

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Imo - 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), December 2015 saw a spike in fatalities, despite an overall decrease in incidents. In November 2015, a number of incidents related to pro-Biafran protests. Police fired tear gas on November 6 during protests by IPOB and MASSOB, with another two following on November 13 and 26, expressing anger over the incarceration of a radio host from Radio Biafra. Fatalities in October related predominately to criminal violence, including a lynching by a vigilante mob, and a murder at the New Yam Festival.

December 2015 violence related to an intra-communal clashes over a traditional kingship in Oguta LGA. It was reported that at least 10 people died in the December incidents. Biafran protests were reduced in December,

but labor protests occurred as lawyers and other civil servants protested over issues such as compensation.

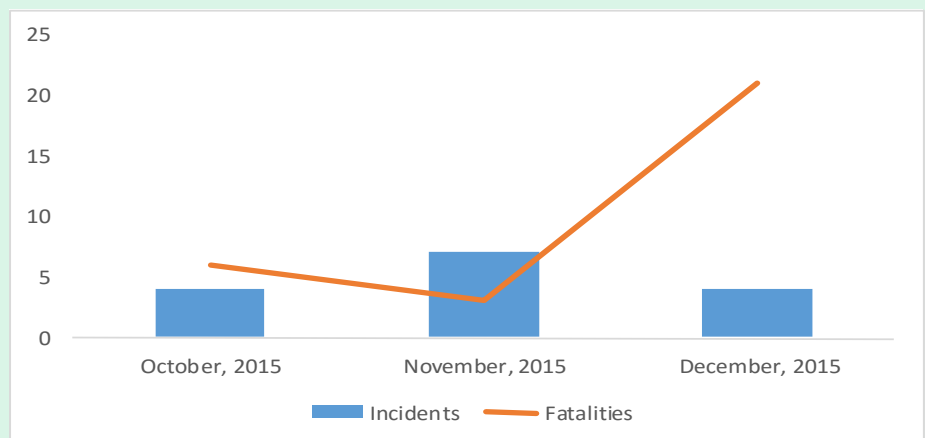
Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2016

In January, labor protests continued as government workers protested the sacking of 3000 public workers by the state governor.

Prognosis

Overall, 2015 was less violent than 2014 in Imo State. However, December was Imo's most violent month of 2015, due to an intra-communal kingship dispute in Oguta. Peace agents must continue to closely monitor these issues and identify other possible hot-spots intra-communal violence, in order to prevent escalation. Also, as labor protests continue in Imo, it is important ensure that they remain peaceful.

Figure 1: Imo State Incidents and Fatalities



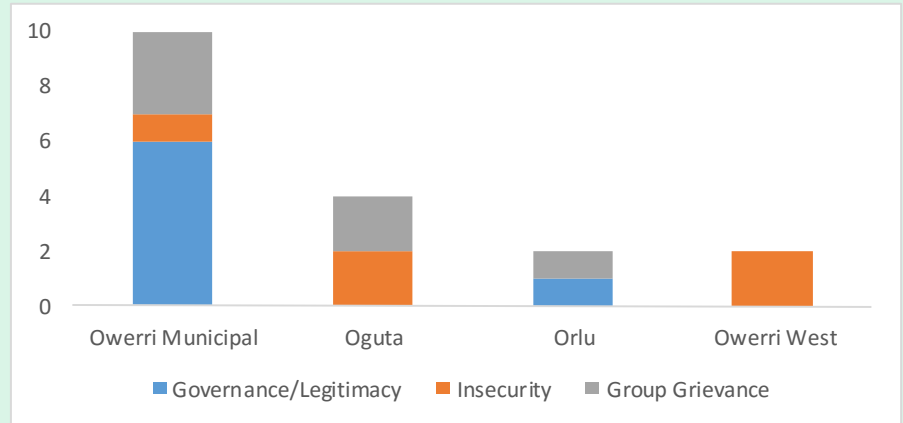
Reported incidents and fatalities from October-December in Imo State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Questions for Peace Agents

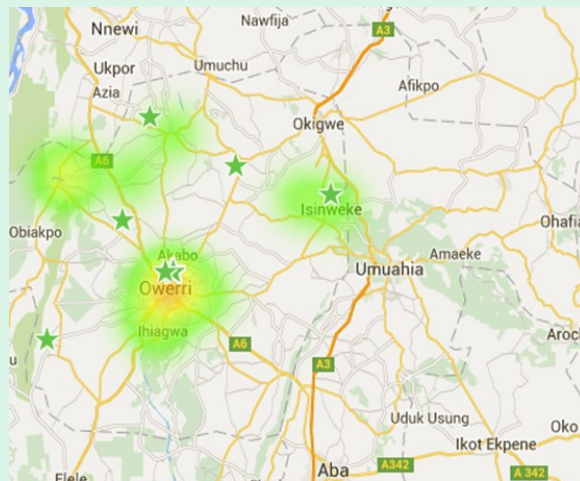
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter or Prevent Committee)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 6 months 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), Imo State in January 2016 shows Owerri Municipal had the most incidents across the three indicators. However, Oguta had the most fatalities overall. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 3: Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Imo State



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

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