

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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), issues reported during the period included communal and political tensions, cult violence, violent criminality, and protests.

Violent Criminality: In February, a policeman was reportedly killed by gunmen in front of his house in Okitipupa. In March, five were reported killed during a bank robbery in Ogbagi Akoko, in Akoko North. Two security guards were reportedly shot during the robbery. Separately, a robber was reportedly shot dead by soldiers along the Ilesa-Akure expressway in Akure South. In another incident, gunmen reportedly attacked some churches during night vigil, robbed worshippers of their valuables and made away with church offerings in Akure.

In April, residents raised the alarm over the rising cases of criminality along the Akure-Ilesha expressway in Akure South LGA. According to local news report, there has been a rise in incidents of robbery, kidnapping, and rape along the expressway in recent months.

Political Violence: In February, five people were reportedly injured in a clash between political thugs and commercial tricycle operators in Ondo town. Also about 10 were reportedly killed in a cult clash over political differences.

Cult Violence: In April, the leader of a cult group was reportedly shot dead by the police in Owo. According to a local news report, the victim was the leader of a dreaded cult group that has caused many violent deaths in the area. Separately, two were reportedly killed in a rival cult clash in Akure South. The incident was reportedly a reprisal following an attack on a member of one of the rival cult groups at a brothel the previous week.

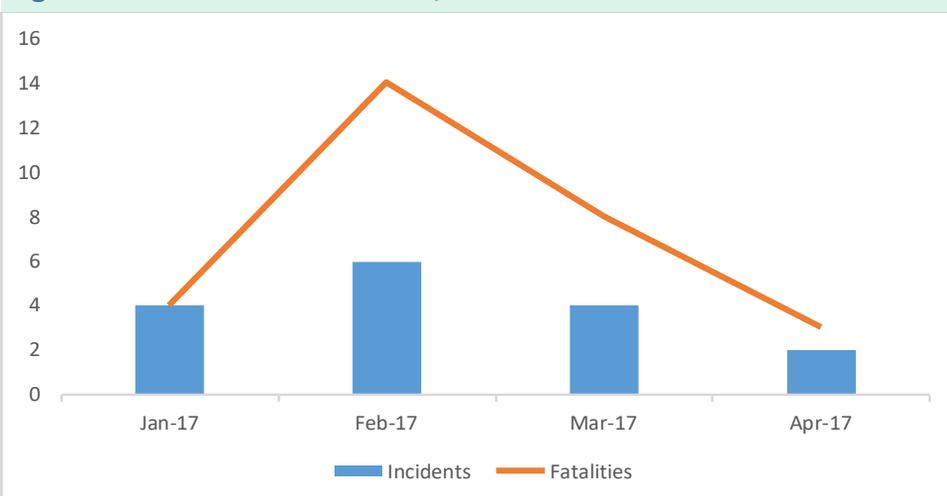
Protests: In March, members of the Ondo State Timbers Traders Organization (OSTTO) reportedly blocked the entrance to the office of the state governor in protest over closure of forest reserves and banning of logging in the state. Separately, worshippers protested over the closure of their church by local government authorities in Ilaje.

Recent Incidents or Issues, May 2017

Incidents reported in the state during the month were mainly related to insurgency/counter-insurgency, and cult violence.

Militants vs Soldiers: During the month, operatives of the Joint Task Force (JTF) code-

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from January - April 2017 in Ondo State.

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

named ‘Operation Delta Safe’ reportedly ambushed and killed fifteen militants including a prominent militant leaders in Ese-Odo LGA. Three soldiers were also killed during the confrontation. Also in Ese-Odo, five were reportedly killed during a shoot-out between militants and operatives of the joint task force.

Cult Violence: A 24-year old graduate was reportedly shot dead by suspected cultists in Ondo West. Separately, two were reportedly shot dead during a clash between two rival cult groups in Ondo West.

Prognosis

Reported incidents in the State during this period are mainly related to criminality, cult violence, insurgency/counter-insurgency, political tensions, and protests. The conflict dynamics in the state has changed recently, following the alleged military invasion of some communities in the southern parts of the state in search of militants. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. What is 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, medium, and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (February - April 2017)

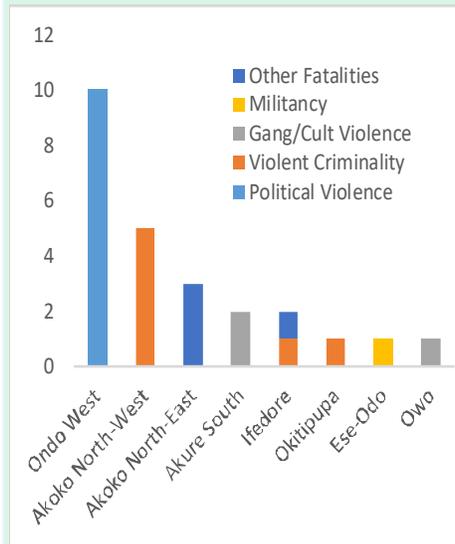
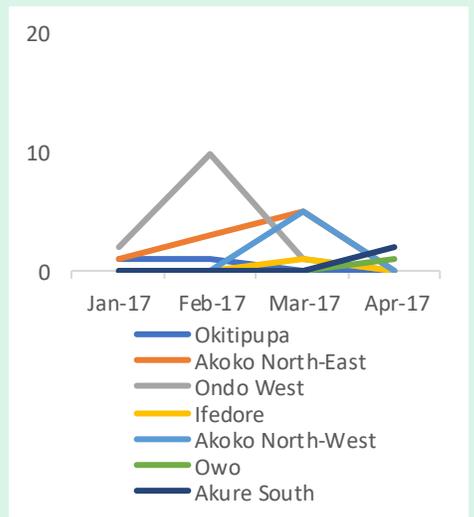
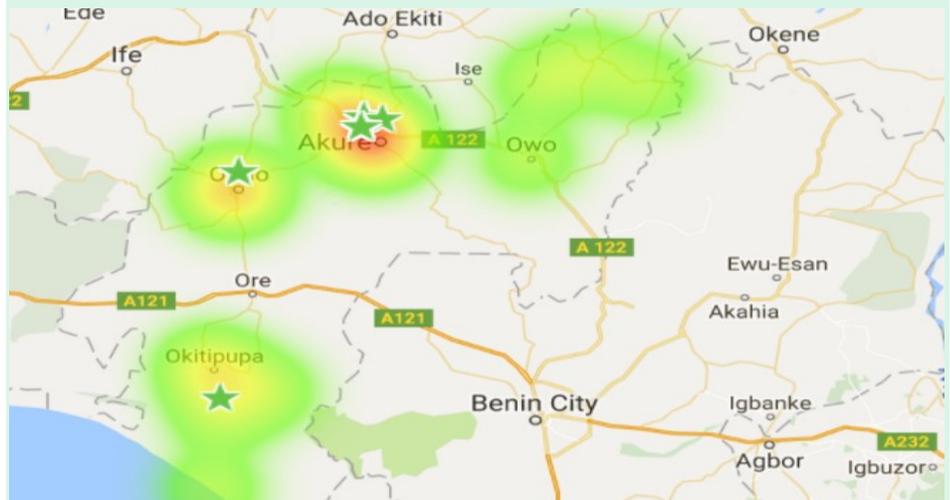


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (January - April 2017)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Ondo West, followed by Akoko North-West had the highest number of fatalities. 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 Ondo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from February–April 2017 in Ondo, 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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