

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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 no significant change in the levels of conflict risk and lethal violence in Ondo in July 2019, compared to the previous month. Incidents reported in state during this period included criminality, communal conflict, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Violent Criminality: In June, gunmen reportedly attacked the convoy of some 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 in Ita-Ogbolu, Akure North LGA. The kidnapper later demanded a 5-million naira ransom.

Communal Conflict: In July, 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.

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 July, for instance, 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.

Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2019

Incidents during the month related mainly to communal conflict, criminality, political violence, child abuse, and sexual violence.

Criminality: During the month, gunmen reportedly shot an Inspector of Police and

killed one other at a security checkpoint in Isua-Ise, Akoko North-East LGA. Separately, a female banker was reportedly killed and five others injured during a bank robbery in Iju-Itaogbolu, Akure North LGA. In another incident, gunmen reportedly robbed and killed a 20-year old female Point of Sales (POS) operator in Oke-Ogba, Akure South LGA.

Communal Conflict: Five people were reportedly killed during a clash over a land dispute between Araromi-Obu community in Odigbo LGA and Ikale community in Okitipupa LGA. Separately, there was a protest by community youths over the appointment of a monarch who allegedly is not an indigene in Aboto, Ilaje LGA.

Political Violence: Political thugs reportedly attacked the secretariat of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ondo town,

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State

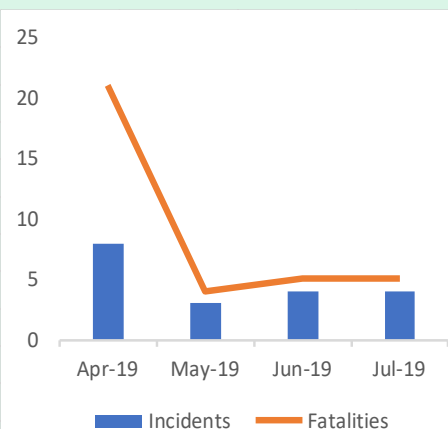
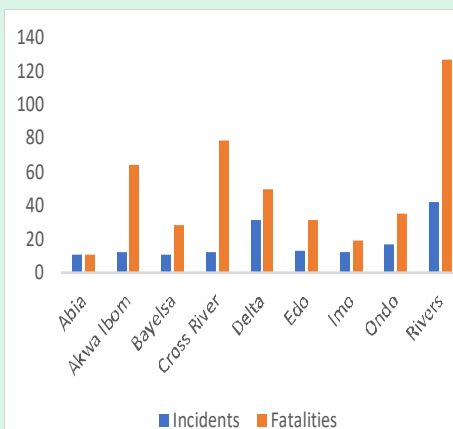


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (April - July 2019)



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

Ondo West LGA. The thugs destroyed the secretariat and inflicted machete cuts on eight persons including the chairman of the party in the local government.

Sexual Violence/Child Abuse: A female university student was reportedly raped by a soldier at a security checkpoint in Ikare-Akoko, Akoko North-East LGA. The victim was raped on her way from school. Separately, a female student of the Ondo State School of Health and Technology was reportedly raped by three cultists at the residence of her boyfriend in Oda, Akure South LGA. In another incident, a 4-year old girl was reportedly beaten to death by her female guardian in Akure town, Akure South LGA.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Ondo state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, political violence, criminality including kidnapping for ransom, sexual violence, 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 (May - July 2019)

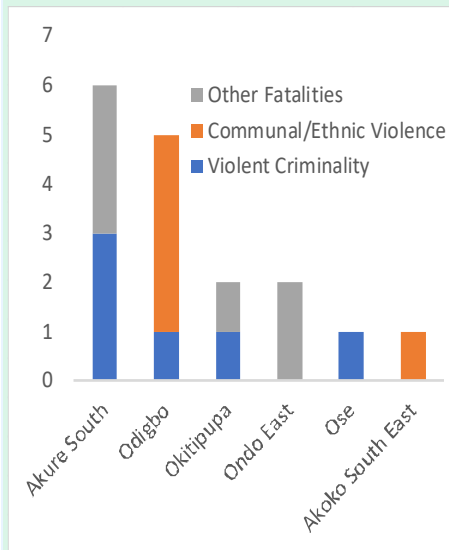
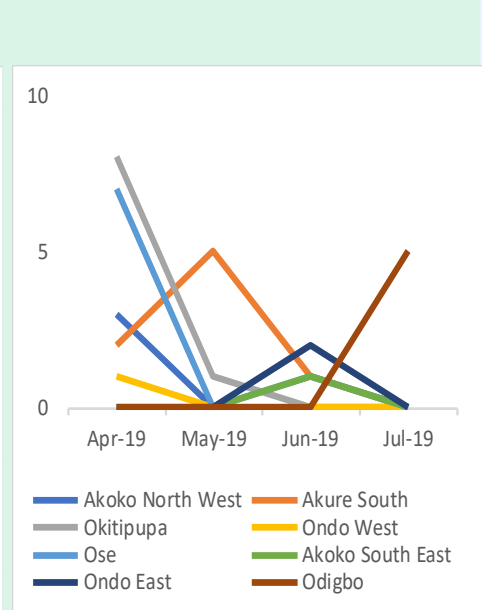
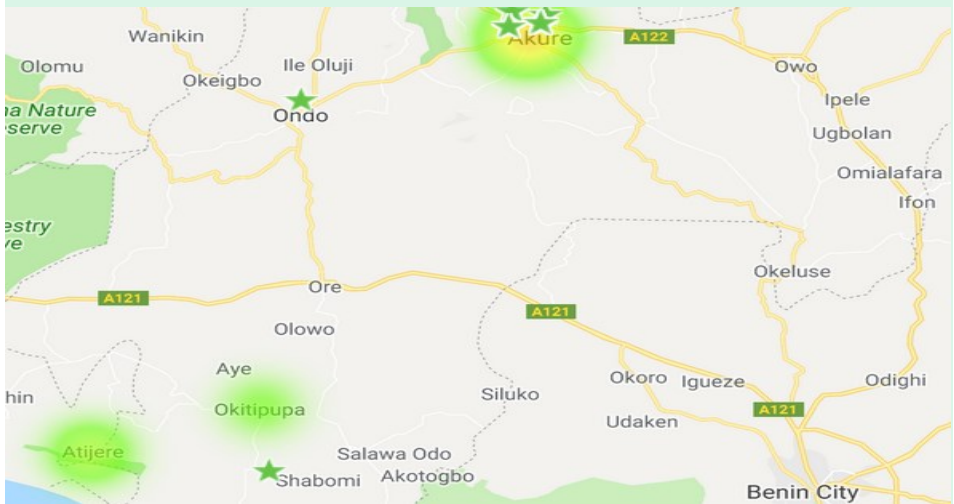


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this period show that Akure South, followed by Odigbo, 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 May – July 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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