

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: February-March 2019

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 Dec 2018-Feb 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 2), Cross River was the third most violent state in the Niger Delta during this period, based on reported fatalities. Incidents reported in the state during this period included criminality, mob violence, sexual violence, communal and political violence.

Communal Violence: In December, three people were reportedly killed during a clash between Orgubam and Abanwan communities in Biase LGA. Following the clash, five others were reportedly killed in reprisal attacks. In January, tension was reportedly heightened over a missing man in Usumutong community, Yakurr LGA. The headless corpse of the man was found in a bush near a neighboring community.

Political Violence: In January, a house belonging to the Cross River state Commissioner for Water Resources was reportedly burned during a clash between supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Etomi community, Etung LGA. In February, a ward chairman of the PDP and three others were reportedly killed during a

clash between supporters of the PDP and APC in Bendeghe Ekiem community, Etung LGA. The incident reportedly occurred shortly after leaders of the community facilitated a peace accord between leaders of the parties to ensure a peaceful elections in the area.

Violent Criminality: In January, a male journalist and broadcaster with the Cross River Broadcasting Corporation (CRBC) was reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Calabar Municipal LGA.

Mob Violence: In December, three robbery suspects were reportedly lynched by residents in Amana community, Obanliku LGA. The suspects were part of an 8-man gang of robbers that attacked the community. Residents pursued and caught three of them while five others escaped. The three gang members were burned to death.

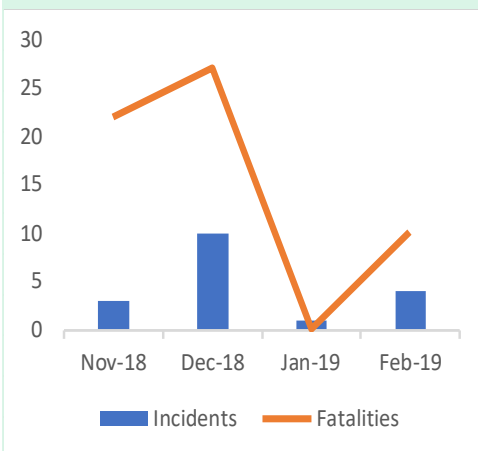
Sexual Violence: In December, a male aide to the Cross River state governor was reportedly arrested for raping a 15-year old girl in Calabar Municipal LGA. The suspect allegedly defiled the teenage girl with the consent of her mother. The girl reportedly has had three abortions since the abuse started three years ago.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2019

Incidents reported during this period related mainly to communal conflict.

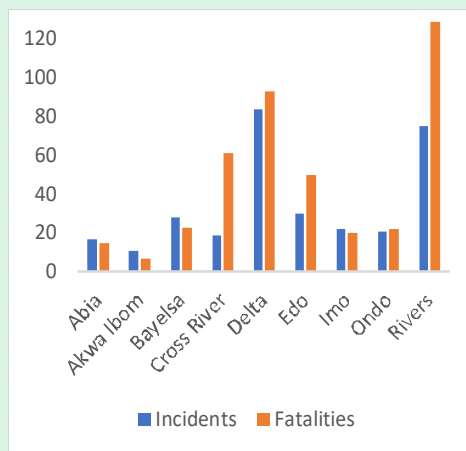
Communal Violence: During the month, four people were reportedly killed during a clash between three communities in Biase LGA, Cross River state, and Ikwo community in neighboring Ebonyi state. The clash was reportedly triggered by a conflict over an oil palm plantation at Egbor community in Biase

Figure 1: Incidents & Fatalities, Cross River



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2018 – February 2019 in Cross River State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Figure 2: Incidents & Fatalities, Niger Delta (Nov 2018 - Feb 2019)



LGA. Following the clash, three communities - Egbor, Ipene and Abanwan - in Biase LGA, Cross River State, were reportedly destroyed by attackers from Ebonyi state.

Separately, some people were reportedly killed in renewed clashes over land disputes between Ukelle community in Yala LGA, Cross River state and Izzi community in Ebonyi state. During the month, the Cross River state governor raised the alarm over renewed killings over a longstanding boundary disputes between the two communities.

Prognosis

Incidents reported during the period included criminality, communal conflict, and political violence, mob violence, sexual violence and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors in the state should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything 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 a Peace Agent?
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 and long term?

Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2018 - February 2019)

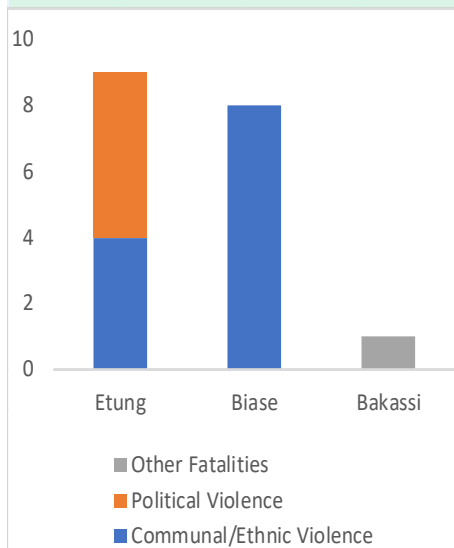
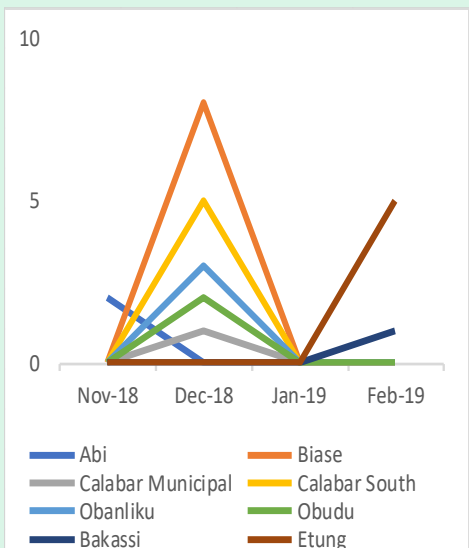
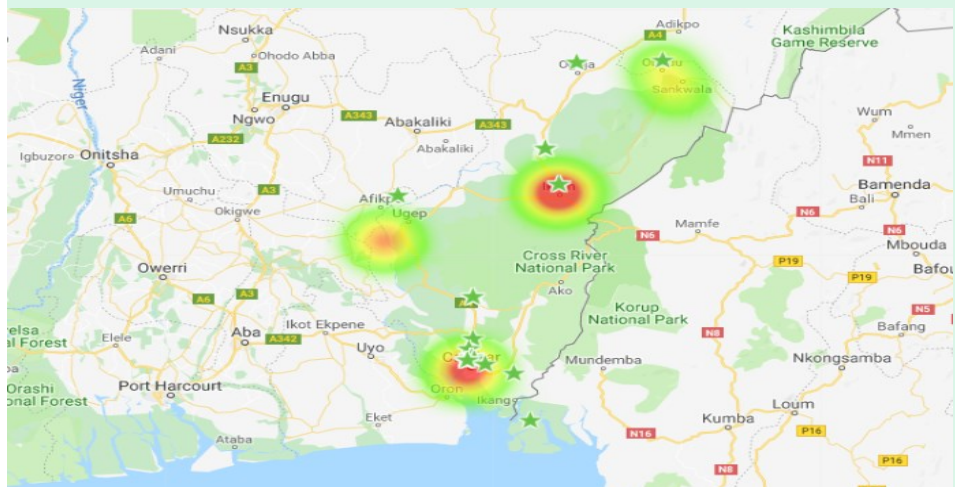


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Etung, followed by Biase had the most reported lethal conflict incidents during this period. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2018 - February 2019 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

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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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