

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Cross River 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), there were very few incidents of violence reported during this period. Those that did occur included cult-related violence, communal conflict and suspected human trafficking.

In December, two people were killed during a dispute between members of rival cult groups. In January, an inter-communal clash around the town of Oyioba in Yala LGA, left 15 people injured and 11 homes burnt. An incident of alleged human trafficking was widely reported by the media in January, where Immigration officers in Abi LGA detained two suspects with 29 youths who were allegedly being transported to another location for labor.

Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2016

Issues reported in February included an assassination attempt, cult violence, fire outbreak and protests.

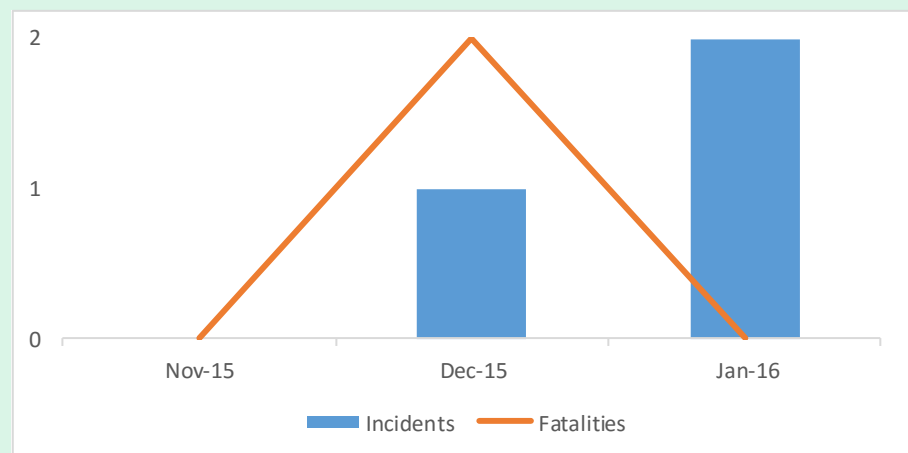
Assassination Attempt: Assassination attempts were reported when gunmen attacked the homes of two prominent political personalities in Calabar.

Cult Violence: A young man was reported shot dead in a liquor store in a suspected

cult war in Obudu. In the 24 hours proceeding the incident, another man was reported to have been shot dead in a suspected reprisal attack.

Fire Outbreak: A wild fire outbreak was reported in Obudu. The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) were called upon to assist the affected communities. Although this was not directly related to conflict, such incidents do have an impact on human security and need to be responded to in a conflict sensitive way.

Figure 1: Cross River State Incidents and Fatalities



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

Protests: Retirees protested with placards outside the Governor's office in Calabar, over unpaid gratuities. In another incident, the Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities protested over the neglect of their members by the state government in Calabar.

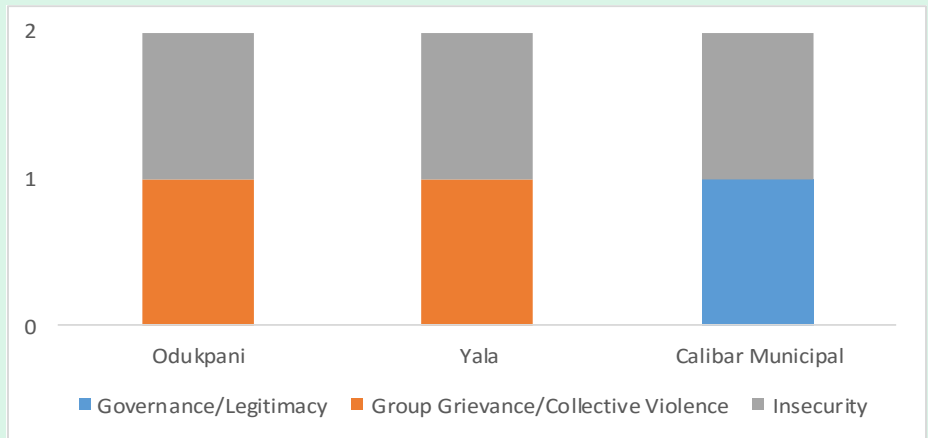
Prognosis

Recent months has seen an increase reported incidents of violence relating to cult clashes, particularly in Calabar Municipal. The February protests against government policies in the state, also highlight potential conflict drivers which should be monitored closely by peace actors.

Questions for Peace Agents

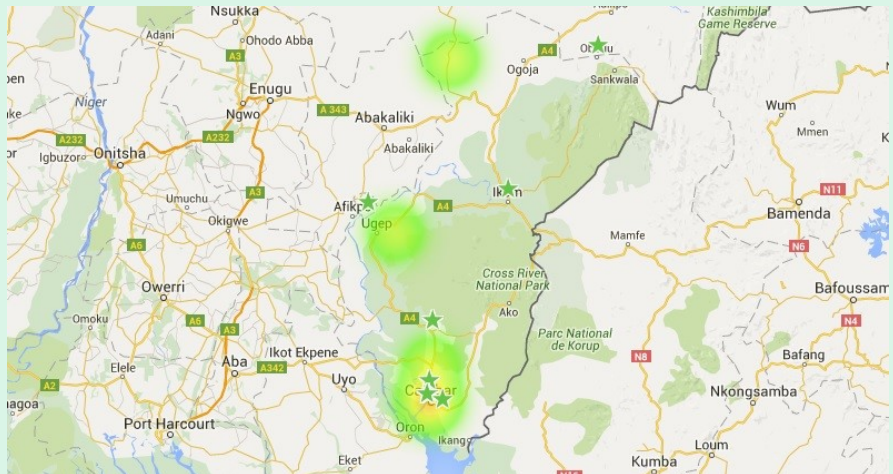
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely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

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



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Cross River state in this quarter shows that Calabar Municipal was the most violent, especially as it relates to insecurity and Governance/Legitimacy issues. 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 Cross River State



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Nov 2015-Jan 2016 in Cross River; 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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