

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State: January-February 2017

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

November 2016-

January 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in fatalities in January 2017. Incidents reported during the period included communal tensions, criminality, child trafficking and protests.

Communal Tensions: In November, nine people, including a police officer, were reportedly injured during a clash between youths in Ikot Abasi LGA over a protracted land dispute. In December, a reported clash between communities from Itu LGA in Akwa Ibom state and Odukpani LGA in Cross River state resulted in multiple fatalities, kidnappings and burned houses. In January, five people were reportedly killed in a clash over fishing rights between Oku Iboku in Itu LGA, Akwa Ibom and Ikot Offiong community in Cross River. Separately, elevated tensions were reported following clashes between groups from the north and a host community in Uyo. Three people reportedly died from injuries sustained during the clash.

Criminality: In January, a village head was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants in his compound in Ukanafun LGA. The gunmen also reportedly killed two others in a neighboring village. The killing was reportedly related to a disagreement between the village head and a youth leader. Separately, kidnappers reportedly abducted a lecturer with the Akwa Ibom State University in Oruk Anam and demanded a 10 million Naira ransom.

Child Trafficking: In November, a woman was reportedly arrested for stealing her neighbor's baby in Itu LGA.

Protest: In November, there was a reported protest over contracts for the cleanup of an oil spill in Esit Eket LGA. In December, youths in Ibeno LGA protested the termination of contract workers by an oil company. Separately, families of deceased teachers in

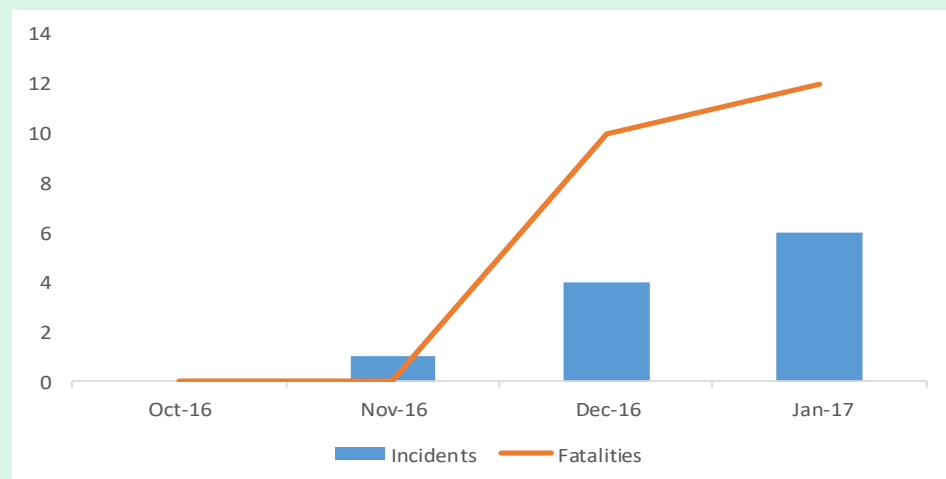
the state protested over payment of pensions and gratuities in Uyo.

Recent Incidents or Issues, February 2017

Incidents of conflict risk and violence reported in February included communal violence and criminality.

Communal Tensions/Violence: During the month, 20 people were reportedly killed in a clash over land dispute between Oku Iboku community in Itu LGA and Ikot Offiong community in Odukpani LGA of Cross River state. The clash resulted in the closure of a major highway in the state. Separately, a village head and a youth leader were reportedly killed during a disagreement over the distribution of revenue from a community oil palm plantation in Ukanafun

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from October 2016 - January 2017 in Akwa Ibom State.

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

LGA.

Criminality: Kidnappers reportedly abducted a Catholic priest in Esien Udim and demanded a 20 million Naira ransom. The priest was taken on his way home from a parish school where he teaches. Separately, a lecturer with the Akwa Ibom University was reportedly abducted in Oruk Anam.

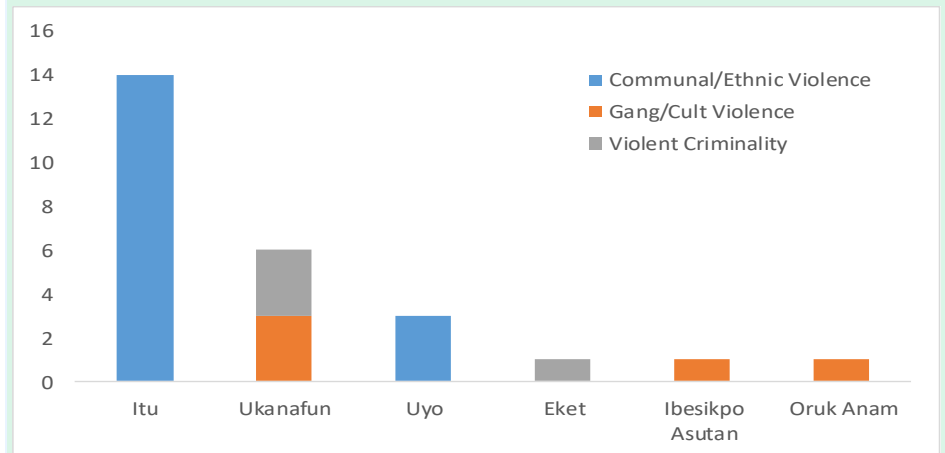
Prognosis

There was a rise in lethal violence in the state in January 2017. Conflict risk and violence during this period were mainly related to communal tensions, criminality, and protests. Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

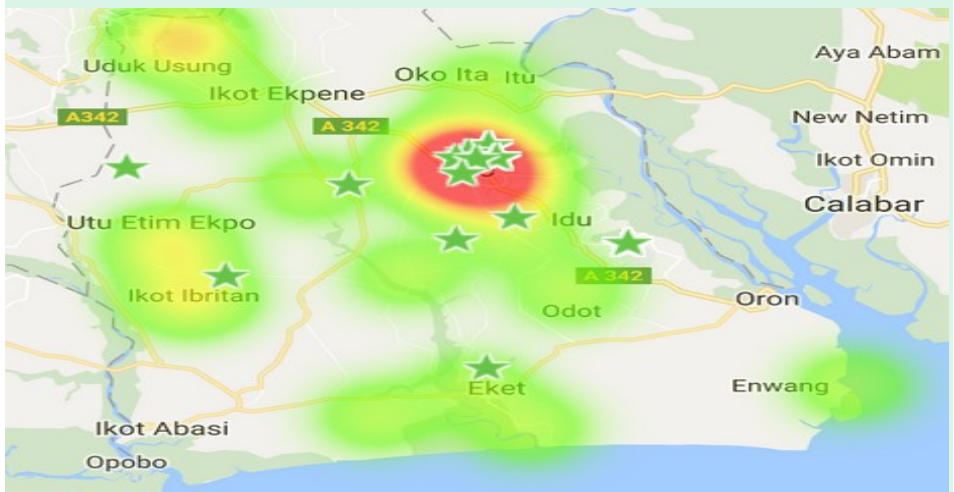
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 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: Conflict Incidents by LGA (November 2016 - January 2017)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Itu, followed by Ukanafun had the most reported lethal conflict during this period. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Akwa Ibom State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from November 2016-January 2017 in Akwa Ibom; 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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