

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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 2), Ondo was one of the most violent states in the Niger Delta during this period. Incidents reported in state during this period included criminality, cult violence, killing for ritualistic purposes, domestic violence, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Violent Criminality: 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. In June, gunmen reportedly attacked the convoy of the officials of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in Owo LGA. The gunmen shot a driver and injured a security operative. Separately, a commercial bus driver was reportedly abducted by kidnappers at Ita-Ogbolu, Akure North LGA. The kidnapper later demanded a 5-million naira ransom.

Ritual Killings: In April, a 50-year old woman was reportedly kidnapped and killed for ritualistic purposes in Arigidi Akoko, Akoko North West LGA. Separately, a young man reportedly sold his 60-year old mother to ritualists for seven million naira in Ayetoro, Ondo West LGA. In May, 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.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG):

In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, other violence against women was reported during this period. In April, for instance, a 50-year old woman was reportedly kidnapped and killed for ritualistic purposes in Arigidi Akoko, Akoko North West LGA.

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 ex-girlfriend's family in Okitipupa LGA.

Protests: In May, there was a protest by students of a federal university over the death of their colleague who was reportedly killed by a reckless driver in front of the school in Akure, the state capital. In June, youths from Ilaje LGA reportedly protested at the Ondo state governor's office in Akure, the state capital, over issues relating to the management of the Ondo State Oil Producing Area Development Commission (OSOPADEC). One of the protesters was reportedly shot during the incident.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State

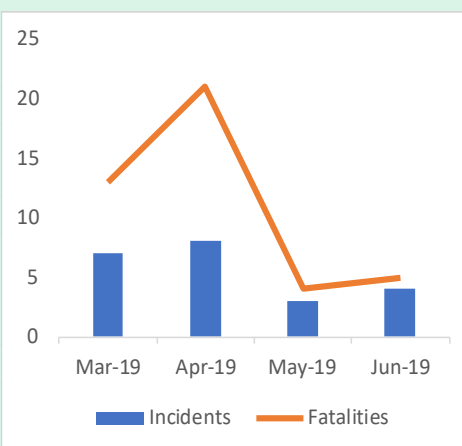
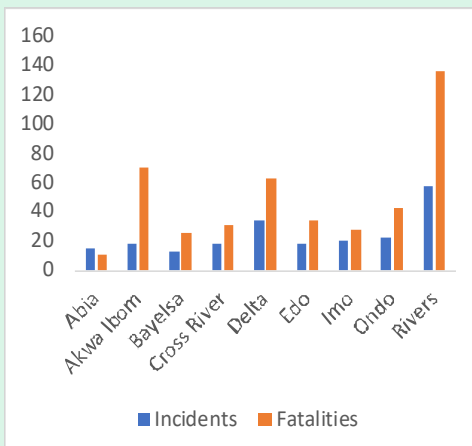


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (March - June 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from March - June 2019 in Ondo State and regional trends.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2019

Incidents during the month related mainly to communal conflict and criminality.

Communal Conflict: During the month, four people were reportedly killed and six others injured during a clash over a land dispute between Ikale community in Okitipupa LGA and Araromi-Obu community in Odigbo LGA. Four houses were destroyed during the incident.

Criminality: A 58-year old daughter of a prominent leader of a Pan-Yoruba socio-cultural organization was reportedly shot dead by herdsmen who double as kidnappers along the Ore-Benin expressway in Odigbo LGA.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Ondo state during this period were driven mainly by cult violence, ritual killings, criminality including kidnapping for ransom, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). 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 (April - June 2019)

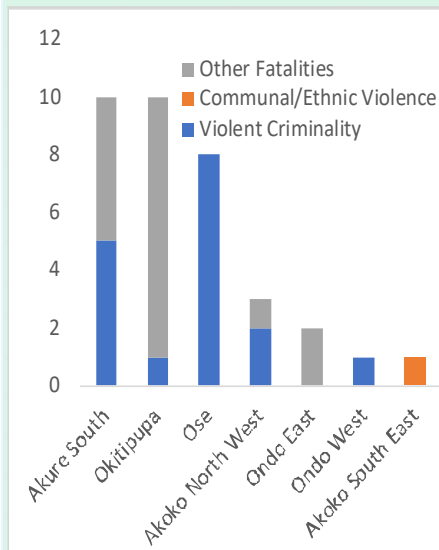
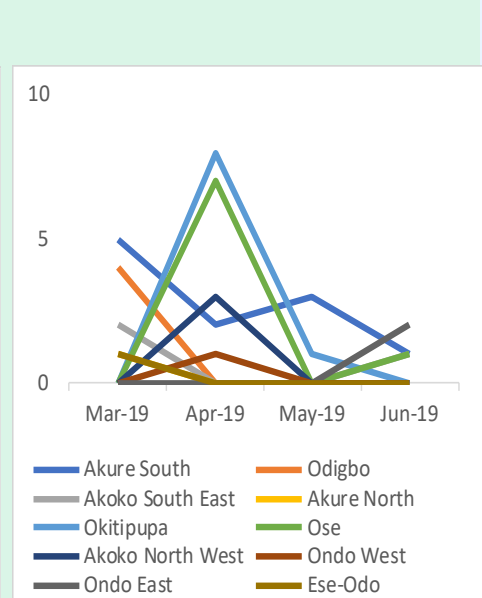
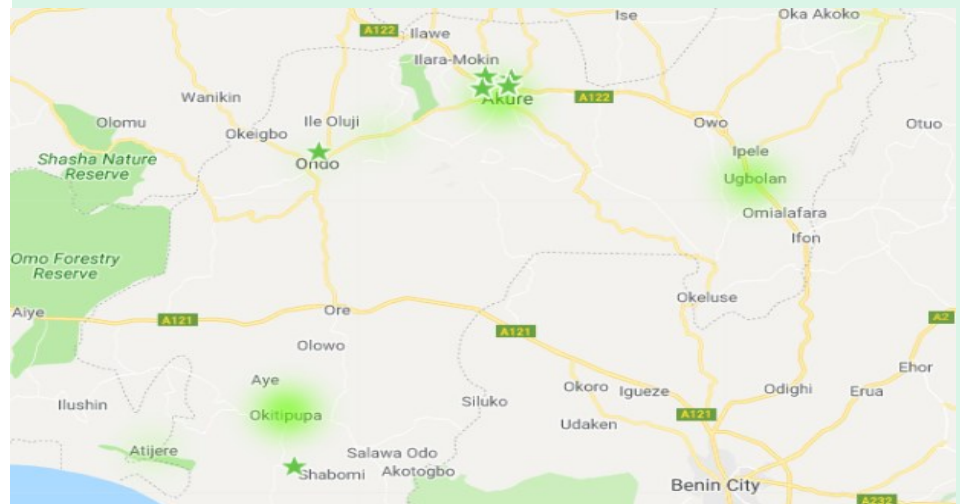


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this period show that Akure South and Okitipupa had the highest number of lethal conflict. 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 April – June 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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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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