

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo State: March-April 2018

### 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 January-March 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was rise in lethal violence in Edo state in March 2018. Reported incidents during this period included criminality, communal tensions, and violence affecting women and girls.

**Violent Criminality:** In January, a university lecturer was killed by robbers at his residence in Oredo LGA. In Ovia North-East, an 87-year old man was kidnapped and killed by his driver who dumped his body in a pit toilet. In Etsako East LGA, the police reportedly arrested a couple and other for illegally manufacturing Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in their apartment. One of the bombs exploded and killed one of the suspects. In Akoko-Edo LGA, a local vigilante arrested nine herdsmen allegedly responsible for killings and kidnapping in their community, and hand over the suspects to the police. In March, six persons were reportedly injured during a clash between hoodlums and some forex traders over extortion of money at Ekiosa market, Oredo LGA.

**Communal Tensions:** In February, soldiers reportedly shot dead a vigilante who was

watching over some herdsmen arrested for alleged armed robbery in Ikpoba-Okha LGA. The incident led to heightened tensions in the area. In March, residents of Odighi and Odiguetue communities in Oredo LGA protested at the palace of the Oba of Benin over frequent attacks by herdsmen in the area.

#### Violence Affecting Women and Girls

**(VAWG):** In January, two brothers reportedly killed their grandmother for ritualistic purposes in Ikpoba-Okha LGA. Separately, a retired female military officer was reportedly killed and set ablaze in her house by her security guard in Benin City, the state capital. Also, in January, a herdsman reportedly inflicted a fatal injury on a woman at her farm in Akoko-Edo LGA. In March, a 9-year old girl was reportedly defiled by a 70-year old grandfather and his

two sons in Benin City, Oredo LGA.

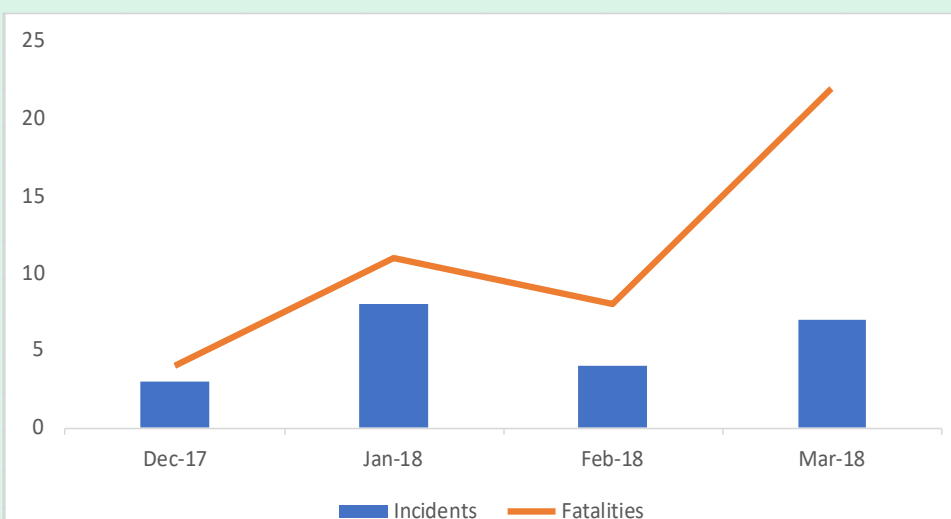
**Drug Trafficking:** In March, a 64-year old man was reportedly arrested by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) over illicit drug trafficking in Egor LGA. About 280 bags of Indian hemp were recovered from the suspect.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, April 2018

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to criminality, sexual violence, and protests.

**Criminality:** Thugs reportedly attacked a community and killed a 42-year old man in Ikpoba Okha LGA. Separately, the police arrested a herdsman who doubles as a kidnapper in Benin City, Oredo LGA. An Ak-47 rifle and ammunition were recovered

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from December 2017– March 2018 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

from the suspect. In another incident, a bricklayer was reportedly shot dead by his male contractor over missing bags of cement in Benin City, Oredo LGA. In Uhumwonde LGA, a priest was reportedly abducted on the highway.

**Sexual Violence:** A 50-year old man and his 16-year old son were arrested for raping a 10-year old girl in Benin City, Oredo LGA. The suspects have raped the victim countless times in their house.

**Protests:** A lorry was set ablaze by drivers who were protesting the death of their colleague in Oredo LGA. The driver died when his vehicle rammed into a faulty lorry that was parked on the road. The driver and three passengers died in the accident.

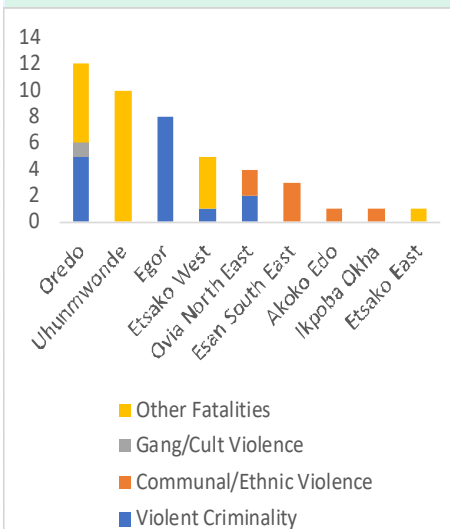
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to communal tensions, criminality, drug trafficking, protests, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG). Peace Actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

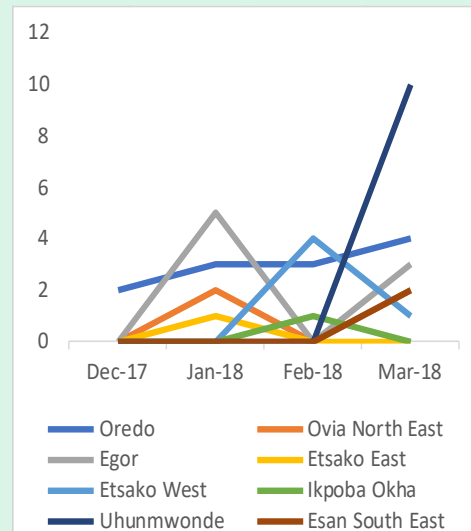
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 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: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (January - March 2018)**

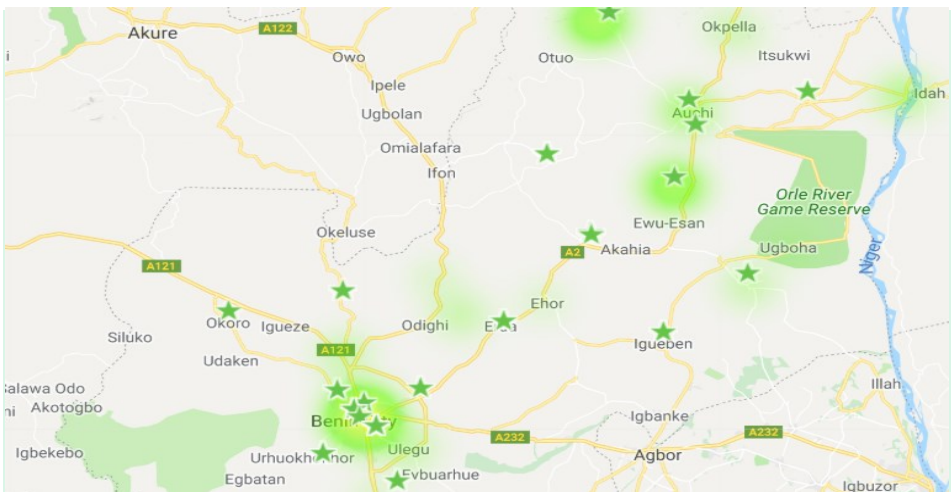


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Oredo, followed by Uhumwonde had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. Sources (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Edo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from January - March 2018 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](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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