

# Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

## Ondo State - April/May 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

#### Feb 2016-Apr 2016

Incidents reported during the period included cult violence, political tensions, inter-communal conflict, and protests.

**Cult Violence:** In February, two fatalities were reported in a clash between rival cult groups in Ondo West. In March, two fatalities were reported in a clash between members of Eiye and a rival cult group in Owo.

**Political Tensions:** Two fatalities were reported in February in a clash among members of the All Progressive Congress (APC) over the choice of a governorship candidate in Akoko South West. In March, there was a reported protest by a group of women over the impeachment of a female

speaker of the state House of Assembly, who was later reinstated.

**Inter-communal Conflict:** In April, a member of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC), who was working as a security guard in the farm, was reportedly killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen in Akure North. Separately, a herdsman was reportedly killed over the destruction of a farmland by cattle in Ifedore.

**Protest:** There was a reported protest by university students over their colleague who was killed in a road crash caused by reckless driving in Akoko South West.

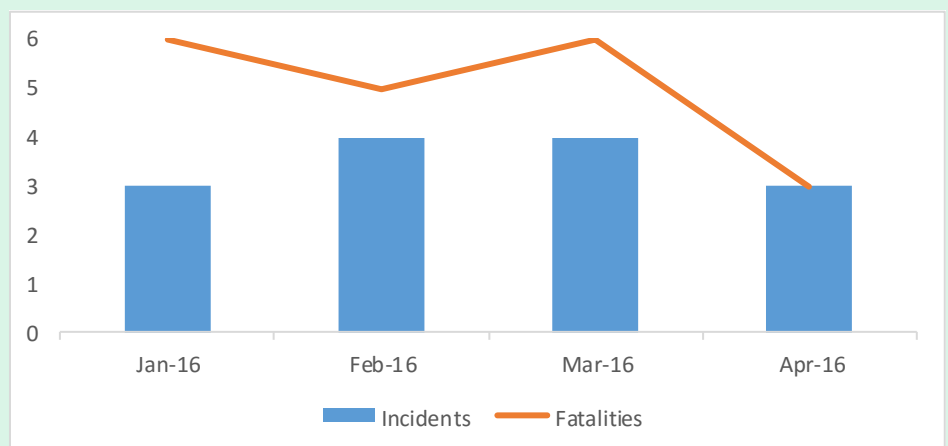
### Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2016

Incidents reported in May included cult violence, violent criminality and protests.

**Cult Violence:** A 24-year old man, alleged to be a member of Eiye Confraternity, was reportedly shot dead by members of a rival cult group in Ondo town.

**Violent Criminality:** An 83-year old monarch was reportedly strangled to death by robbers who attacked his home in Akure, the state capital.

Figure 1: Ondo State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from Jan-Apr 2016 in Ondo State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

**Protest:** There were reports of protests in Akure over unpaid salaries for health care workers as well as fuel shortages.

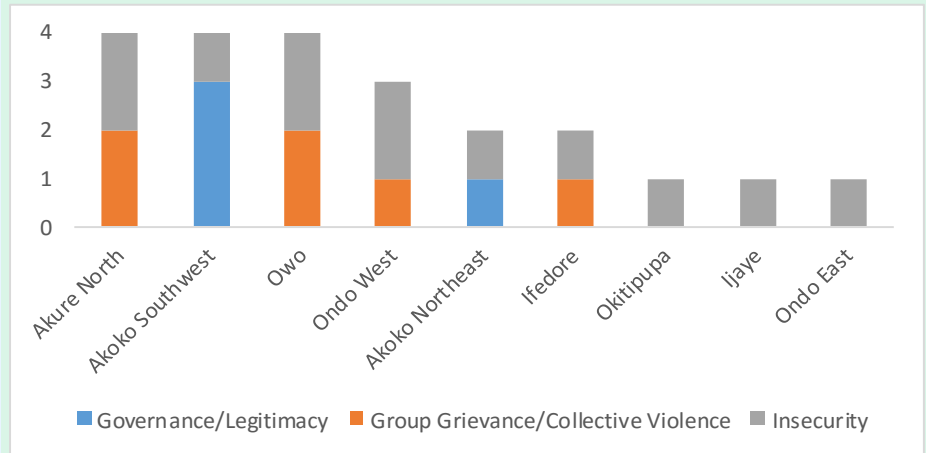
## Prognosis

Although the levels of violence in Ondo are relatively low, inter-communal and political tensions have the potential to escalate. Peace actors must monitor the situation closely to ascertain the impact of such tensions on insecurity, particularly in the run-up to the gubernatorial elections.

## Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which 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?

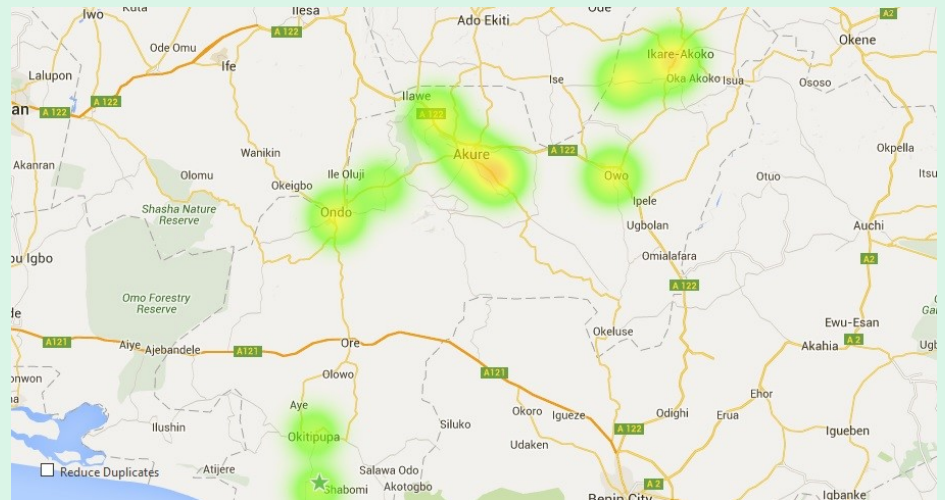
**Figure 2: Trends in Conflict by LGA (Feb—Apr 2016)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Ondo State this quarter show that Akure North, Akoko South West and Owo had the most incidents of conflict risk and violence.

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 Ondo State**



Heatmap shows concentration of incidents reported from Feb–Apr 2016 in Ondo; 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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