

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Edo 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 this period included cult clashes, political tensions, communal conflict, protests, mob violence and general criminality.

Cult Violence: Cult violence, including clashes and reprisals, killed several people in February, especially in the vicinity of Oredo LGA. In April, a young man was reported shot dead by suspected cultists in Egor.

Communal Conflict: In March, five people were reportedly killed in an intra-communal land dispute and leadership tussle in Uhumwonde. In April, at least three people were reported killed and property destroyed during inter-communal tensions involving Fulani pastoralists and farmers in Ovia North East and Owan West LGAs.

Political Tensions: In February, tensions

within the All Progressives Congress (APC) reportedly led to protests, and the disruption of a political meeting by thugs in Egor. In April, four people were reportedly attacked and injured by hoodlums during a political rally in Etsako West. In Oredo, thugs reportedly stopped an LGA chairman from entering his office after his sacking was overturned by a high court.

Violent Criminality: In March, a community chief priest and a retired headmistress were reported shot dead in separate incidents in Oredo. In April, a security guard was reported killed by robbers in Oredo.

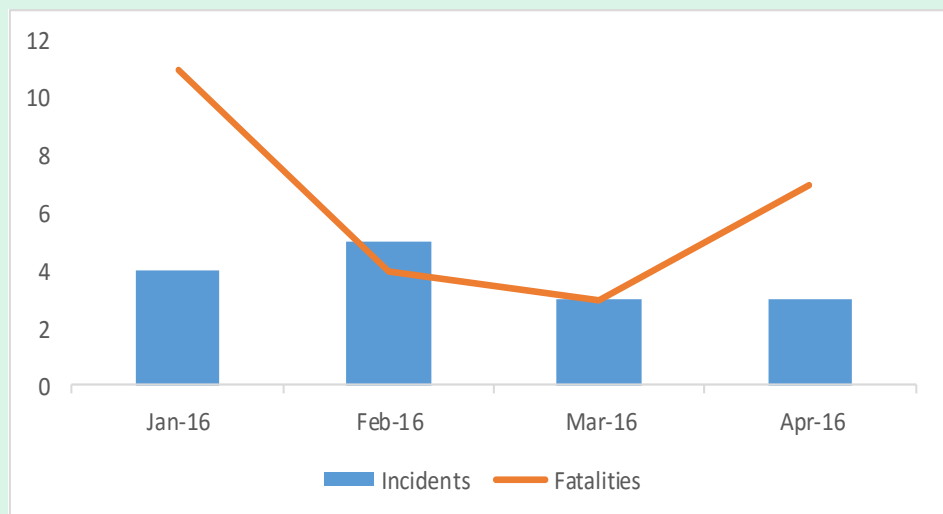
Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2016

Issues reported in May included cult violence, political tensions and violent criminality.

Political Tensions: There were reports of political tensions in the state capital following the impeachment and suspension of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the state House of Assembly.

Cult Violence: Three people were reported shot by suspected members of rival cult groups in Oredo. Two of the victims were

Figure 1: Edo State Incidents and Fatalities



Reported incidents and fatalities from Jan - Apr 2016 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Questions for Peace Agents

reportedly killed in the incident.

Violent Criminality: In a suspected killing for ritualistic practices, a young man was reportedly found dead on the street in Oredo, with his internal organs removed.

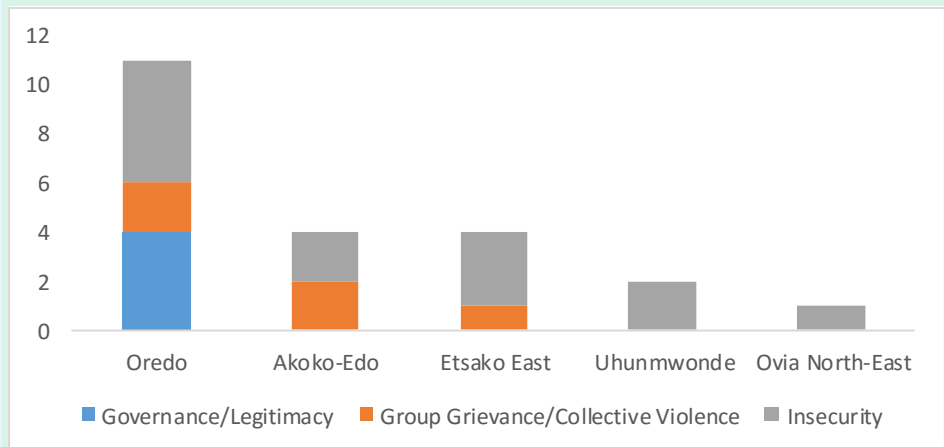
Prognosis

The rise in political tensions and violent criminality in Edo in the last couple of months has the potential to exacerbate violence ahead of the 10 September gubernatorial elections in the state. Going forward, peace actors should monitor the situation closely ahead of the 18 June APC governorship primary elections in the state.

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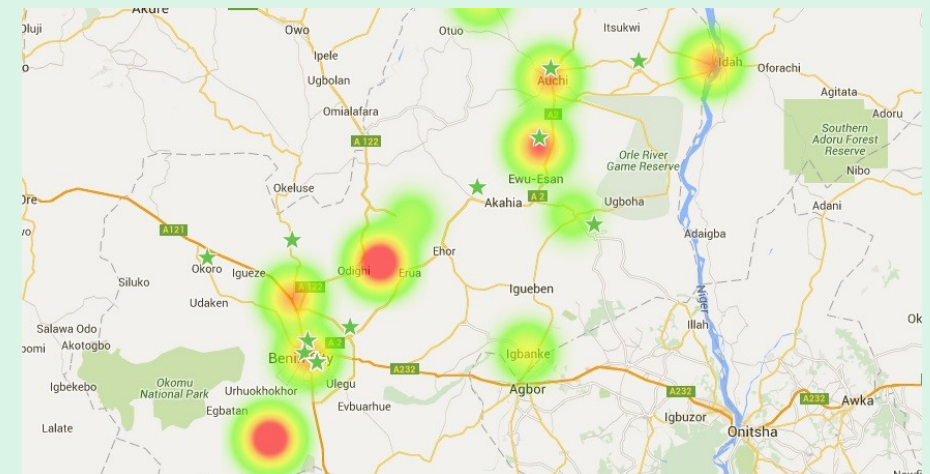
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the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

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Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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