

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: June-July 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

April-June 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in Cross River in June. Incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, cult violence, and protests.

Communal Violence: In April, over thirty people were reportedly killed in a land dispute among communities in Oku Iboku in Itu LGA, Akwa Ibom and Ikot Offiong in Odukpani LGA, Cross River state. In June, four were reportedly killed during a clash between Nsobo community in Obubra LGA, Cross River, and Ofunakpa Inyimagu community in Ikwo LGA, Ebonyi state. Separately, four were reported killed in a clash over land dispute between Akamkpa and Ojor communities in Akamkpa LGA.

Violent Criminality: In April, the Cross River state commissioner for water resources was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen at a restaurant in Calabar South LGA. In May, a 56-year old businessman was reportedly shot dead by robbers in his residence in Ogoja. In June, businessman was reportedly shot dead in his shop by robbers in Calabar South LGA.

Gang/Cult Violence: In June, six were reportedly killed in a supremacy battle between Italian and Vikings cult groups in Calabar South LGA. Separately, two were reported killed in a clash between Black Axe and Vikings confraternities at the palace of a traditional ruler in Yakurr LGA. In another incident, five were reportedly killed in a clash between Vikings and KKK cult groups in Ogoja LGA.

Protests: In May, there was a protest by youth leaders calling for the release of their colleagues allegedly arrested for weapon possession in Odukpani. Separately, tanker drivers went on strike to protest a road maintenance levy by the Cross River state government.

Other Incidents: In April, dozens of football fans were reportedly electrocuted by a high tension cable that fell on a viewing center in Calabar Municipal LGA. In May, 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. In June, Three suspects were reportedly lynched by a mob in Calabar Municipal after allegedly stealing a mobile phone belonging to a woman.

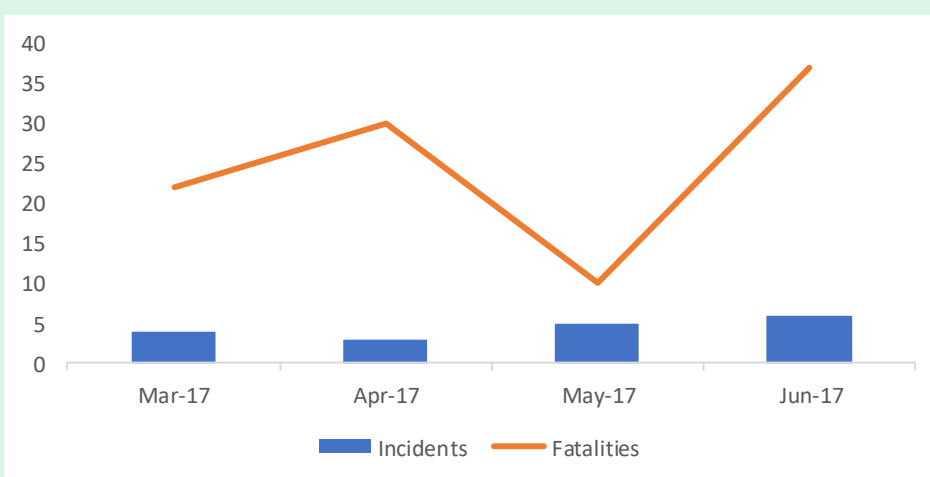
Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2017

Incidents reported in during the month included criminality, communal violence, and militancy.

Communal Violence: During the month, eighteen were reportedly killed during a communal clash over a land dispute between Wanikade and Wanhimen communities in Yala LGA.

Militants Vs Soldiers: One person was reportedly killed during a clash between a group of militants and soldiers in Calabar South LGA.

Figure 1: Conflict Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from March – June 2017 in Cross River State.

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

Criminality: Five robbers were reportedly killed in a gun duel with the police in Calabar South after stealing a man's money as he stepped out of a bank. Separately, a former staff of the National Assembly was reportedly shot dead during a gun duel between the police and his kidnappers in Calabar Municipal. The police clashed with the kidnappers in a bid to rescue the victim. In a separate incident, a senior immigration officer was reportedly shot dead by robbers on his way from a night club in Calabar South.

Other: Eleven were reportedly killed and several others injured during a fire outbreak in Calabar Municipal. The inferno was allegedly caused by activities of illegal dealers in petroleum products.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period included communal conflict, criminality, protests, cult and mob violence. 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 (April - June 2017)

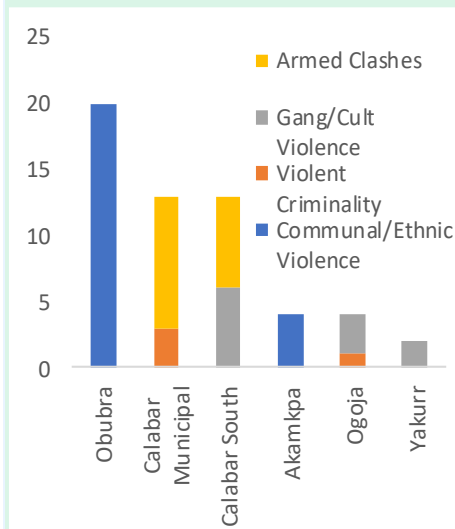
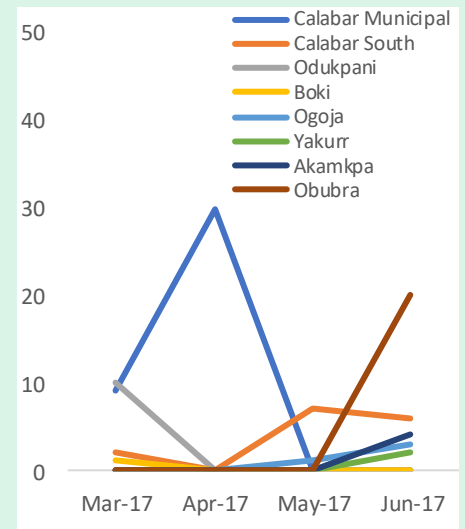
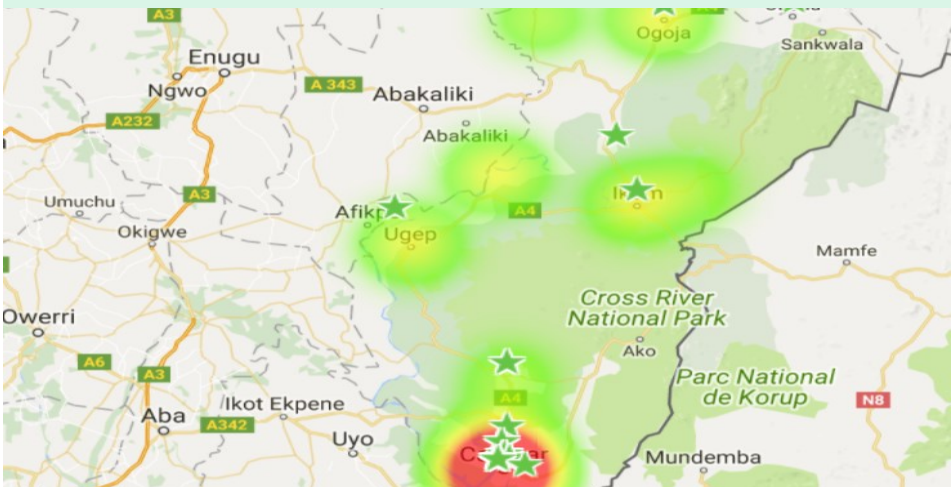


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Obubra, 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 April-June 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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