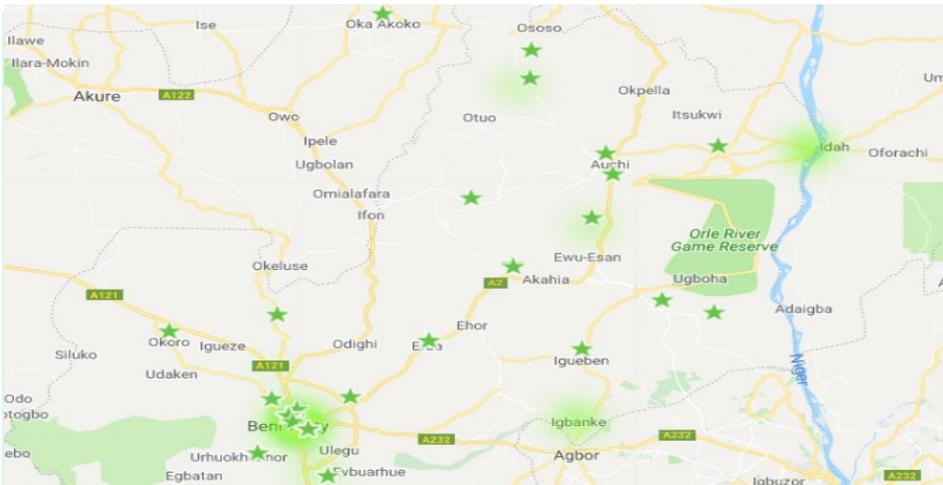


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Oredo, followed by Etsako East and Orhionmwon, 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 April - June 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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