

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Cross River - March 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

Dec 2015-Feb 2016

A few incidents of cult-related violence, communal conflict, vigilante/mob justice and protests were reported during this period (see Figure 1).

In December, two fatalities were reported in a cult-related clash in Odukpani. In January, 15 people were reported injured and property destroyed in an inter-communal clash in Yala. Also in January, two alleged human traffickers with 29 youths were reported detained by Immigration officers in Abi.

In February, there were reported assassination attempts on two prominent political personalities by suspected gunmen in Calabar. Also, a young man was reportedly

shot dead in a cult war, while in a related incident another person was killed in a suspected reprisal attack in Obudu.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2016

Incidents reported in March included protests in Akpabuyo, Akamkpa, and Obubra LGAs.

Youths from Akamkpa and Akpabuyo local government areas (LGAs) reportedly protested against the management of a cement manufacturing company over the nature of the road that leads to the

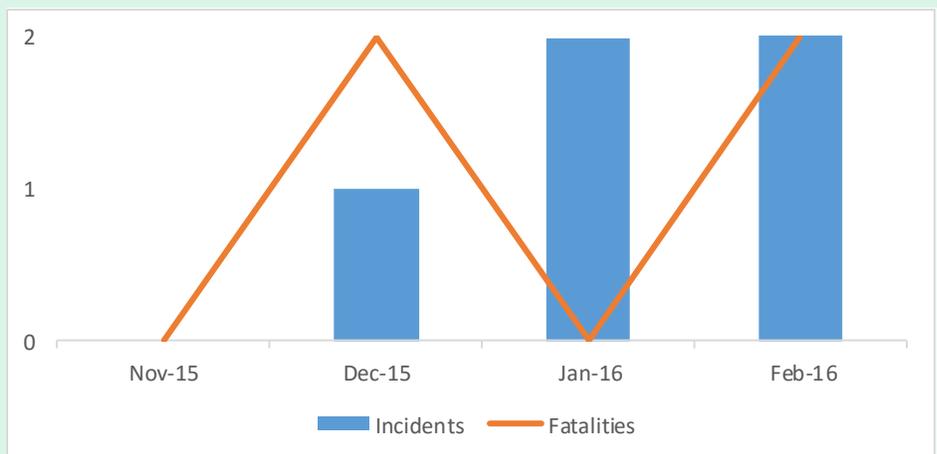
community where the company's plant is located. The protesting youths reportedly blocked a major link road through which goods are transported from the company's plant.

In a separate incident, there was a reported protest over an alleged government plan to clear a large area of forest to make way for the construction of a highway in Akamkpa and Obubra LGAs.

Prognosis

In addition to criminal and communal

Figure 1: Cross River State Incidents and Fatalities



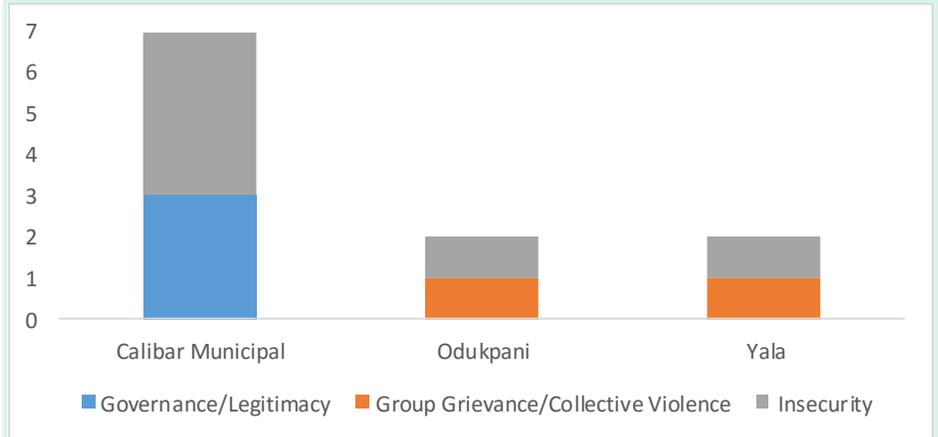
Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015-February 2016 in Cross River State.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

violence, In recent months there have been several reported incidents of protests against government policies in the state. This highlights potential conflict drivers that should be monitored by peace actors to avoid escalation of violence.

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?

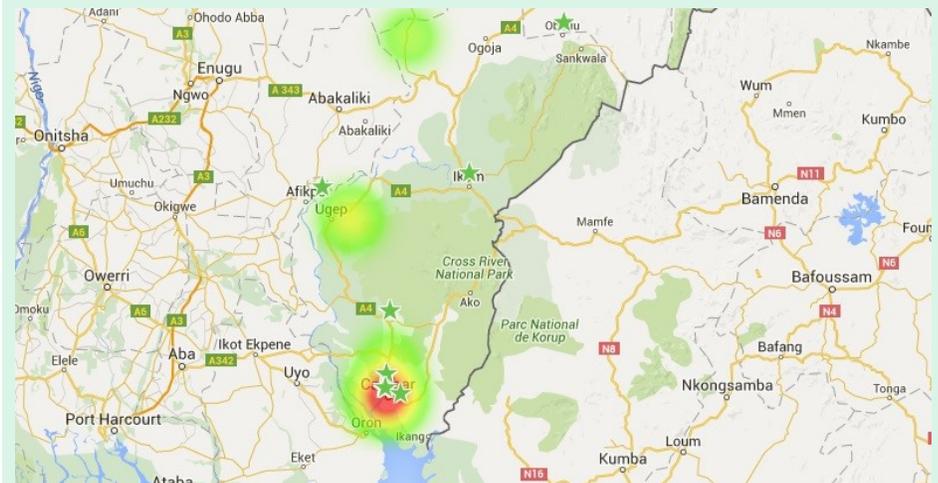
Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Dec 2015 - Feb 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Cross River State this quarter shows that Calabar Municipal is the flashpoint of conflict risk and violence.

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 Dec 2015 –Feb 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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