

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Imo 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

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), overall violence decreased from November 2015 to January 2016. However, December 2015 had the highest number of fatalities for the quarter. Many of the fatalities in December were related to an intra-communal kingship tussle in Oguta.

In November, there were a number of violent clashes between the police and IPOB and MASSOB protesters over the detention of the host of Radio Biafra. In December, there were at least eleven fatalities reported in two separate incidents related to a kingship tussle in Oguta. Incidents in January 2016 are related mainly to protests by members of the state chapter of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) over salary payments.

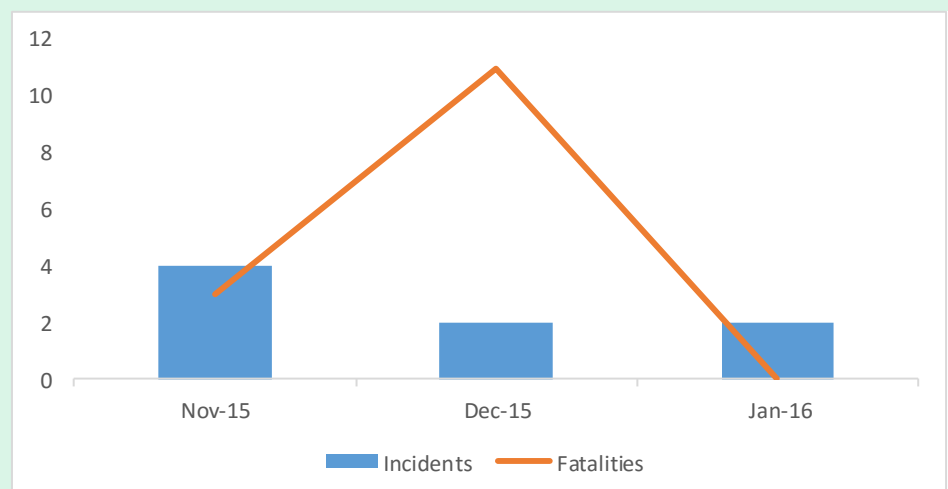
### Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2016

Unrest and protests against the state government occurred in February, with reported clashes between protesters and security agents in the state capital. The state chapter of the NLC rejected the State government's policy to concession some public institutions. During the protest, a medical doctor was shot by the police.

Separately, security agents were reported to have been deployed in Owerri, the state capital, to disperse workers who were

protesting over the non-payment of over 10-month salary by the state government. In another incident, there was a reported protest by members of the NLC over the sacking of their colleagues by the state government. Separately, in Isiala Mbano, cultists threatened to attack residents of Anara community after police arrested several group members during an initiation ceremony.

Figure 1: Imo State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015-January 2016 in Imo state.  
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

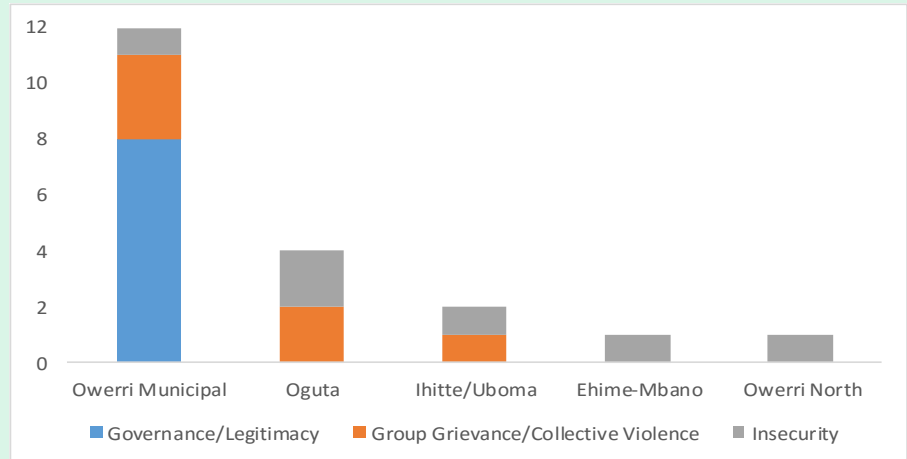
## Questions for Peace Agents

### Prognosis

Overall, January 2016 was less violent than December 2015. However, labour strikes and protests which began in January had escalated by February into Owerri, the state capital. Labour protests may continue in the state. Peace agents must continue to monitor the situation to identify other possible drivers of violence and maintain peace.

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?

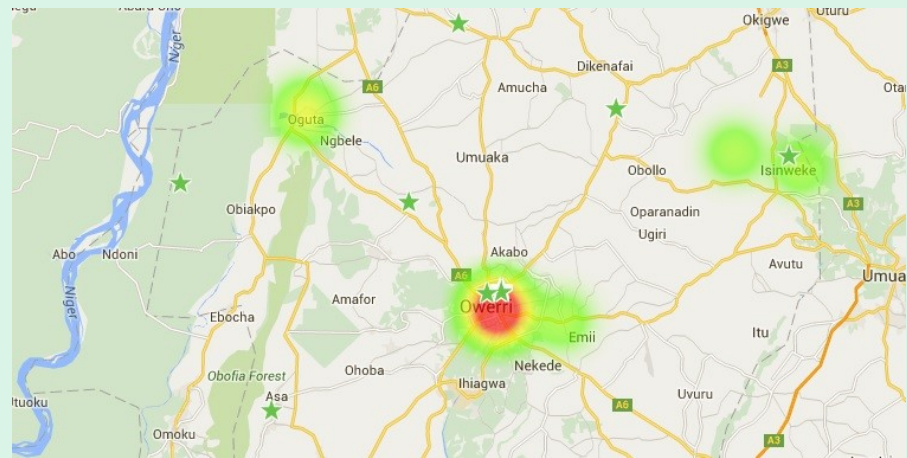
**Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Nov 2015-Jan 2016)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Imo State shows that Owerri Municipal had the highest level of violence and conflict risk in the state.

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 Imo State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Nov 2015 –Jan 2016 in Imo State; 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)

### 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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