

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: October-November 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

August-October 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there has been a decrease in conflict risk and violence in Cross River state since August 2017. Incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, cult violence, natural disasters, and protests.

Communal Violence: In August, a primary school teacher was reportedly shot dead during a clash between Bette community in Obubra LGA, Cross River and Tiv communities in Vandeikya LGA, Benue state. Separately, tension was reportedly elevated over a land dispute in Biase LGA. Five communities allegedly teamed up and attacked another community over the disputed land. In October, Cameroonian gendarmes reportedly attacked a community in Boki LGA of Cross River state over land encroachment. Three people were killed and six others sustained gunshot injuries during the attack.

Violent Criminality: In August, a village head was reportedly killed in his residence in Bakassi LGA. The victim was a staff member of the audit department of the Cross River state Ministry of Finance. In October, the police reportedly raided a hideout used by

kidnappers, rescued a female victim and killed a suspect in Odukpani LGA. Separately, a robbery suspect was killed by vigilante in Calabar South.

Criminality was a driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. In August, an 18-month old girl was reportedly killed for ritualistic purposes in Calabar South. The severed heart of the victim was reportedly found in a church.

Gang/Cult Violence: In August, a suspected cultist was reportedly shot dead by members of a rival cult group in Calabar South LGA.

Natural Disaster: In September, several communities in the state were ravaged by flooding following days of heavy rainfall. In Boki LGA, over 12 communities were devastated by flood which destroyed over three thousand farmlands and hundreds rendered homeless.

Riots/Protests: In October, pensioners in the state protested over payment of their

gratuity. The protesters rejected a planned verification of pensioners by the state government.

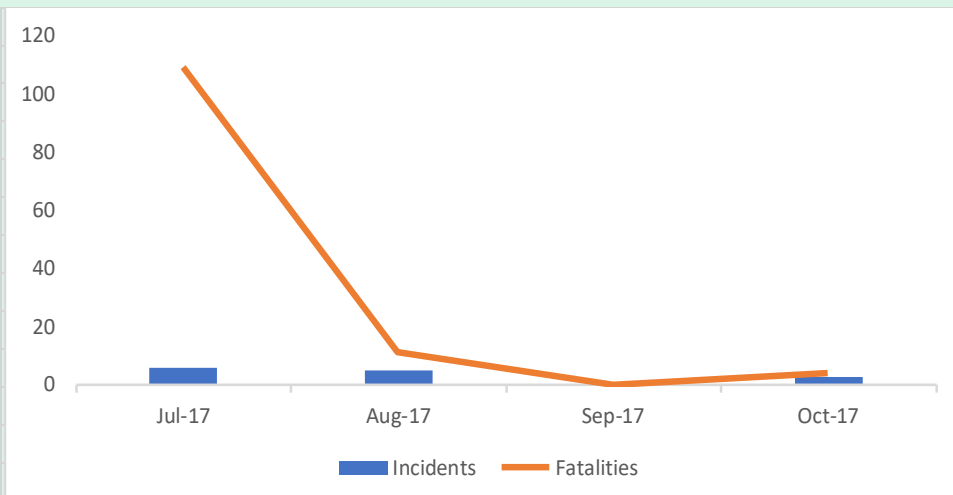
Recent Incidents or Issues, November 2017

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

Communal Violence: A herdsman was reportedly killed during a clash between farmers and herders in Yala LGA. The incident resulted in a protest by women. The protesters demanded that herdsmen leave their community because of frequent clashes and destruction of their crops by cattle.

Criminality: A member of a gang of kidnappers was killed by a mob and other had one of his hand chopped off in Calabar Municipal. The suspects had attempted abducting two school children before they

Figure 1: Conflict Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from July – October 2017 in Cross River State.

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

were apprehended. Separately, the police reportedly killed five kidnappers and rescued a female victim in Ikom LGA. The police traced the kidnappers to their hideout where they engaged them in a shootout. In another incident, a community leader was reportedly killed by a motorcyclist in Calabar Municipal. The killing led to heightened tensions in the community.

Gang/Cult Violence: A man was reportedly killed by cultists in a nursery school in Calabar Municipal. The victim was chased into the school where he was killed by his assailants in the presence of pupils.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period included communal conflict, criminality, cult clashes, protests, mob violence and natural disasters. Peace Actors in the state 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 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 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (August - October 2017)

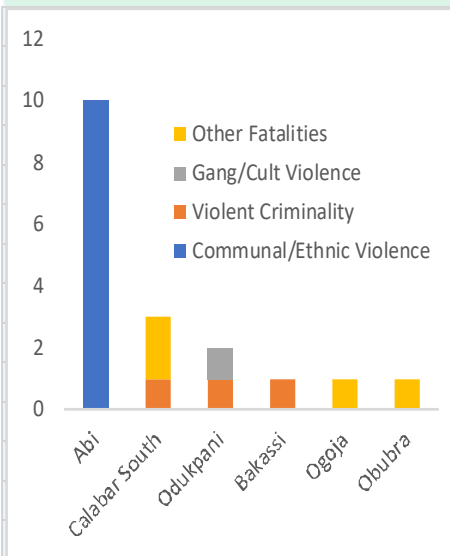
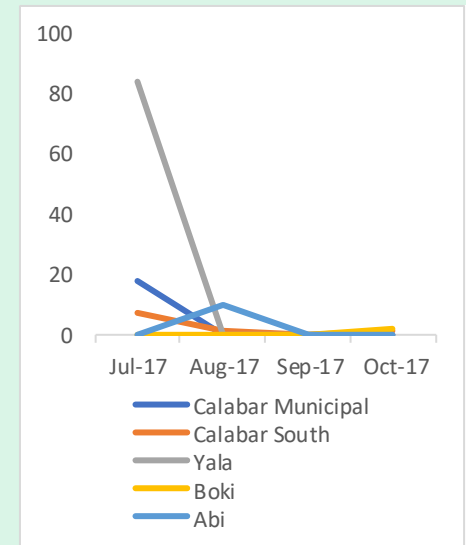
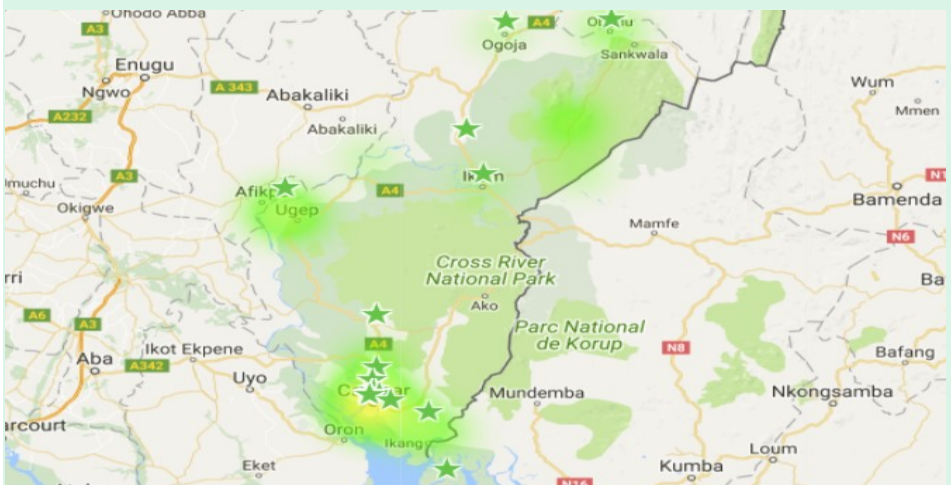


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Abi had the most reported lethal conflict incidents during this period. 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 Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from August-October 2017 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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