

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Ondo 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), Ondo was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta during this period. Incidents reported in the state during this period included criminality, communal conflict, political violence, 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 Itaogbolu, Akure North LGA. In August, 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:** 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. In August, 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.

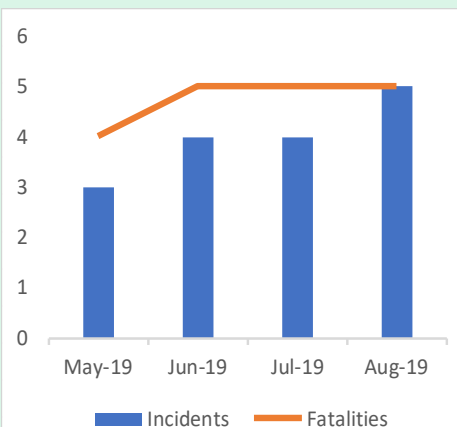
**Political Violence:** In August, political thugs reportedly attacked the secretariat of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ondo town, Ondo West LGA. The thugs destroyed the secretariat and inflicted machete cuts on eight persons including the chairman of the

party in the local government.

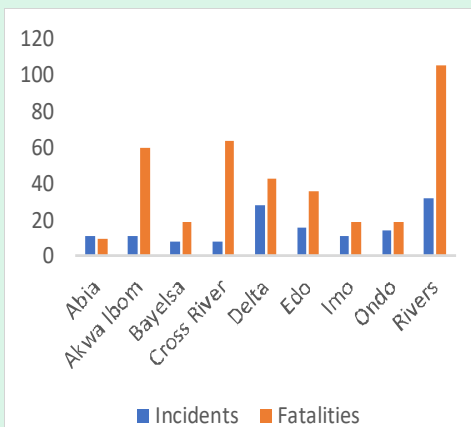
### Violence Affecting Women and Girls

**(VAWG):** In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, other violence against women were 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. In August, a female university student was reportedly raped by a soldier at a security checkpoint in Ikare-Akoko, Akoko North-East LGA. Separately, a female student of the Ondo State School of Health and Technology was reportedly raped by three cultists in Oda, Akure South LGA. In another incident, a 4-year old girl was reportedly beaten to death by her female guardian in Akure South LGA.

**Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State**



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



Reported incidents and fatalities from May - August 2019 in Ondo 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).

## Recent Incidents, September 2019

Incidents during the month related mainly to intra-communal conflict.

**Communal Conflict:** During the month, youths reportedly stoned their traditional ruler with tubers of yams in protest over the failure of the monarch to participate in the New Yam festival in Ilara - Mokin community, Ifedore LGA. It was alleged that the monarch did not participate in the festival because he is a Christian. A palace was vandalized during the incident.

**Other:** Over 30 cattle belonging to some herdsmen were reportedly struck dead by lightening while grazing in an area considered sacred by residents of a agrarian community in Oke-Owa, Ifedore LGA.

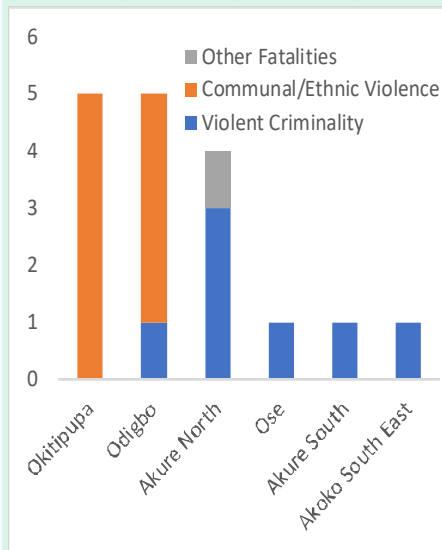
## Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Ondo state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, political violence, criminality including kidnapping, sexual violence, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

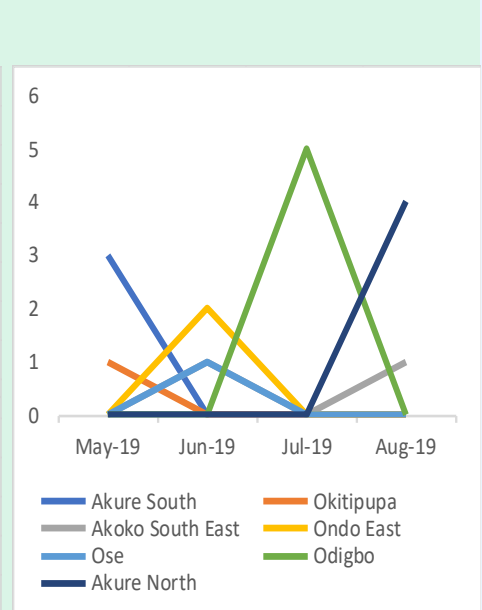
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (June - August 2019)**



**Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this period show that Okitipupa and 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Ondo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June – August 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](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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