

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Akwa Ibom - 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

Very few incidents of conflict risk or violence were reported in Akwa Ibom through the IPDU early warning system in the last several months. According to Peace Map data in November there were two reported incidents. The first incident, which is believed to have occurred in Uyo, detailed the murder of a young boy who was reportedly turned over to a native doctor by his grandmother for ritualistic practices. The boy was originally reported missing in Aba, Abia State, although his body was recovered in Akwa Ibom. The second incident, which occurred in Ibiono Ibom, detailed a university student protest.

Recent Incidents or Issues, January 2016

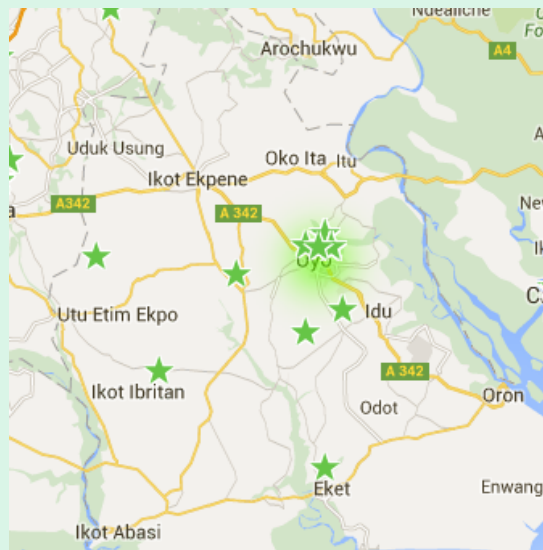
There was one report of inter-communal conflict in mid-January, which occurred between communities in Ikot Abasi and Eastern Obolo LGAs over a contested boundary and a land ownership dispute.

Prognosis

Violence in Akwa Ibom, which peaked around the gubernatorial elections in 2011,

dropped off again from 2012-2014. Akwa Ibom was the least violent state in the Niger Delta during this time period, as measured by reported incidents per capita. In 2015, violence spiked in January and April, mostly surrounding the elections. During this time period, there were at least a dozen fatalities attributed to electoral violence and clashes between supporters of the main political parties. By the end of the year, however, levels of insecurity were again quite low. Nevertheless, the issue of land ownership and the boundary dispute that culminated in the recent incident of inter-communal violence in January 2016 should be monitored going forward.

Heatmap of Incidents and Peace Agents in Akwa Ibom State



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Oct-Dec 2015 in Akwa Ibom; 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?

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