

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Abia State: August-September 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

#### June-August 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Abia was the least violent state in the Niger Delta during this period. Reported incidents in the state during this period related mainly to inter-communal conflict over land disputes, violent protests, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

**Violent Criminality:** In July, a robber was reportedly killed during a gun battle with operatives of the police Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Mgboko community, Obi Ngwa LGA. In August, a policeman was reportedly killed during a gun battle between operatives of the police Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) and some kidnappers in Aro Ngwa community, Osisioma LGA.

**Kidnapping:** In July, a bureau de change operator was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Okpu-Umuobo community, Osisioma LGA. Separately, the police reportedly rescued two kidnapped victims along New Umuahia Road in Aba North LGA.

**Communal Conflict:** In July, a man was reportedly killed during a communal clash over a boundary dispute in Lokpanta

community in Umunneochi LGA. Youths from Lokpanta reportedly clashed with youths from a community in neighboring Ebonyi state over the ownership of a quarry site. In August, a market and some farmlands were reportedly attacked by armed men during a conflict over a land dispute between Amaba and Ovim communities in Isuikwuato LGA.

**Violent Protest/Riot:** In June, there was a violent protest by youths following the reported killing of a young man by a policeman in Afaraukwu community, Umuahia North LGA. The protesters burned a car belonging to the policeman.

**Other:** In August, a commercial motorcyclist (Okada Rider) was reportedly shot dead by a soldier at a security checkpoint in Ohanze Isiahia town, Obi Ngwa LGA. The motorcyclist was allegedly shot for refusing

to pay 100 naira demanded by the security operatives at the checkpoint. The incident sparked off a violent protest by youths who reportedly set fire on a military patrol van.

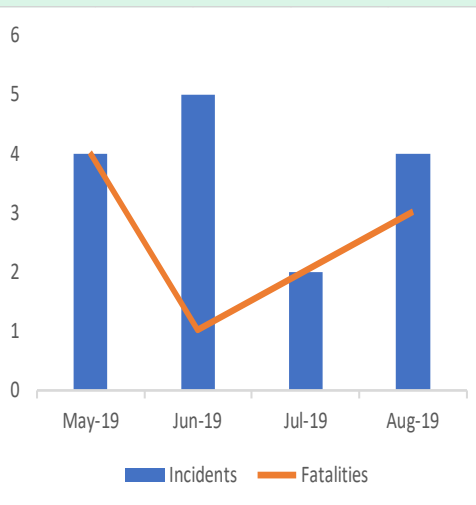
### Recent Incidents, September 2019

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality and protests.

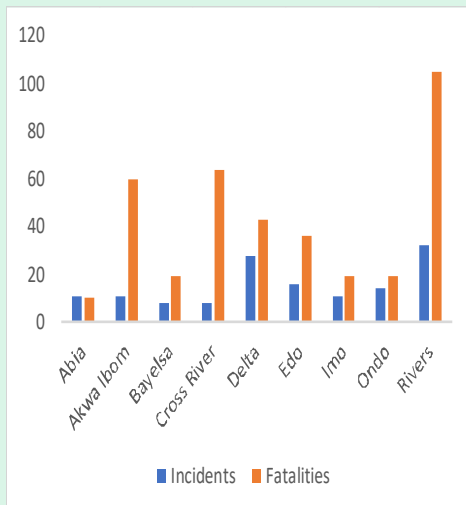
**Criminality:** During the month, robbers reportedly attacked three policemen on patrol, killed one and injured another in Ndiegoro, Aba North LGA. The robber reportedly made away with three rifles belonging to the policemen.

**Protest:** There was a protest by some members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Aba South LGA over the nomination

**Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Abia State**



**Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (May - August 2019)**



Reported incidents and fatalities from May– August 2019 in Abia 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).

of a candidate into the board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

**Others:** A resident was reportedly killed by an operative of the Abia State Vigilante Services in Aba South LGA. The resident was allegedly killed over issues relating to cultism. The incident sparked off a protest by youths who took the corpse to the Aba Central Police Station.

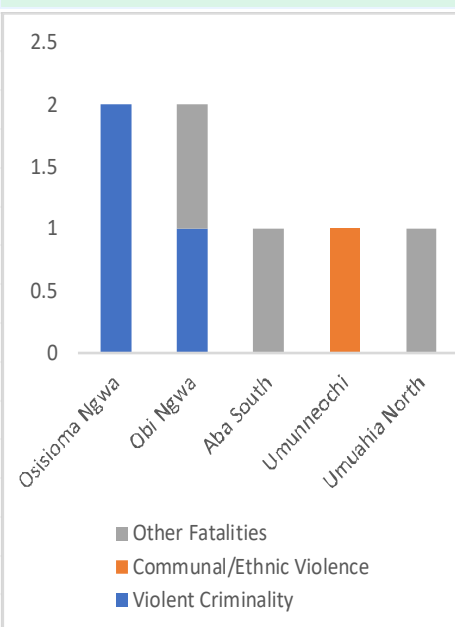
## Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Abia state during this period were driven mainly by criminality including kidnaping for ransom, inter-communal conflict, and violent protests. Peace Agents must continue to monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

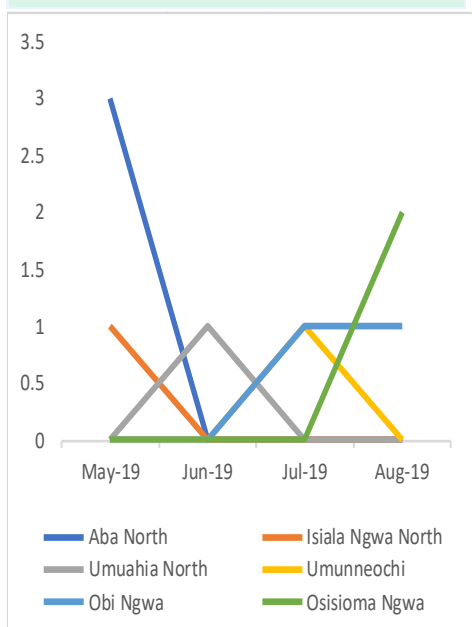
## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential 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 (June - August 2019)**

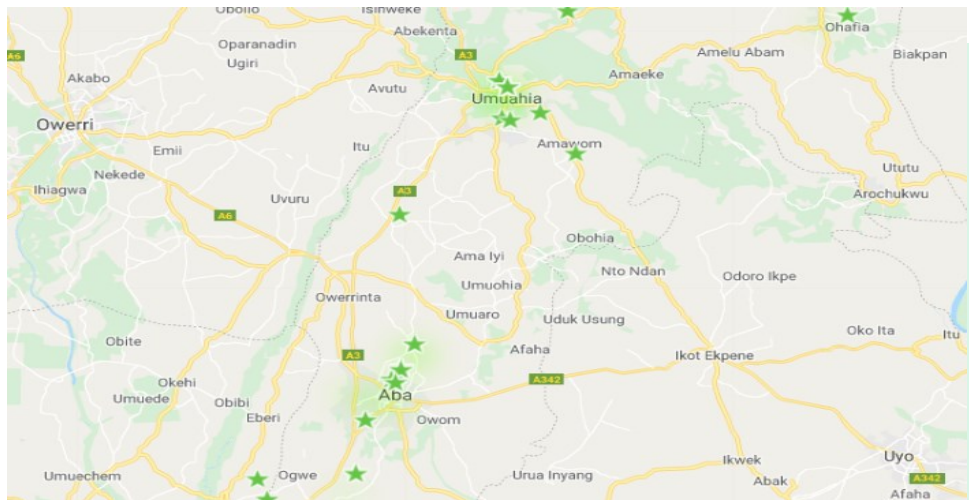


**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported fatalities by Local Government Area (LGA) in Abia State this period show that Osisioma Ngwa and Obi Ngwa had the most reported conflict fatalities. 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 Abia State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June – August 2019 in Abia 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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