

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Abia State - 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), November had the highest levels of conflict risk and violence since late 2010. This was mainly due to protests by the Indigenous People of Biafra (IBOP) and the Movement for the Actualization of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) after a popular radio commentator was jailed. Other incidents included a dispute in October over a local election and a deadly clash in November sparked when Aba Urban Renewal Committee officials ordered traders to relocate to a different market.

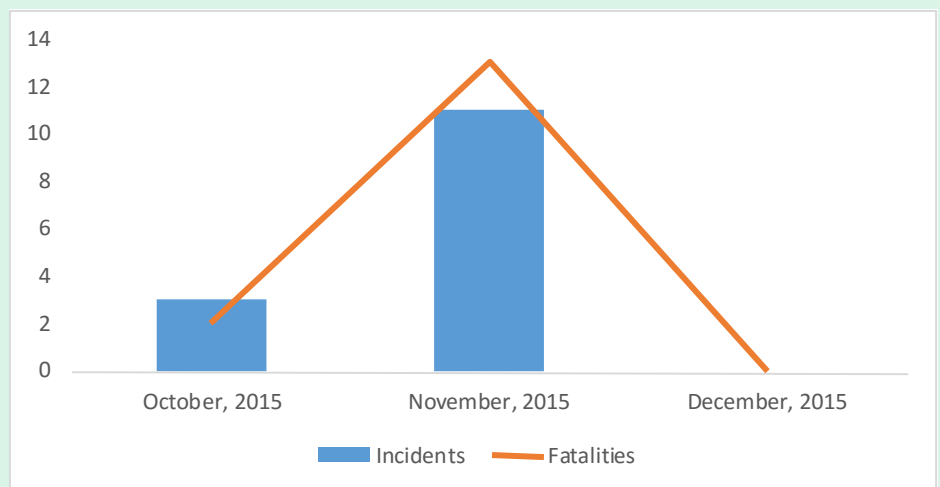
### Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2016

While violence associated with Biafran protests reduced significantly in December, it escalated again in January with clashes between security forces and the two pro-Biafran groups in Aba South. Separately, there were also reported protests by political supporters over the nullification of the election of the incumbent governor by the court of appeal.

### Prognosis

Abia has historically been among the most peaceful states in the Niger Delta. These last few months, however, have been the most challenging for the state in several years. Pro-Biafran protests have increased in Aba South following the arrest and detention of Nnamdi Kanu, the Director of Radio Biafra. Protests may continue following the denial of bail application by the pro-Biafran activists.

Figure 1: Abia State Incidents and Fatalities



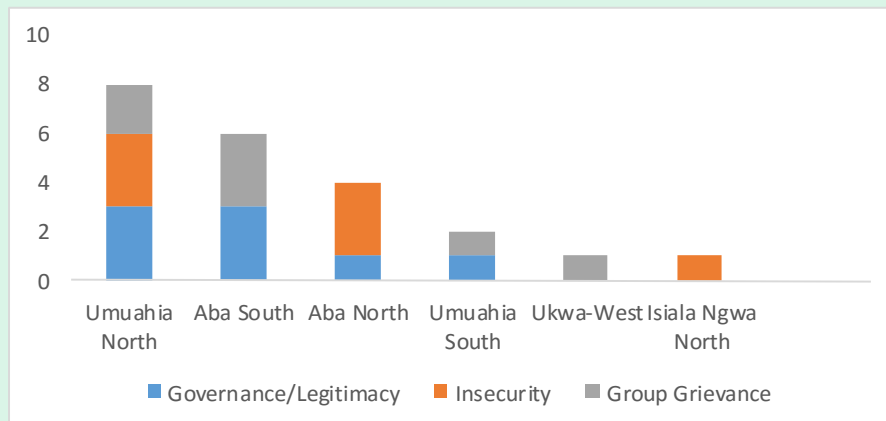
Reported incidents and fatalities from October-December in Abia State.

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

## Questions for Peace Agents

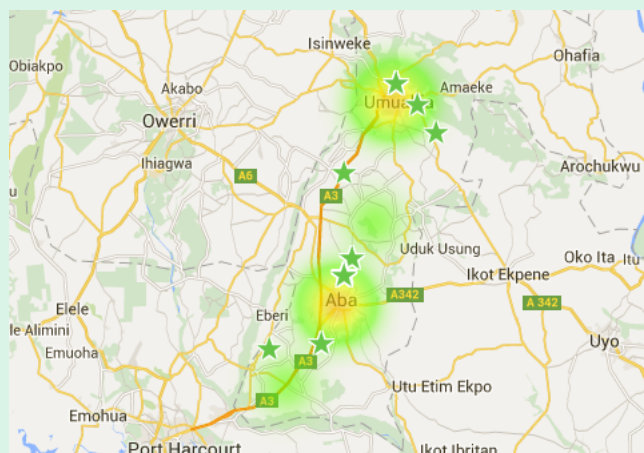
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely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



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Oct-Dec 2015 in Abia; 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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