

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Cross River - 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

A couple of incidents were reported in Cross River during the period of Oct-Dec, including protests at the beginning and end of the month of October. The first, a protest by students over the poor sanitary conditions at the University of Calabar, closed the school temporarily but caused no reported injuries or fatalities. The second, on 21 October, was a protest calling for the suspension of a local court official after he reportedly ignored citizen petitions on a political matter. In December, a dispute between two individuals resulted in two deaths when suspected fellow cultists were called in to settle a score.

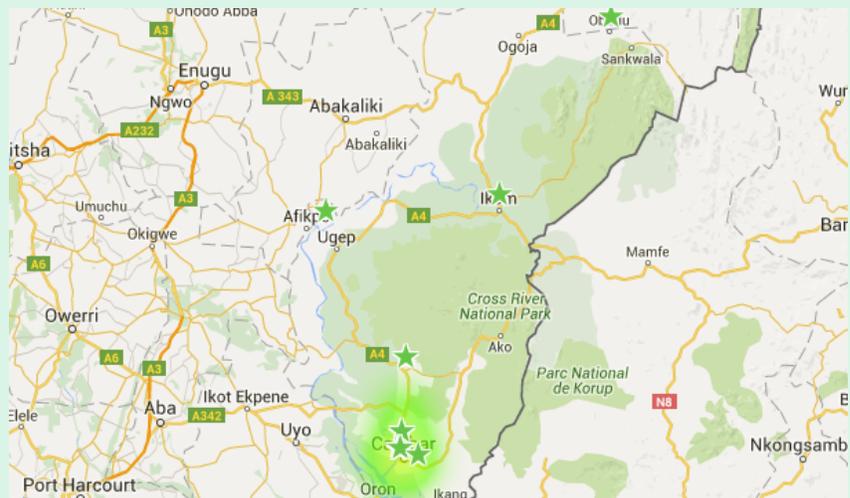
Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2016

In January, an incident of possible human trafficking was reported at Itigidi in Abi LGA where the Nigerian Immigration Service detained two individuals with 29 youth who were reportedly being transported to other locations for menial work. A second report concerned an outbreak of Lassa Fever which apparently sickened several people and led to local government officials calling for a ban on drinking garri and establishing isolation facilities should more cases arise.

Prognosis

Following the transfer of the Bakassi peninsula to Cameroonian authority in August 2013, insecurity and violence has generally fallen in Cross River. Nevertheless, there have still been outbreaks of violence, particularly in Calabar Municipal and Abi LGAs, surrounding gang and cult violence. Inter- and intra-communal tensions over land as well as leadership tussles have also given rise to deadly incidents over the past three years in these LGAs. Piracy and general cross-border criminality are also conflict drivers that have fueled violence and should be monitored closely.

Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State

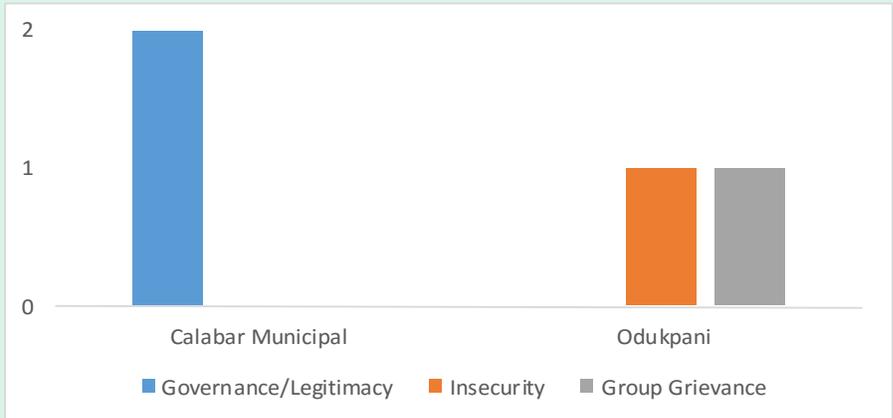


Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Oct-Dec 2015 in Cross River; with green stars representing the registered Peace Agents. Source: All data sources formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

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)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Cross River State shows issues of Governance (protests) were reported in Calabar, while issues relating to Insecurity and Group Grievance (cult violence) occurred in Odukpani. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

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