

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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), incidents reported during the period included criminality, cult violence, militancy, and communal tensions.

Violent Criminality: In June, a chieftain of the All Progressive Congress (APC) was reportedly kidnapped and later found dead in Ese-Odo LGA.

Cult Violence: In April, the leader of a cult group was reportedly shot by police in Owo LGA. Separately, two were reportedly killed in a rival cult clash in Akure South. In May, 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. In June, ten were reportedly killed and several others injured during a supremacy battle between rival cult groups in Akure South LGA.

Militancy: In May, operatives of the Joint Task Force (JTF) code-named 'Operation

Delta Safe' reportedly ambushed and killed fifteen militants including a prominent militant leader 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 JTF.

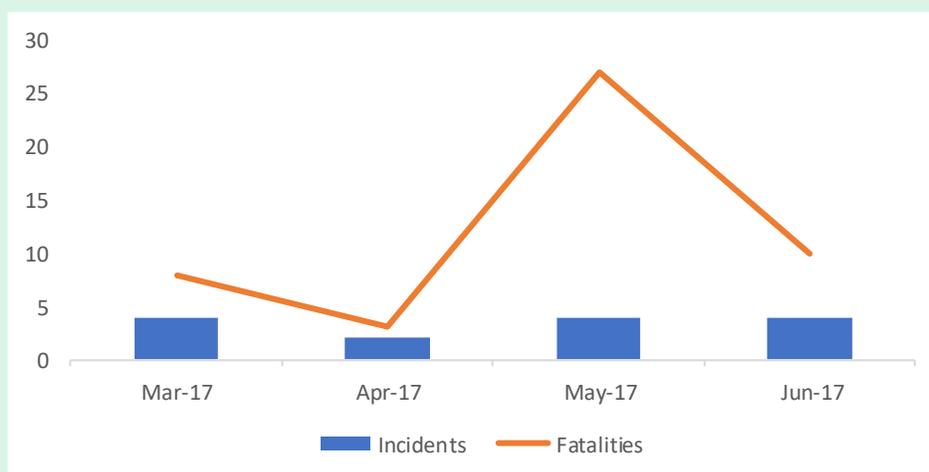
Communal Tensions: In June, herdsmen reportedly clashes with police at the farm of the former Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) in Akure North LGA, and killed a 64-year old farmer. The herdsmen were reportedly searching for their missing cattle when they clashed with the policemen. The killing of the farmer led to protest by residents.

Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2017

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

Criminality: Three kidnapers were reportedly killed and several others injured during a police operation to rescue abducted school children in Ile-Oluji-Okeigbo LGA. The children were abducted from their school in Lagos state. Separately, robbers reportedly attacked a bullion van and injured some policemen and bank officials in Ondo East LGA. In another incident, gunmen reportedly killed a 50-year old man and stole his motorcycle in Akure South. In Okitipupa LGA, a 24-year old woman was reportedly killed by unknown persons in the farm.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from March - June 2017 in Ondo State.

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

Cult Violence: Two were reportedly killed in separate clashes between Eiye and Aiye confraternities in Akure South.

Communal Tensions: A man was reportedly killed by hoodlums over a kingship tussle in Akoko North-West LGA.

Others: During the month, five college students were reportedly arrested by the police for raping an 18-year old female student of the institution. Separately, fifteen were reportedly injured during a clash between factions of the Ondo State chapter of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Akure South LGA.

Prognosis

Reported incidents in the State during this period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, communal tensions, and insurgency/counter-insurgency. 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 (April - June 2017)

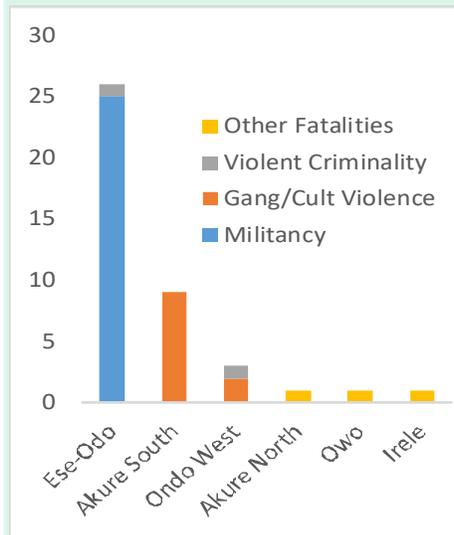
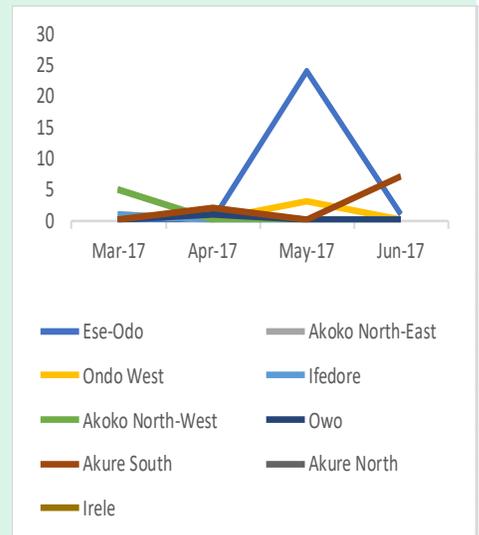
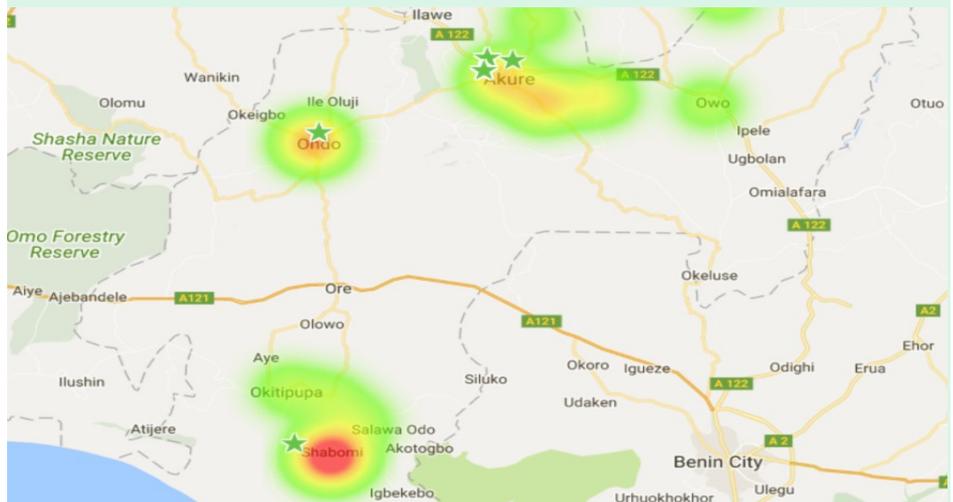


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (April - June 2017)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Ese-Odo 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 April–June 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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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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