

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo 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 the period included cult violence, criminality, protests, and domestic violence.

Gang/Cult Violence: In April, sixteen students were reportedly beheaded during a supremacy battle between two rival cult groups in Etsako west LGA. Separately, three people, including a physically challenged man, were reportedly killed in cult clashes at different locations in Ovia North-East.

Violent Criminality: In February, several lethal incidents were reported in the state capital of Benin in Oredo LGA. During the month, a 62-year old farmer was reportedly killed by his laborers who then removed his kyphosis for ritualistic purposes in Owan West LGA. Also in February, three secondary teachers were reportedly abducted by kidnappers who demanded a 10 million Naira ransom in Ovia North East. In March, a chief Imam was reportedly killed by gunmen suspected to be assassins in Ovia North East. Separately, a pastor was reportedly killed by

gunmen in Benin City. Also in Benin City, a woman was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants in front of her residence. In Owan East, a former chairman of Etsako East LGA was reportedly shot dead by gunmen who attacked motorists along the Benin-Auchi road. In April, a petty trader was reportedly killed by gunmen in Egor. Also in Egor, a 35-year old man was reportedly shot dead by unknown assailants during the burial of his father.

Protest: In March, nurses at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) reportedly protested the abduction of their colleague in Oredo.

Other: In April, a 36-year old man reportedly beheaded his 83-year old mother in Owan West. The suspect allegedly killed the

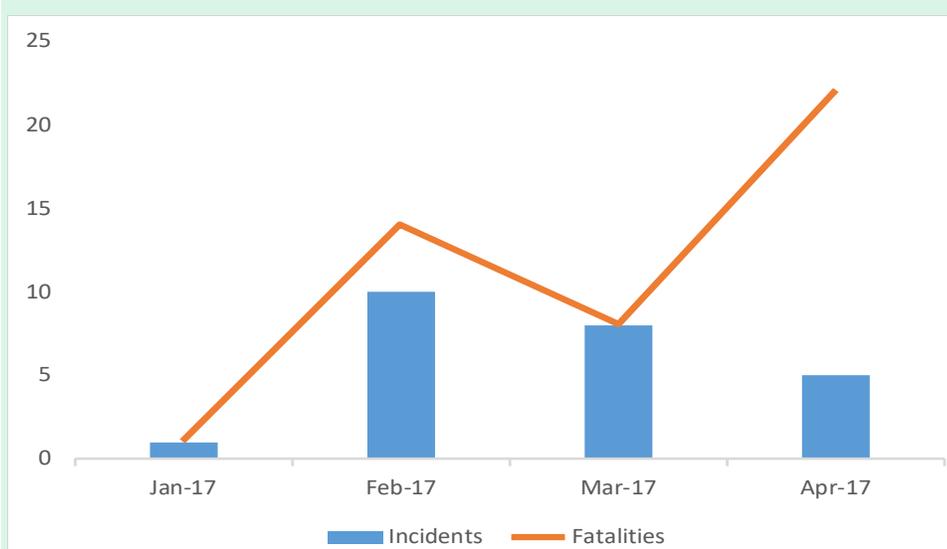
mother because she accused him of defiling his daughter

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2017

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

Violent Criminality: During the month, an Italy-based Nigerian was reportedly killed by assassins allegedly contracted by his ex-girl friend in Oredo. The assassins also killed an 18-year old girl who reportedly recognized of one them. Separately, a lawyer and a policeman were reportedly killed by suspected assassins in different locations in Ikpoba-Okha. In another incident, two were reportedly killed by gunmen in Etsako East.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from January–April 2017 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Communal Tensions: Two elderly women were reportedly raped and strangled by herdsmen in their farm in Esan Central LGA. This led to a protest by youths in the community. One of the protesters was reportedly shot by soldiers. Separately, four women were reportedly killed by herdsmen in Etsako Central LGA. In another incident, a man was reportedly beaten to death by herdsmen while protecting his wife from being raped by the herders in Etsako West.

Other: A 43-year old man was reportedly tortured to death by soldiers over a 1.5 million Naira debt in Oredo. Also in Oredo, a male student of the Benson Idahosa University, was reportedly killed in a rival cult clash.

Prognosis

Reported incidents in the state during the period related mainly to communal tensions, cult violence, and other criminal activities. 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 (February - April 2017)

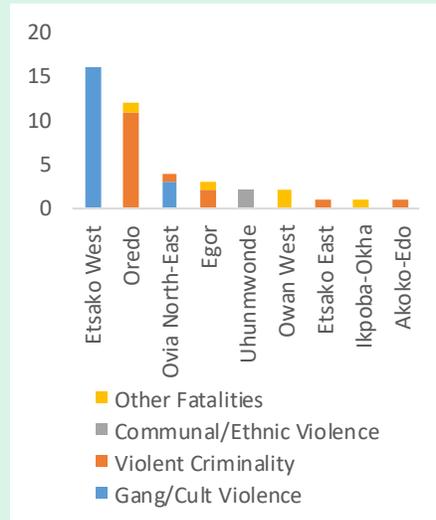
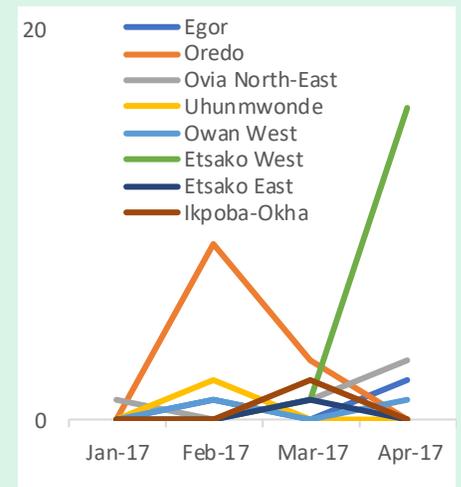
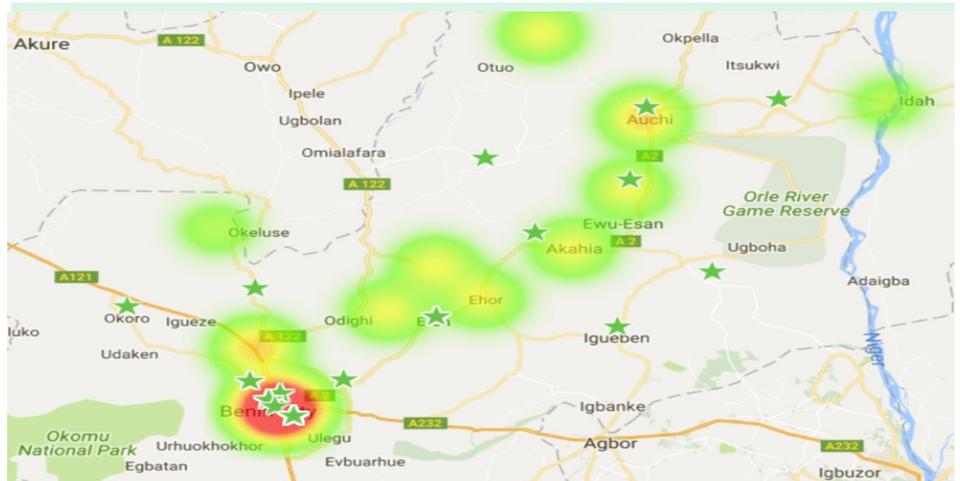


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



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

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



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from February-April 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

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

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