

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia State: June-July 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

April-June 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in lethal violence in Abia in June. Reported incidents during this period related mainly to communal tensions, criminality, protests, and extrajudicial killing.

Communal Tensions: In April, there was reported tension between herders and farmers over destruction of farmlands by grazing cattle in Ukwa East LGA. In June, one was reportedly killed, another hospitalized, and property destroyed during a clash between herdsmen and farmers in Ndi Uduma community, Ohafia LGA. Separately, three were reportedly killed during a clash between herdsmen and residents in Isiugwu community, Ohafia LGA.

Criminality: In April, two robbers were reportedly killed by the police during a robbery incident in a petrol station in Aba North LGA. Separately, the leader of a robbery gang that had killed a banker was reportedly killed by the police in Aba North. In May, eight members of the Abia State Vigilante Services were reportedly killed by robbers in Aba North. Separately, a

businessman was reportedly shot dead by robbers who made away with his five million Naira in Aba North. In another incident, a man was reportedly shot dead in his poultry farm in Umuahia South. In June, a kidnaper was reportedly killed in a shootout with the police in Aba North.

Child Trafficking: In June, a 28-year old commercial motorcyclist and father of three was reportedly arrested by the police for selling his niece for a hundred and fifty thousand Naira in Isiala-Ngwa North LGA. The suspect reportedly sold the child to raise money for the upkeep of his family.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In April, there was a reported protest over re-selling of allotted plots of lands in a government housing estate in Umuahia North LGA. In May, women supporters of the Indigenous People

of Biafra (IPOB) protested in Ohafia LGA, alledging harassment by Nigerian soldiers.

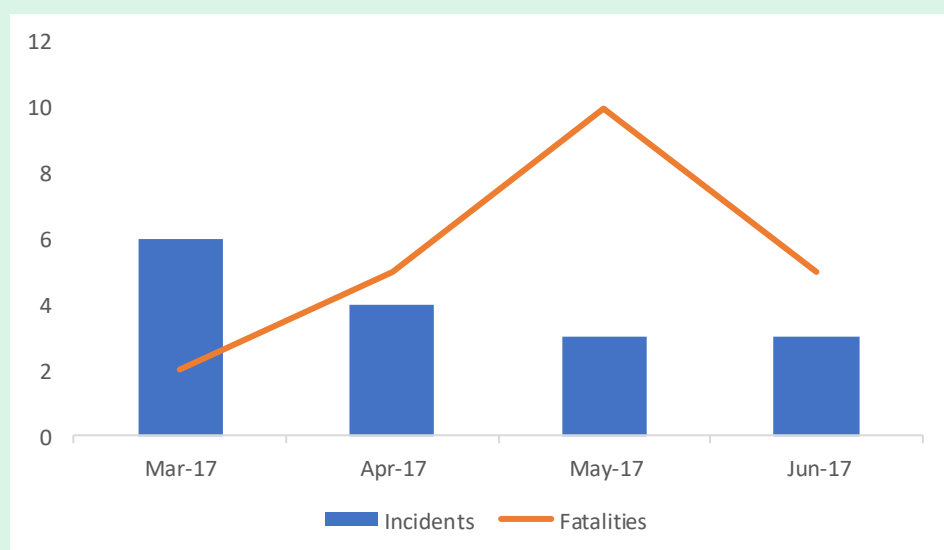
Others: In April, a 42-year old man reportedly died in police custody in Umuahia South LGA. Separately, a young man was reportedly arrested for beheading his mother for ritualistic purposes in Osisioma Ngwa LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2017

Reported incidents during the month related mainly to criminality.

Violent Criminality: Four kidnappers were reportedly shot dead by the police in Isiala-Ngwa South LGA. The police trailed the kidnappers to their hideout while negotiating a ransom. Separately, a 76-year old commercial tricycle operator was

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Abia State



Reported incidents and fatalities from March –June 2017 in Abia State.

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

reportedly killed in Umuahia North by a student of the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike. In a separate incident, robbers reportedly attacked a National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) lodge in Ummuneochi LGA, beat up corps members and stole from them.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): During the month, a woman was reportedly killed by her boyfriend over unwanted pregnancy in Aba South. The man allegedly killed the woman for not aborting the pregnancy after he had given her money for the abortion. Separately, a woman was reportedly shot dead by her male debtor in Aba South. The victim was killed when she went to collect her money from the man.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, communal tensions, criminality, and labor strikes/protests. Peace agents must continue to monitor the security 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 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: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (April – June 2017)

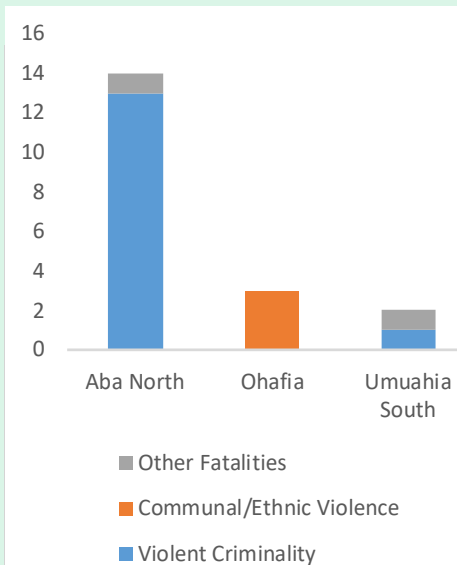
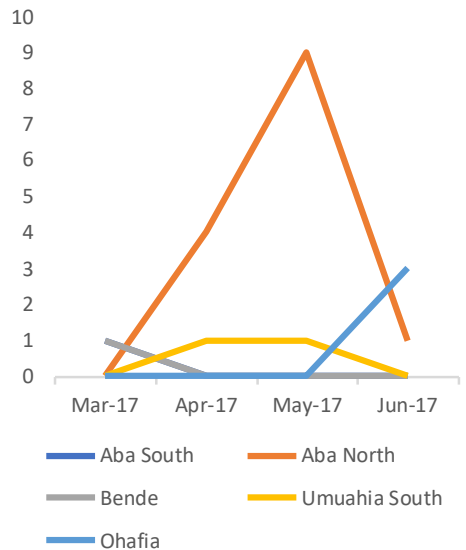
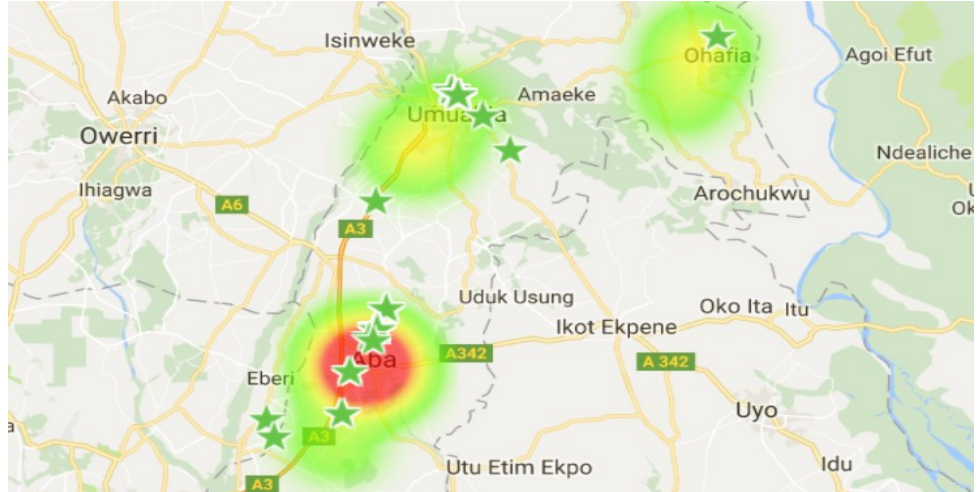


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (April – June 2017)



Reported fatalities show that Aba North had the most violent incidents during the last three months. Source (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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from April-June 2017 in Abia 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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