

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Edo State - 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

Incidents reported included cult clashes, political tension, and communal conflict. Other incidents included protests by unions and students as well as general criminality.

Cult Violence: Cult violence including clashes and reprisals between the Neo Black Movement (or Aye) and the Mafite confraternities killed several people in December, January, and February, especially in the vicinity of Oredo LGA.

Land Disputes: In January, conflict between pastoralists and farmers led to clashes with community vigilantes and about three fatalities. In February land disputes in Etsako East and Akoko-Edo killed at least one person. In Etsako West a traditional ruler

was ordered by the court to move his palace after a property dispute.

Political Tensions: Tensions within the All Progressives Congress (APC) led to protests in early February. Later in the month political thugs disrupted a political meeting at the home of a senatorial chairman.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2016

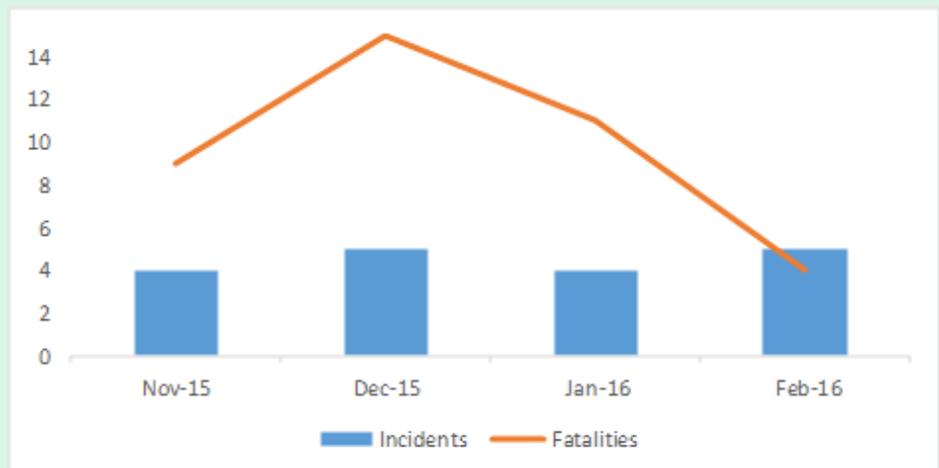
Issues reported in March included land disputes, inter-communal conflict,

kidnapping and murder.

Land Dispute: Five people were reportedly killed in an intra-communal land dispute and leadership tussle in Uhumwonde. In a separate incident two fatalities were reported in an inter-communal land dispute in Akoko-Edo. Also, there was a protest over the ownership of a piece of land with limestone in Etsako North.

Kidnapping: A Magistrate was reported kidnapped in Uhumwonde.

Figure 1: Edo State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2015 - February 2016 in Edo State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Murder: A community chief priest was reported murdered by gunmen in his house in Oredo. In another incident, a retired headmistress was shot dead by a teenager in Oredo.

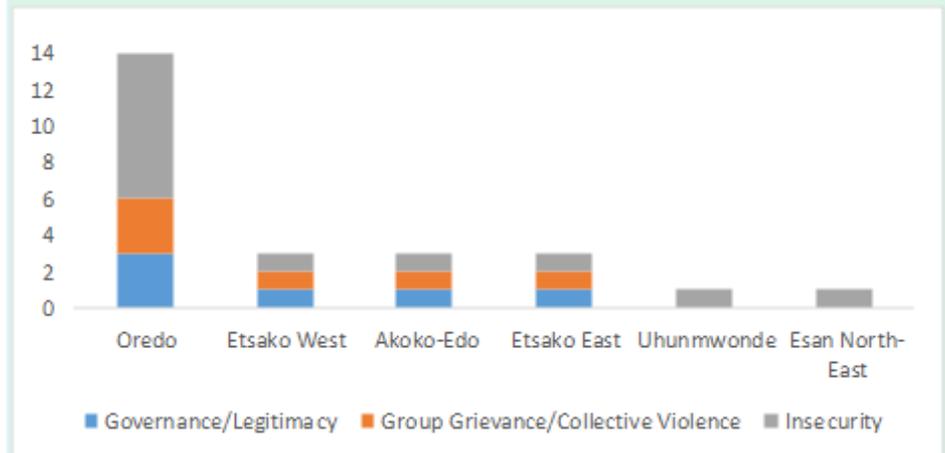
Prognosis

The rise in inter-communal conflict, land disputes and criminality in the last couple of months has the potential to exacerbate violence ahead of the September gubernatorial elections in the state. The situation should be closely 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?

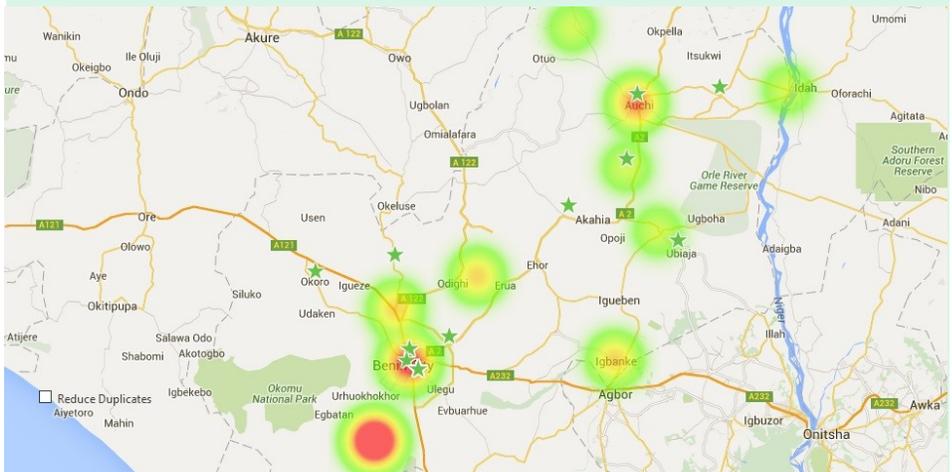
Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Dec 2015 - Feb 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State this quarter shows that Oredo had the most incidents of conflict risk and violence 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 Edo State



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2015-February 2016 in Edo State; 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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