

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Akwa Ibom State - February 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

Nov 2015-Jan 2016

Very few incidents of conflict risk and violence were reported in Akwa Ibom through the IPDU early warning system during this period. According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in conflict risk and fatalities in January 2016. Incidents reported included ritual killings and kidnappings.

In November 2015, a young boy was murdered by his grandmother in Uyo for ritualistic practices. In January, 2 kidnappers who had earlier abducted and killed a 74-year old woman, were killed by police in a gun duel in Uyo. A second incident in January involved a pregnant woman who was killed by a 28-year old man for ritualistic practices in Itu.

Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2016

Incidents of conflict risk and violence reported in February included a land dispute and a violent clash involving irate youths and motorcyclists.

Intra-communal Land Dispute: A land dispute was reported between two families in Eyulor community in Offong/Oruko.

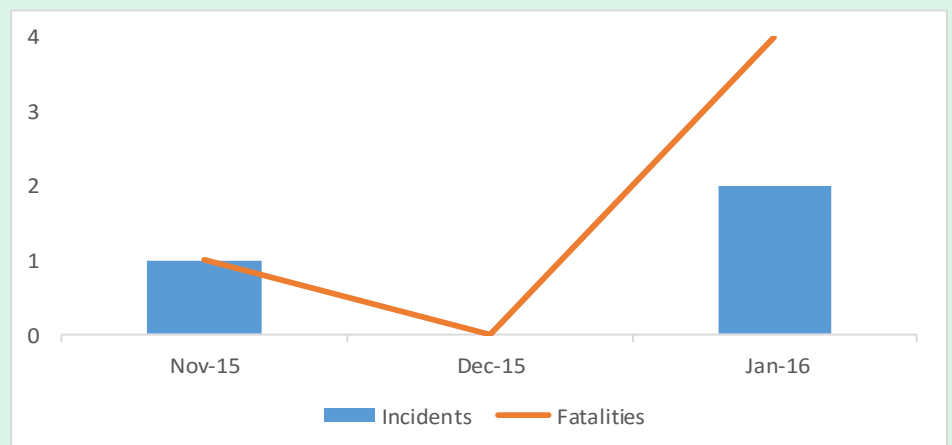
Mob Violence: There was a reported violent clash between youths and commercial

motorcyclists after an automobile accident involving a tipper carrying sand in Uyo. The driver of the tipper was later rescued by the police after the youths had damaged his truck.

Prognosis

Akwa Ibom was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta this period, as measured by reported incidents of violence per capita. Conflict risk increased in January 2016, especially incidents relating to ritualistic practices and land disputes. The continued issues of intra-communal land

Figure 1: Akwa Ibom State Incidents and Fatalities



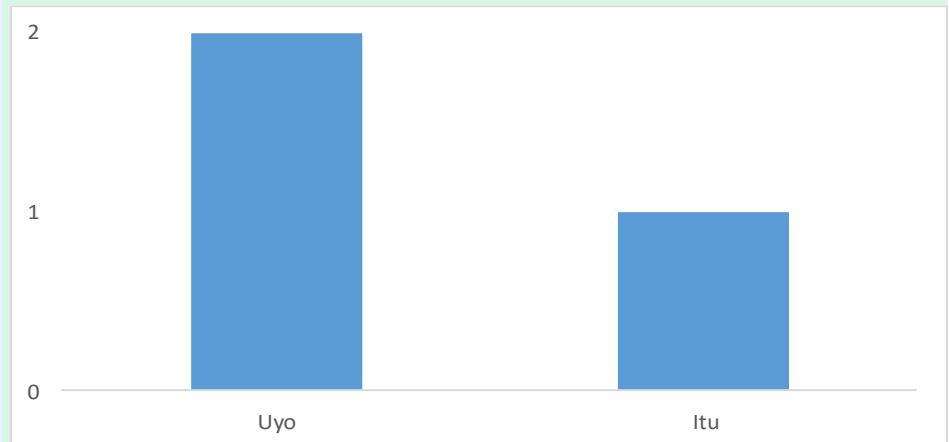
Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015-January 2016 in Akwa Ibom State.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

disputes and killings for ritualistic practices should be monitored by peace actors in the state.

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 (Nov 2015-Jan 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Akwa Ibom State in this quarter shows that Uyo had the highest incidents of insecurity in the state.

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 Akwa Ibom State



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Nov 2015-Jan 2016 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

Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:

Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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