

Monthly Conflict Incident Tracker

Cross River - 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

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a rise in violence and fatalities in April 2016. Protests, inter-communal conflict and violent criminality were the main sources of violence during the period.

Inter-communal Conflict: In February, Inter-communal conflict was reported to be rising in Obubra and Yakurr. In April these issues escalated when about 11 people, mainly children, women and the aged, were reported killed over disputed farmlands in Yakurr. Several houses were also reported destroyed during a conflict in Obubra.

Political Tensions: In February, there were reported assassination attempts on two prominent political personalities by suspected gunmen in Calabar.

Cult Violence: In February, a young man was reportedly shot dead in a cult war, while another person was killed in a suspected reprisal attack in Obudu.

Protests: In March, there were reported protests in Akamkpa and Obubra LGAs over an alleged government plan to clear a forest to make way for the construction of a highway.

Others: In February a mob reportedly lynched a suspected murderer. In April a fatality was reported in a clash between policemen and members of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) in Calabar Municipal.

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2016

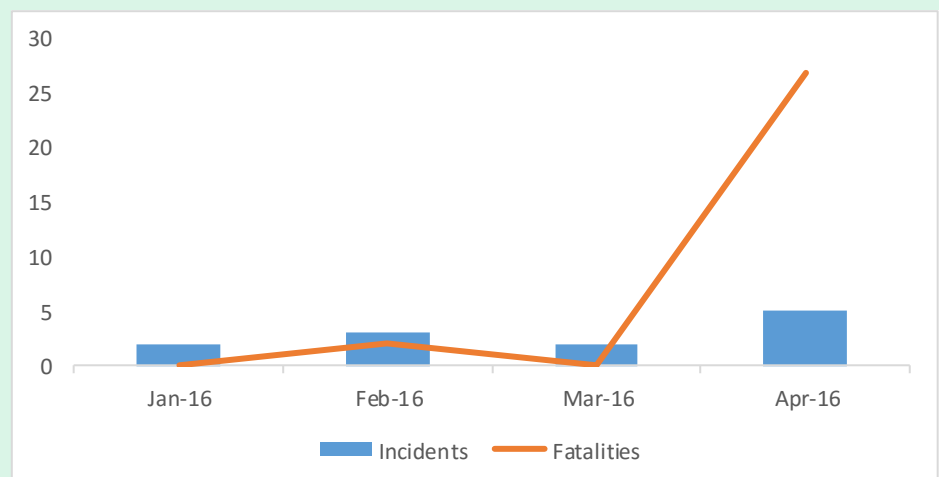
Incidents reported in May included boundary disputes, kidnapping, and robbery.

Boundary Dispute: Several people were reported killed in a boundary dispute between communities in Ikwo LGA of Ebonyi state and Abi LGA in Cross River state.

Intra-Communal Tensions: Intra-communal tensions and violence was reported following the assassination of a businessman who was a former LGA Councilor in Ugep, Yakurr LGA. Youths reacted by looting shops belonging to other businesspersons.

Kidnapping: Gunmen reportedly attacked

Figure 1: Cross River State Incidents and Fatalities



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

the University of Calabar and kidnapped three people including the wife and daughter of a lecturer.

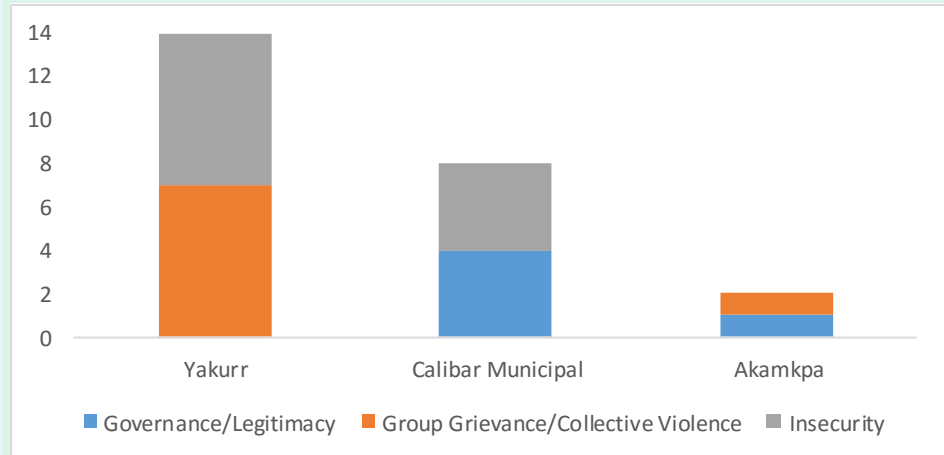
Prognosis

In recent months there have been a rise in reported incidents of inter-communal conflict and violent criminality in the state. Frequent inter-communal violence over land is a potential conflict driver that should be monitored by peace actors in the state.

Questions for Peace Agents

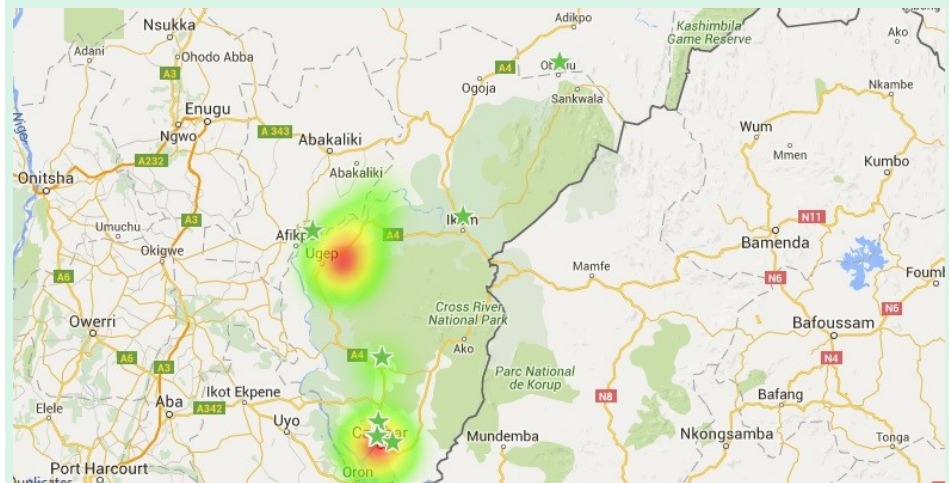
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue or potential conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely 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 (Feb - Apr 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA), in Cross River State this quarter shows that Yakurr has the most incidents 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 Feb-Apr 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

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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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