

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: April-May 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 February-April 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, militancy, cult violence, and protests.

Communal Violence: In February, violence again erupted between the two communities and about a dozen people were reportedly killed in a clash over a land. The clash caused the temporary closure of a major highway in the state. In March, three people, including a pastor and his wife, were reportedly killed in a clash over land between Iyमितet and Adun communities in Obubra LGA. Separately, a fatality was reported in a clash between herdsmen and Obot Esere community in Odukpani. In April, over thirty were reportedly killed in a clash over land dispute among communities in Oku Iboku in Itu LGA, Akwa Ibom state and Ikot Offiong in Odukpani LGA, Cross River state.

Violent Criminality: Several incidents of violent criminality were reported in Calabar South LGA. In February, a vice principal was reportedly killed in his home by masked gunmen. Separately, a 25-year old mechanic was reportedly beaten to death by a group of boys. In another incident, two robbers were reportedly killed in a shoot-out with

police. In a separate incident, two robbers were reportedly burned to death by a mob. In Bakassi LGA, about 10 people were reportedly killed in a clash between militants and a criminal gang, although the details have been disputed.

In March, a 25-year old alleged female gun runner accused of leasing arms to robbers was arrested by the police in Calabar LGA. Separately, a professor in the University of Calabar was reportedly kidnaped. In another incident, four suspected kidnappers were reportedly arrested over the abduction of a 6-year old pupil in Obudu LGA. In April, the Cross River state commissioner for water resources was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen at a restaurant in Calabar South LGA.

Gang/Cult Violence: In March, eight were reportedly killed in series of clashes between rival cult groups in Calabar Municipal LGA. The gang war was allegedly triggered by the

killing of a lecturer who is a key member of one of the cult groups.

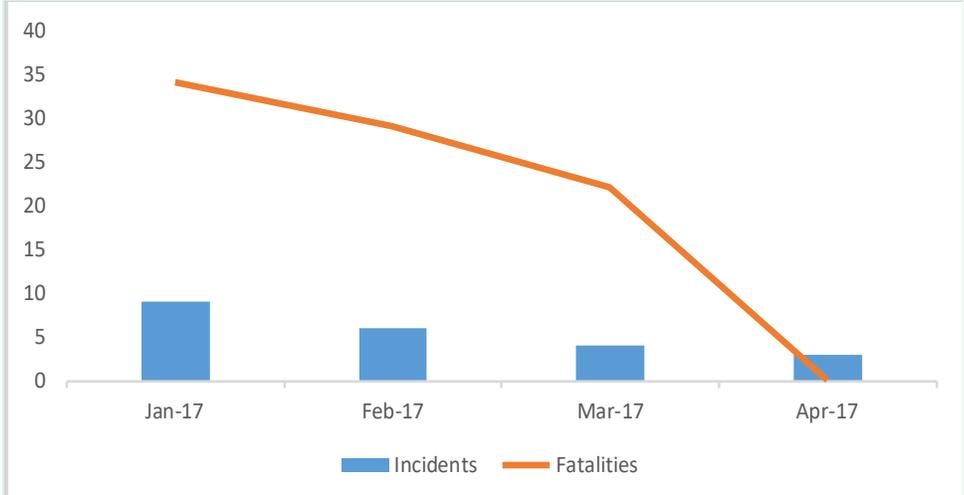
Protests: In March, there was a protest by organized labor in Calabar LGA allegedly over the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the construction of a highway in the state. In April, members of the Senior Staff Association of Electricity and Allied Companies (SSAEAC) reportedly shut down all Cross Rives state offices of the Port Harcourt Distribution Company (PHED) in protest over poor services.

Other Incidents: In February, a man reportedly killed a woman for denying him sex in Calabar LGA. In April, over 30 football fans were reportedly electrocuted by a high tension cable that fell on a viewing center in Calabar Municipal LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2017

Incidents reported in during the month

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from January – April 2017 in Cross River State.

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

included violent criminality, and protests.

Criminality: A 56-year old businessman was reportedly shot dead by robbers in his residence in Ogoja. The robbers reportedly stole large sum of money from the man.

Protests: There was a protests by youth leaders calling for the release of their colleagues allegedly arrested for weapon possession in Odukpani. Separately, tanker drivers under the aegis of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) embarked on an industrial action in protest over a road maintenance levy by the Cross River state government.

Other: During the month, a clash between some personnel of the Nigerian Navy and the police reportedly caused over ten fatalities in Calabar Municipal. A police station was reportedly set ablaze during the confrontation. The clash was reportedly a continuation of an initial misunderstanding between a police traffic officer and a naval official at a traffic light.

Prognosis

Reported incidents of violence and conflict risk in the state during the period included communal conflict, criminality, cult violence, and, protests. 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 (February - April 2017)

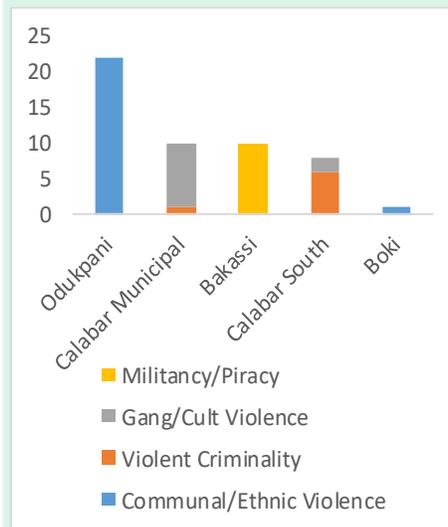
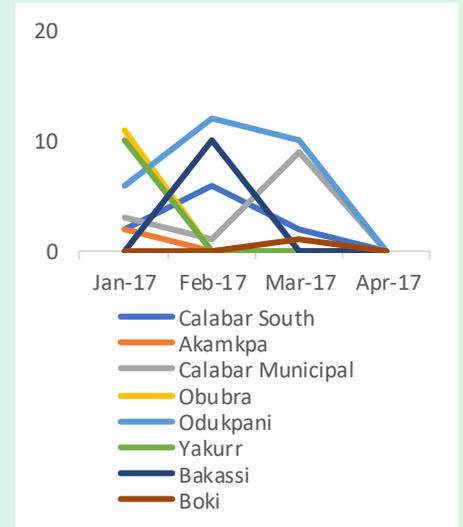
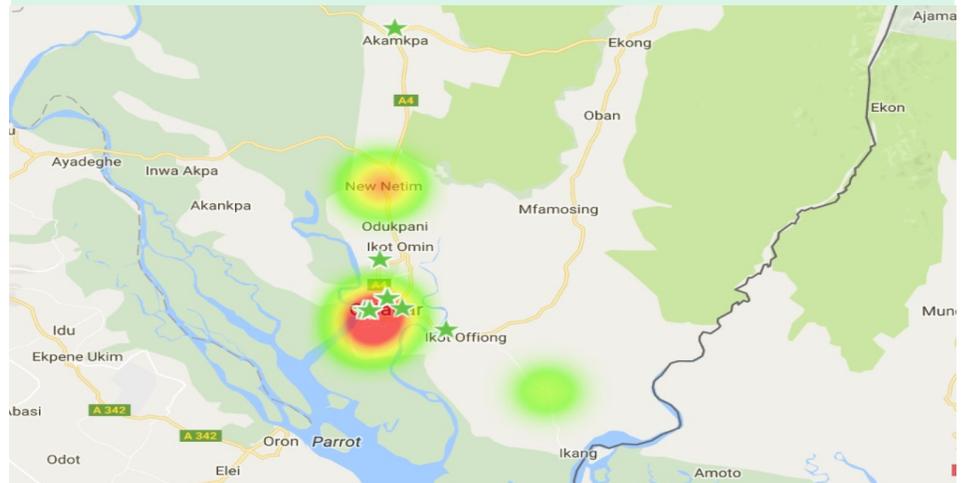


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Odukpani, followed by Calabar Municipal 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 February-April 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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