

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo 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 was an decrease in conflict fatalities in the state in October. Incidents included criminality, communal tensions, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG).

**Violent Criminality:** In September, gunmen reportedly kidnapped the director of a zoological park in Benin, and shot dead three policemen attached to the park. Separately, a businesswoman was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Oredo. In October, professor of a federal university was reportedly killed by gunmen in his residence in Benin City. Separately, herdsmen reportedly kidnapped an 80-year old retired Superintendent of police along with his wife and a client at a quarry site and demanded a 25 million Naira ransom in Akoko Edo LGA.

Several of the reported incidents of criminality during the period involved VAWG. In July for instance, a woman was reportedly beaten to death by a 35-year old man who attempted stealing her mobile phone in Etsako East LGA. In October, the wife of an abducted musician was killed by

kidnappers in Egor LGA. Separately, in Oredo LGA, a 14-year old female secondary school student was reportedly raped by three boys.

**Others:** In September, a 52-year old farmer was reportedly killed by herdsmen in Orhionmwon LGA. Separately, three were reportedly killed during a protest against an ex-militant over pipeline surveillance contract in Safarogbo community, Ovia South West LGA.

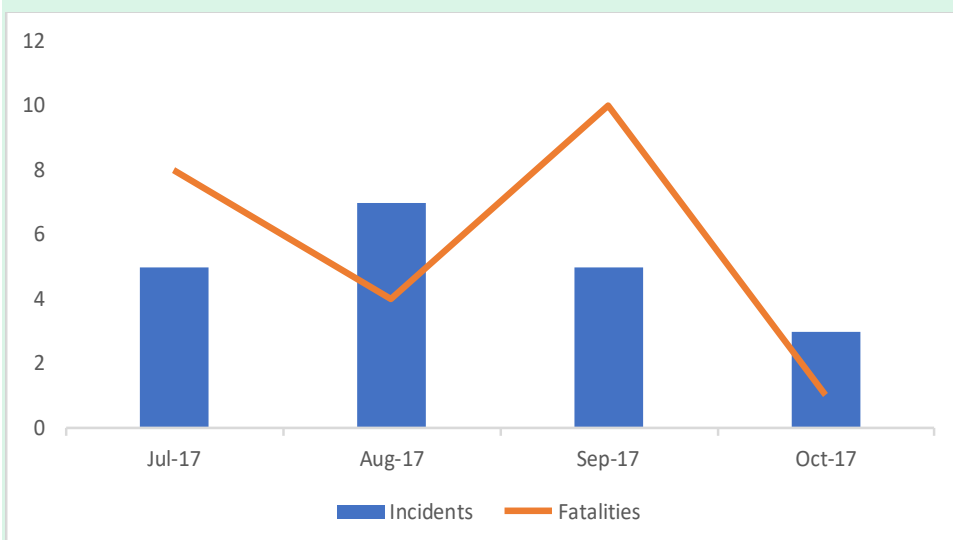
### Recent Issues or Incidents, November 2017

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

**Criminality:** Several incidents of criminality were reported in Oredo LGA. A man was abducted from a drinking spot and killed by hoodlums. Separately, three robbery suspects were reportedly shot dead by vigilante. In another incident, kidnappers abducted an 80-year old retired professor and demanded a five hundred million Naira ransom. The victim was later found dead in a bush. Also, in Oredo LGA, a lawyer was reportedly kidnapped in Benin City. In Ovia North West, militants reportedly attacked a police patrol team, burned the patrol vehicle and killed a policeman. Three others sustained injuries during the attack.

**Gang/Cult Violence:** Several were killed in rival cult clashes in Oredo LGA. A young man was beheaded by rival cultists during a supremacy battle. Separately, a boy was

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



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

killed and his body dumped on road by members of a rival cult group.

**Communal Tensions:** Tension was heightened between ethnic Binis and the Ijaws in Ovia North East LGA over the installation of a paramount ruler by the Ijaw leaders. The Binis contends that the Oba of Benin is the only recognized paramount ruler in the area.

**Others:** The headless body of a young girl was discovered in a suitcase on the road in Oredo. The victim is believed to have been killed for ritualistic purposes. Separately, a female student was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by a vigilante invited to provide security during a graduation ceremony at a polytechnic in Esan West LGA.

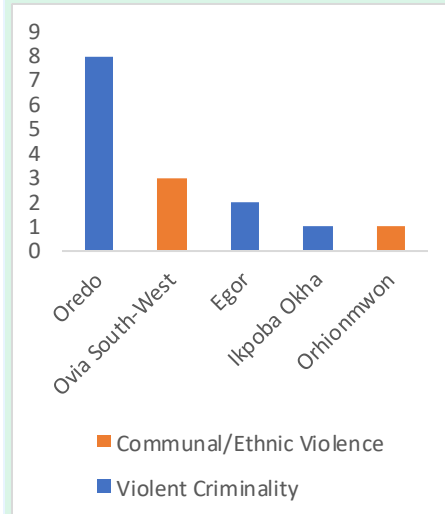
## Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, and communal tensions. Many involved Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

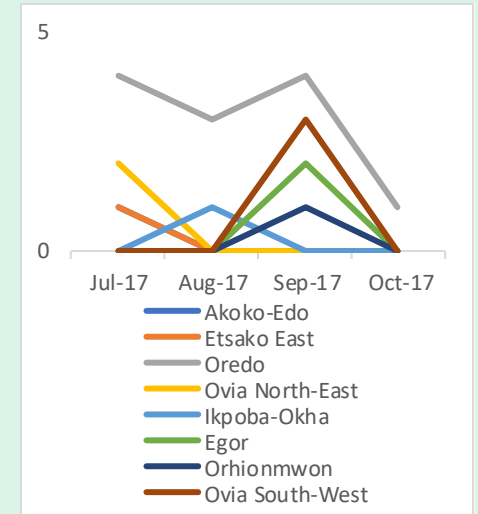
## Questions for Peace Agents

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 (August - October 2017)**

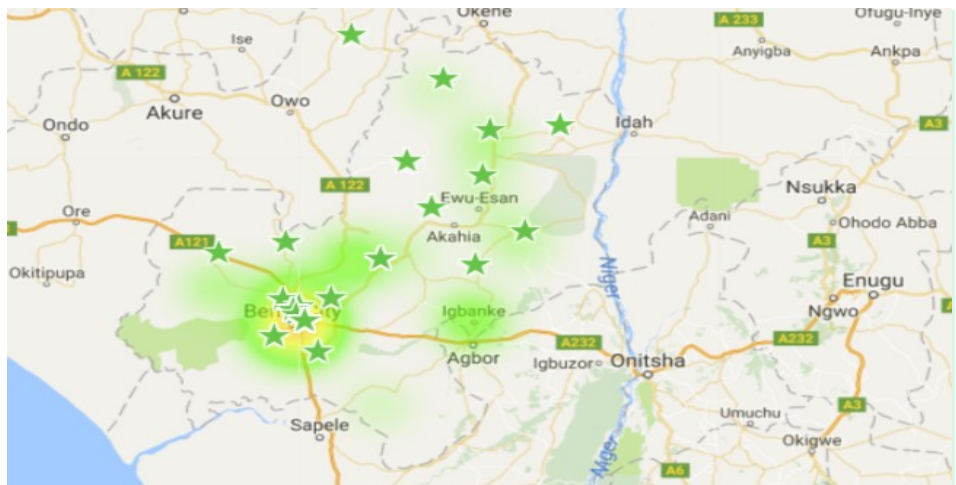


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that 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 August-October 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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