

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State: July-August 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 May-July 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Akwa Ibom was the third most violent state in the Niger Delta during this period, based on reported fatalities. Reported incidents during this period included communal conflict, violent criminality, kidnaping, and protest.

Communal Conflict: In May, eight people, including fishermen, farmers and traders, were reportedly killed following a resurgence of communal conflict over a 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. In June, three people were reportedly killed during a clash between Ikot Osute and Ikot Ukpong communities, Oruk Anam LGA. The conflict was reportedly triggered by a love affair between two residents from both communities.

Violent Criminality: In May, 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.

Kidnapping: In July, gunmen reportedly killed two soldiers and kidnapped an expatriate at a road construction site in Inen Ekeffe community, Ukanafun LGA. The two soldiers were killed while they were escorting the expatriate during an inspection tour of a road construction project in the area. The gunmen reportedly made away with rifles belonging to the soldiers.

Protest: In May, a group of 'Persons Living With Disabilities' protested in Uyo, the state

capital, over delay in the passage of a law that prohibits discrimination against persons living with disabilities in the state. In June, youths protested against an oil company over issues relating to employment in Eket LGA. The youths barricaded the operational base of the company during the protest.

Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2019

Incidents during this period mainly related to inter-communal conflict and protests.

Communal Conflict: During the month, some herdsman reportedly attacked a community, killed a resident and injured another in Obio Nso community, Mkpato Enin LGA.

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State

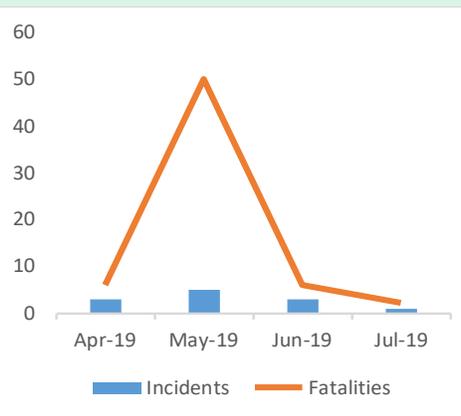
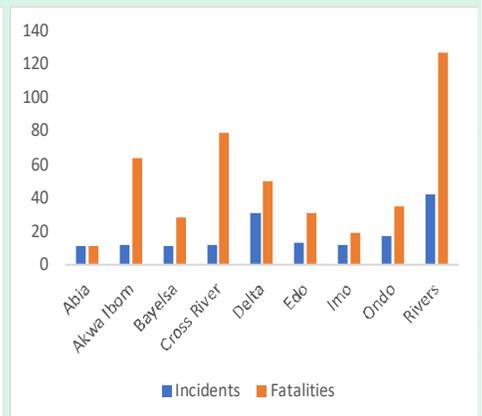


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (April - July 2019)



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

Protests: There was a protest by residents of a fishing community in Oron LGA over frequent attacks by pirates. The protesters call for the deployment of public security operatives to address the security situation in the area. Separately, youths from some communities in Itu LGA reportedly protested at the Akwa Ibom State office of the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHEDC) in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital. The youths protested over the condition of electricity power supply in their communities in Itu LGA.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Akwa Ibom state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, violent criminality, kidnapping for ransom, 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 (May - July 2019)

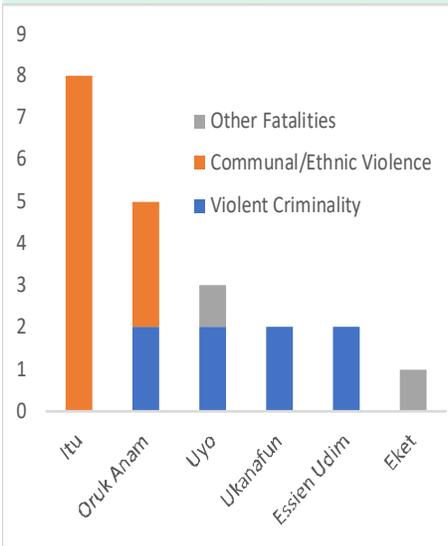
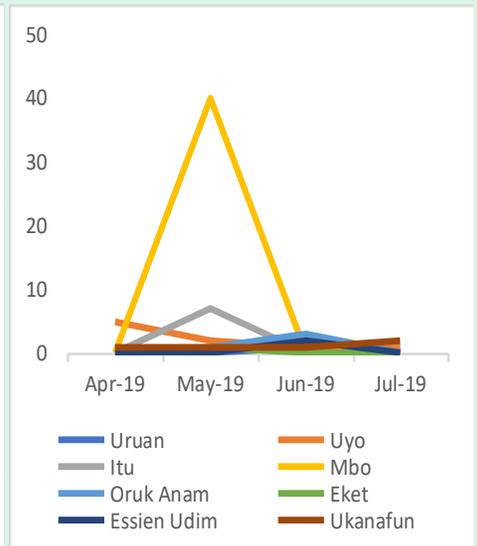
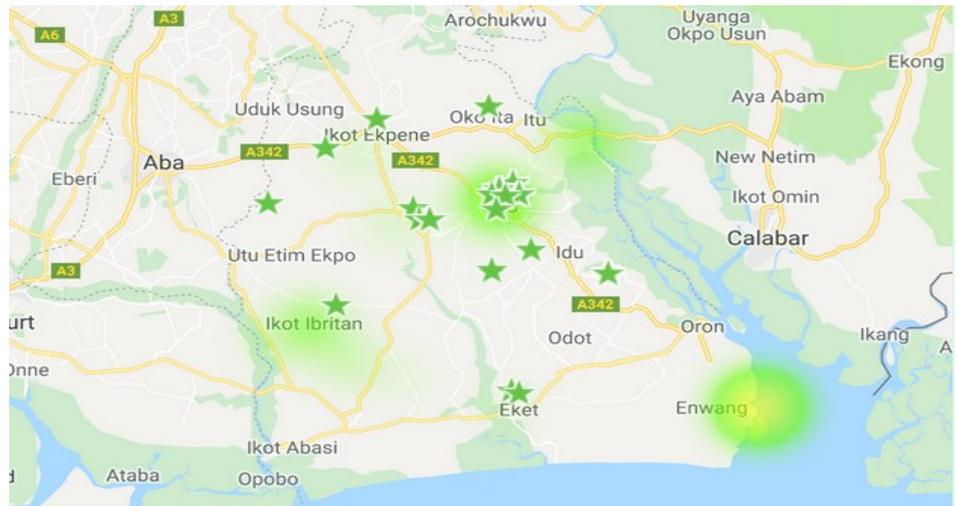


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (May - July 2019)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Itu, followed by Oruk Anam, 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 May - July 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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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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