

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo 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), incidents reported during the period included cult violence, criminality, and communal tensions. Many incidents involved violence against women and girls (VAWG) and tensions between indigenes and northern herders.

**Gang/Cult Violence:** In May, a university student was reportedly killed in a cult clash.

**Violent Criminality:** In May, a man and an 18-year old woman were killed in Oredo, allegedly by assassins contracted by the man's ex-girlfriend. Separately, a lawyer and a policeman were reportedly killed in different locations in Ikpoba-Okha. In another incident, two were reportedly killed by gunmen in Etsako East. In June, a 41-year old man was reportedly killed by gunmen in his residence in Oredo LGA. Separately, kidnappers reportedly killed an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and abducted a Chinese expatriate in Etsako East. In another incident, a recent graduate was reportedly killed in Ikpoba-

Okha LGA. In Ovia North-East, two including a pregnant woman were reportedly killed by robbers who waylaid motorists. In Oredo, a policeman and his two siblings were reportedly shot dead by robbers.

**Communal Tensions:** Several violent incidents were reported during this period that elevated tensions between farmers and herders. In May, four women were reportedly killed in Etsako Central LGA. In Etsako West a man was reportedly beaten to death while protecting his wife from being raped. Also in May, two elderly women were reportedly raped and killed in Esan Central. In June, a 35-year old woman was reportedly shot dead in Etsako West LGA. Two women were reportedly beheaded in Esan West LGA and Esan Southwest, reportedly leading to protest in the community.

#### Other Violence Against Women and Girls

**(VAWG) incidents:** In addition to the impact of communal tensions and criminality on women girls listed above, domestic violence was also reported. In June, the corpse of a woman was discovered in the bathroom in Oredo. She was reportedly killed by her lover during a fight.

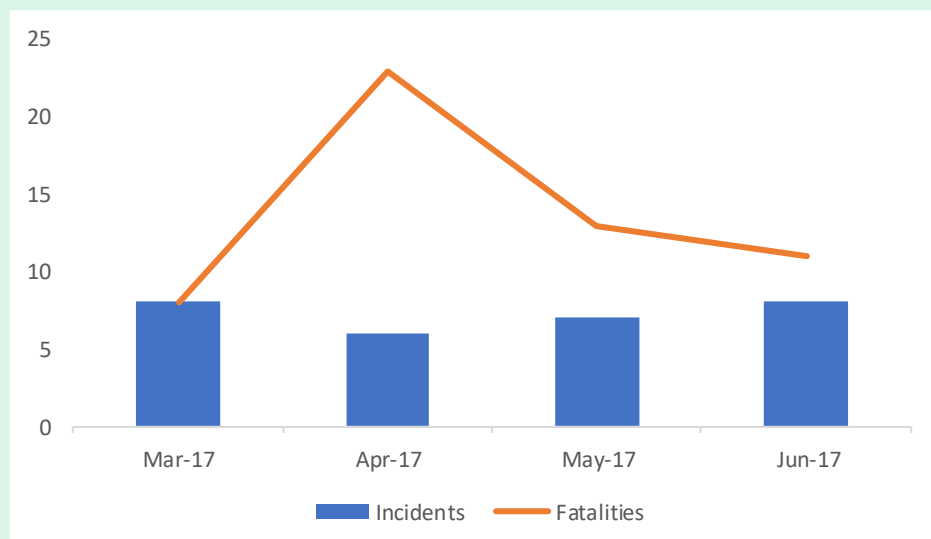
**Other:** In May, a 43-year old man reportedly died in military custody after being arrested for defaulting on a debt.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2017

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to criminality and cult violence.

**Violent Criminality:** A journalist was reportedly shot dead in Benin City.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



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

Separately, three including a bus conductor and a pregnant woman were reportedly shot dead by highway robbers in Ovia North-East LGA. In another incident, a woman was reportedly beaten to death by a 35-year old man who attempted stealing her mobile phone in Etsako East LGA.

**Gang/Cult Violence:** Three were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult clashes in Oredo LGA.

**Other:** A middle-aged woman was reportedly killed by a drunk driver in Akoko-Edo. The killings led to a protest by youths who burned down the house of the alleged perpetrator.

## Prognosis

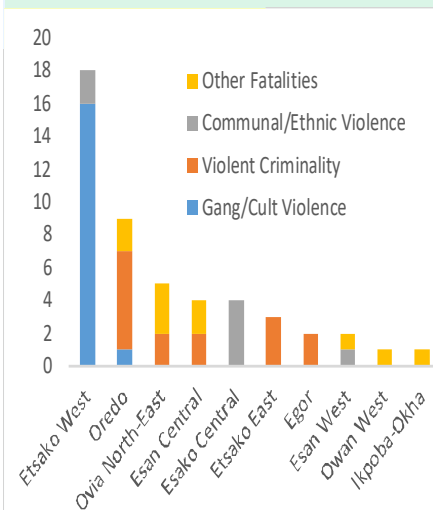
Reported incidents during the period related mainly to communal tensions, cult violence, and other criminal activities. Many involved tensions between farmers and herders as well as Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors should monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

## Questions for Peace

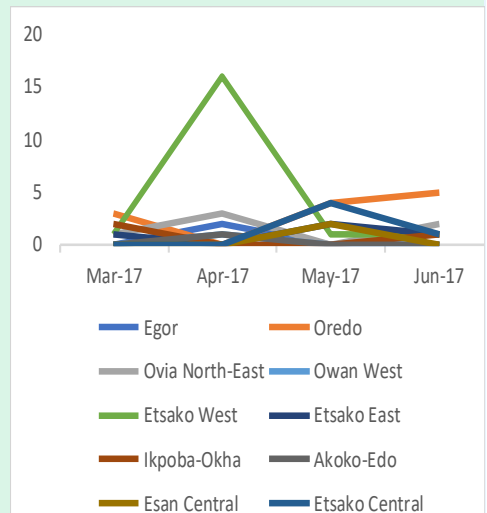
### Agents

1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue 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)**

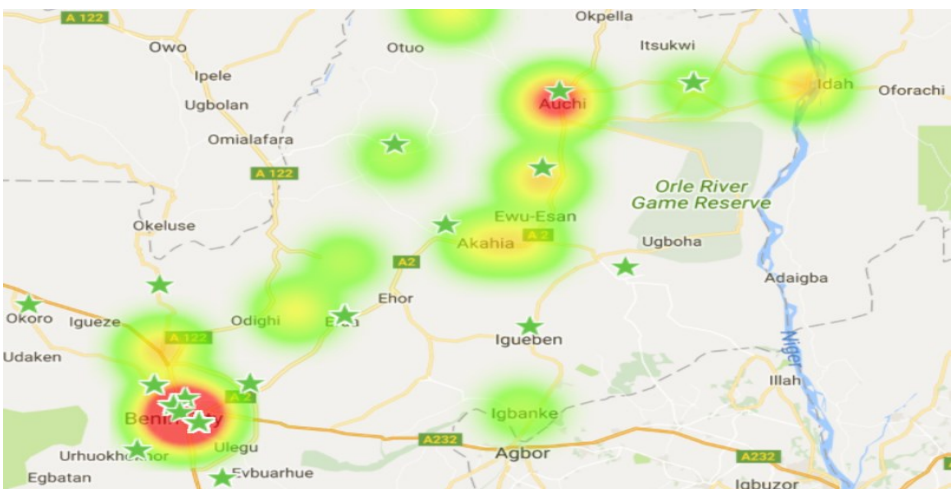


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Etsako West, followed by Oredo had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. 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](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 April-June 2017 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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