

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Edo - January 2016

### 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 Oct-Dec 2015

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there has been a rise in political, communal, cultist, and criminal violence over the past quarter, with 15 reported fatalities in December 2015.

**Political Tensions (Nov):** As the election approaches, political sentiments run high with protests and rallies staged by the two major political parties in the state.

**Communal Violence (Nov):** Violence between vigilantes and Fulani herdsmen reportedly killed one person in Owan East LGA.

**Cult Violence (Dec):** Several people were reportedly killed in cult clashes.

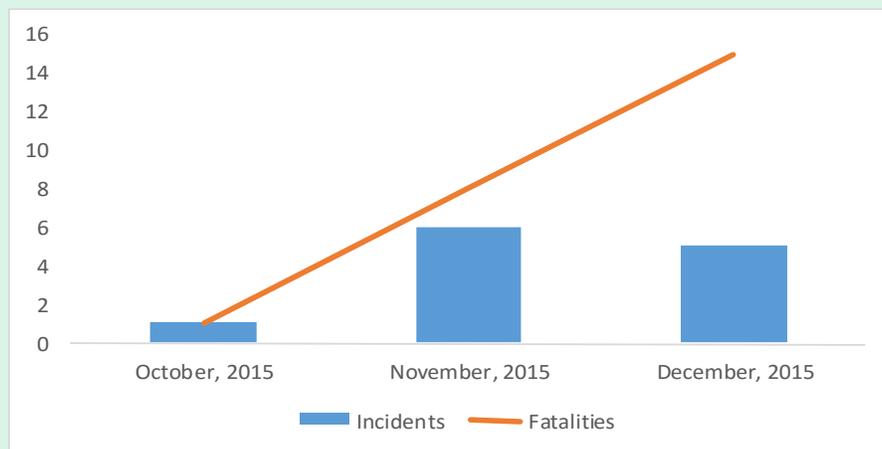
### Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2016

Following on from incidents in the past quarter, cult violence continued in January 2016, when two rival cult groups clashed in Benin City. Inter-communal violence also remained prevalent, with reported incidents of kidnapping by suspected Fulani herdsmen in Oredo.

### Prognosis

Ahead of the gubernatorial elections slated for March 2016, peace actors must be cognizant of not only election-related violence, but the impacts this can have on broader insecurity in the state. The rise in communal and cult violence in Edo over the past quarter has the potential to be exacerbated through pressures relating to elections, political maneuvering and patronage.

Figure 1: Edo State Incidents and Fatalities



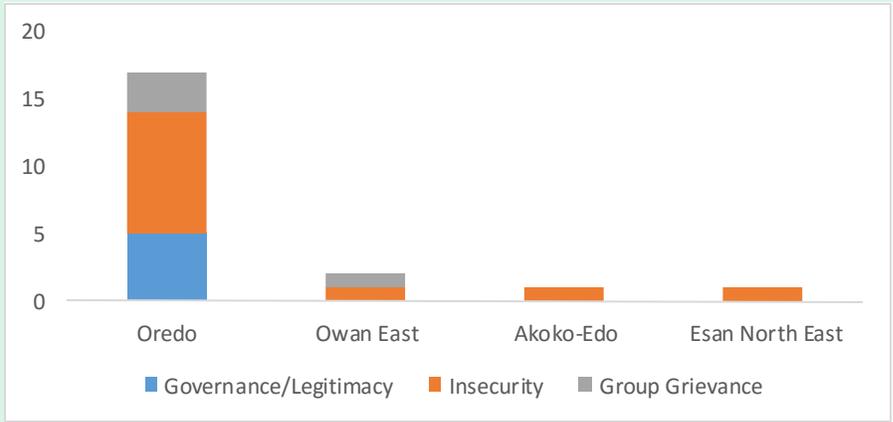
Reported incidents and fatalities from October-December in Edo State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

## Questions for Peace Agents

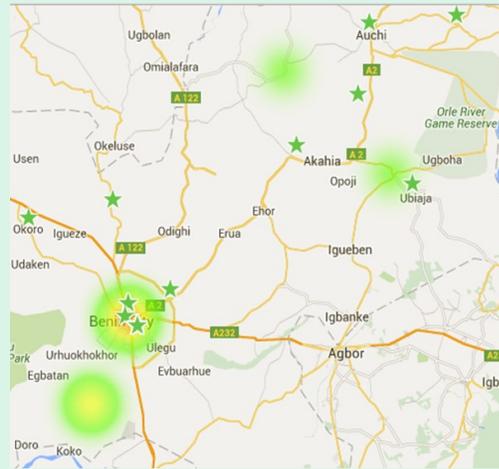
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely 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 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Oct-Dec)**



Reports by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State show Oredo had the most incidents across the three indicators. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Edo State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported in Edo; 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)

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