

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River 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 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in Cross River state in July 2019. Based on reported fatalities Cross River was the second most violent state in the Niger Delta during the period. Incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, cult violence, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Communal Violence: In May, two people were reportedly killed during a renewed communal clash over a land dispute in Odukpani LGA. In July, 50 people were reportedly killed and 10 communities destroyed during communal clashes over land disputes in Udukpani LGA. Separately, a man and his son were reportedly killed in the farm during a clash over a land dispute between Usumutong and Ebom communities in Abi LGA. In another incident, two persons were reportedly killed during a clash over a land dispute between Obudu community, Cross River state and neighboring Tsar community in Vandiekya LGA, Benue State.

Cult Violence: In May, two people were reportedly killed during clashes between

rival cult groups at two different locations in Calabar Municipal LGA. In June, security operatives reportedly arrested a male student of the University of Calabar for cultism and illegal possession of firearms in Calabar South LGA. In July, four people including a male final year student of the Cross River State University of Technology were reportedly shot dead by cultists at Ekpo Abasi, Calabar South LGA.

Violent Criminality: In May, a man reportedly killed his elder brother during a domestic disagreement in Wanihem community, Yala LGA. Villagers reportedly buried the suspect alive with the victim. In June, a man who allegedly doubles as a pastor and traditional medicine practitioner was reportedly arrested for robbery in Calabar South LGA. In July, two people were reportedly killed by gunmen at Palm Street and Watt Market respectively in Calabar South LGA.

Separately, gunmen reportedly shot a traffic police officer at Etta-Agbor, Calabar Municipal LGA.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In addition to the impact of communal violence and criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence was also reported during this period. In June, for instance, a man who doubles as a pastor and traditional medicine practitioner reportedly raped a woman he was contracted to heal of an illness in Calabar South LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2019

Incidents reported during this period related mainly to communal conflict and protest.

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Cross River

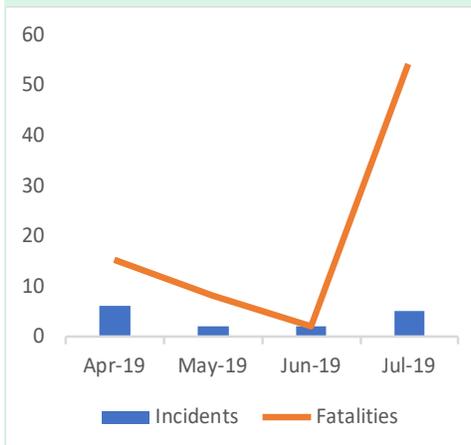
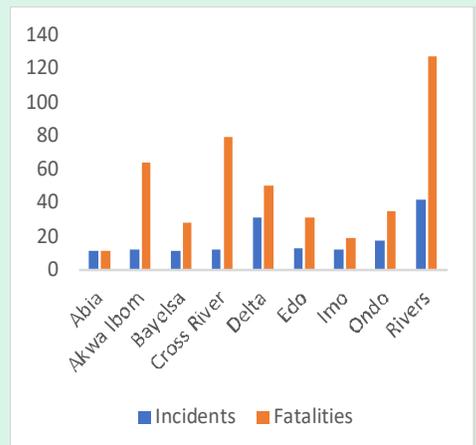


Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (April - July 2019)



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

Communal Conflict: During the month, there was a reported clash between Ebom and Usumotong communities in Abi LGA. Militias allegedly from Ebom community reportedly attacked Usumotong community. The attackers were later repelled by soldiers deployed to the affected communities.

Protest: Youths protested over electricity power supply in Ahafa Ube community, Itua LGA. The protesters barricaded an electricity power transmission station in the area. They prevented workers from gaining access to the station.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Cross River state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors in the state 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 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 and long term?

Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (May - July 2019)

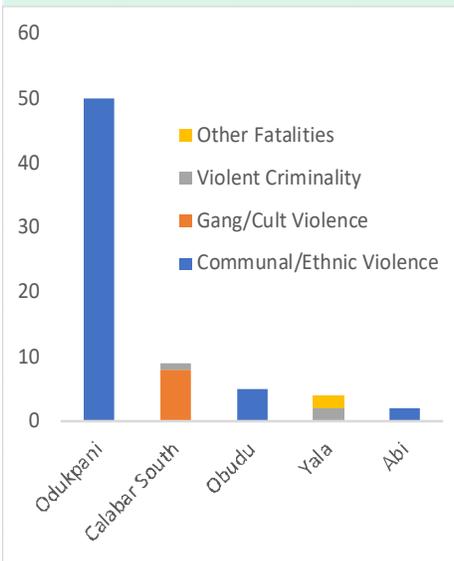
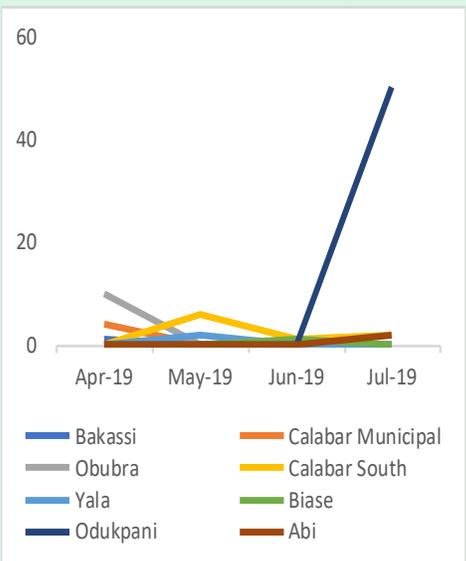
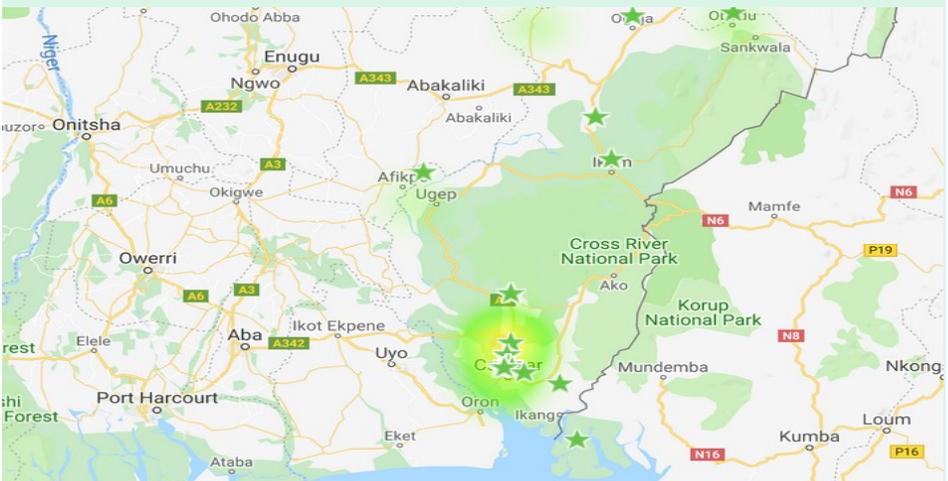


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (Apr - Jul 2019)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Odukpani had the most reported lethal conflict incidents 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 Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from May - July 2019 in Cross River; 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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