

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo State: July-August 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

May-July 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during the period included cult violence, criminality, and communal tensions. Many incidents involved violence against women and girls (VAWG) and tensions between indigenes and northern herders.

Gang/Cult Violence: In May, a university student was reportedly killed in a cult clash. In July, three were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult clashes in Oredo LGA.

Violent Criminality: In June, a 41-year old man was reportedly killed by gunmen in his residence in Oredo LGA. Separately, kidnappers reportedly killed an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) and abducted a Chinese expatriate in Etsako East. In Ovia North-East, two people, including a pregnant woman, were reportedly killed by robbers who waylaid motorists. In Oredo, a policeman and his two siblings were reportedly shot dead by robbers. In July, a journalist was reportedly shot dead in Benin City. Separately, three

including a bus conductor and a pregnant woman were reportedly shot dead by highway robbers in Ovia North-East LGA. In another incident, a woman was reportedly beaten to death by a 35-year old man who attempted stealing her mobile phone in Etsako East LGA.

Communal Tensions: Tension between farmers and herders was elevated during this period. In May, four women were reportedly killed in Etsako Central LGA. Separately, two elderly women were reportedly raped and killed in Esan Central. In June, a 35-year old woman was reportedly shot dead in Etsako West LGA. Two women were reportedly beheaded in Esan West and Esan Southwest LGA, reportedly leading to protest in the community.

Other Violence Against Women and Girls

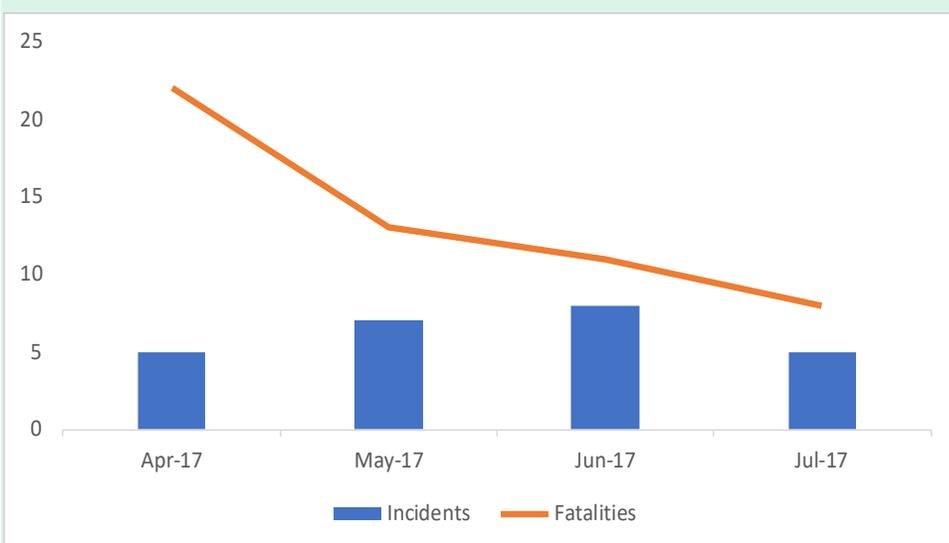
(VAWG) incidents: In addition to the impact of communal tensions and criminality on women and girls listed above, domestic violence was also reported during this period. In June, the corpse of a woman reportedly killed by her lover was discovered in the bathroom in Oredo.

Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2017

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

Violent Criminality: A former youth leader was reportedly assassinated in Ikpoba-Okha. The killing sparked off protests by youths who set ablaze the palace of a traditional

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



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

ruler in the community. Separately, an Assistant Superintendent of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) was reportedly killed by gunmen at his residence in Benin City, the state capital. In another incident, an auto mechanic and two of his clients were reportedly shot dead in Oredo LGA.

Protest: A coalition of civil society organizations (CSOs) protested against Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in Oredo. The protesters called for the implementation of the Child Rights Act, and the domestication of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act in the state.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to communal tensions, cult violence, and other criminal activities. Many involved tensions between farmers and herders as well as Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). 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 (May - July 2017)

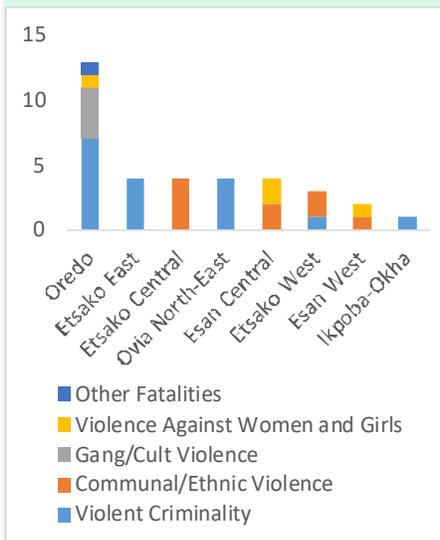
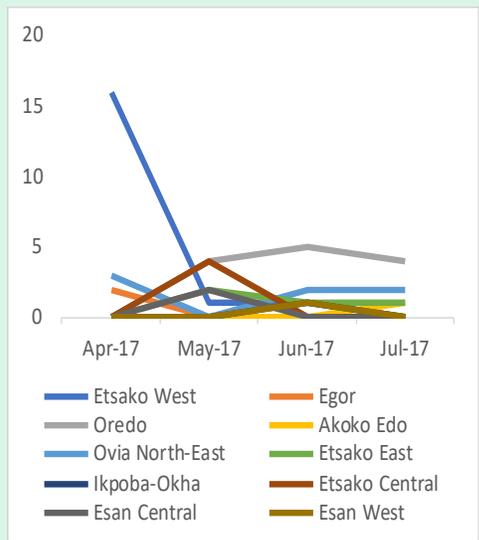
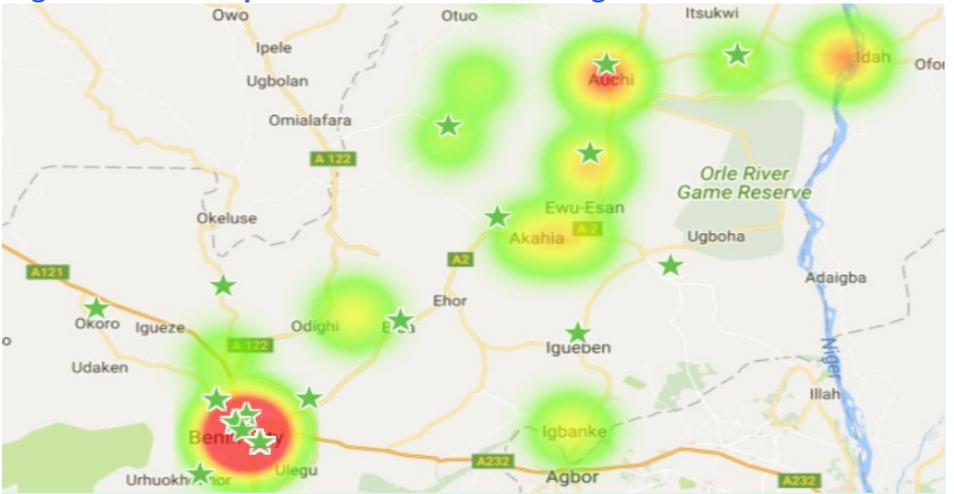


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (May - July 2017)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that 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 May-July 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

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

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