

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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), there was an increase in lethal violence in the state in July. 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. In July, three kidnappers were reportedly killed and several others injured during a police operation to rescue abducted school children in Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo LGA. 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 at a farm.

Cult Violence: In June, ten were reportedly killed and several others injured during a supremacy battle between rival cult groups

in Akure South LGA. In July, two were reportedly killed in separate clashes between Eiye and Aiye confraternities in Akure South.

Communal Tensions: In June, herdsmen reportedly clashed 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. In July, a man was reportedly killed by hoodlums over a kingship tussle in Akoko North-West LGA.

Others: In July, 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.

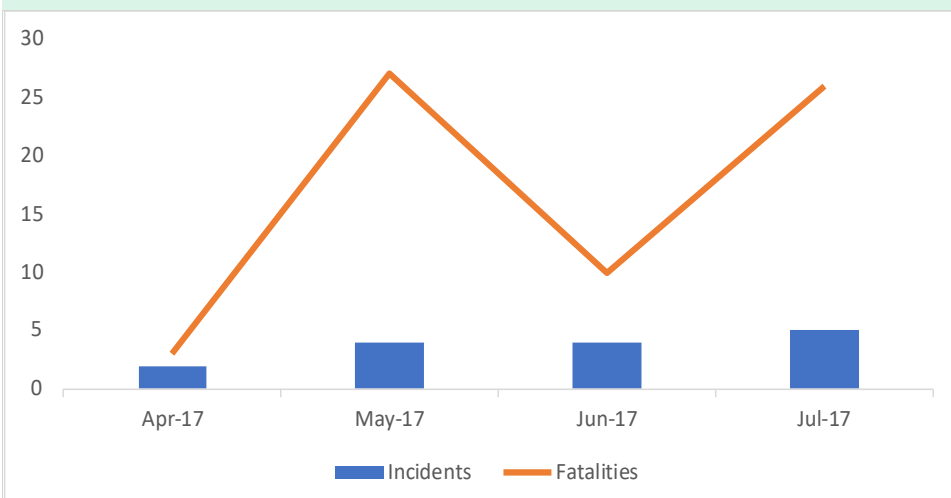
Recent Incidents or Issues, August 2017

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Communal Tensions: Herders reportedly attacked a farm in Odigbo LGA and killed a farmer who confronted them. Separately, herdsmen reportedly killed four farmers and destroyed crops in Akure South. The incident sparked off a protest by villagers. In another incident, herdsmen reportedly raped a 72-year old woman in her farm in Odigbo LGA.

Criminality: Gunmen reportedly abducted four passengers who were travelling on a commercial bus and shot dead another in

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



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

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

Akoko North East LGA. Separately, robbers reportedly killed a pastor and stole his motorcycle in Okitipupa. In another incident, a policeman reportedly shot dead his superior during an argument and thereafter committed suicide in Odigbo LGA. In Ondo West, two female students of a collage were reportedly kidnapped and killed for ritualistic purposes.

Protest: During the month, commercial motorcyclists in the state protested a police order that prohibits them from carrying more than a passenger at a time. The protesters also called for the release of their colleagues arrested over the police order.

Prognosis

Reported incidents in the State during this period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, communal tensions, and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). 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 (May - July 2017)

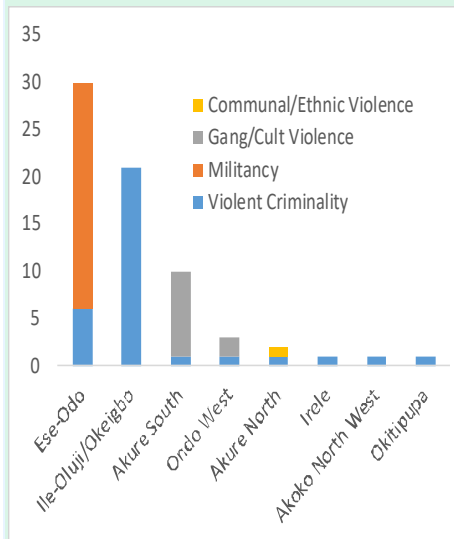
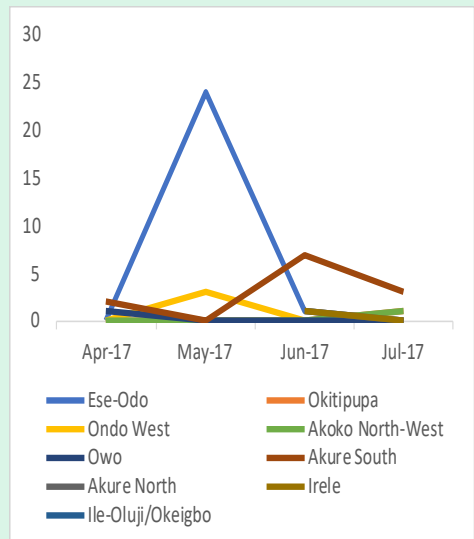
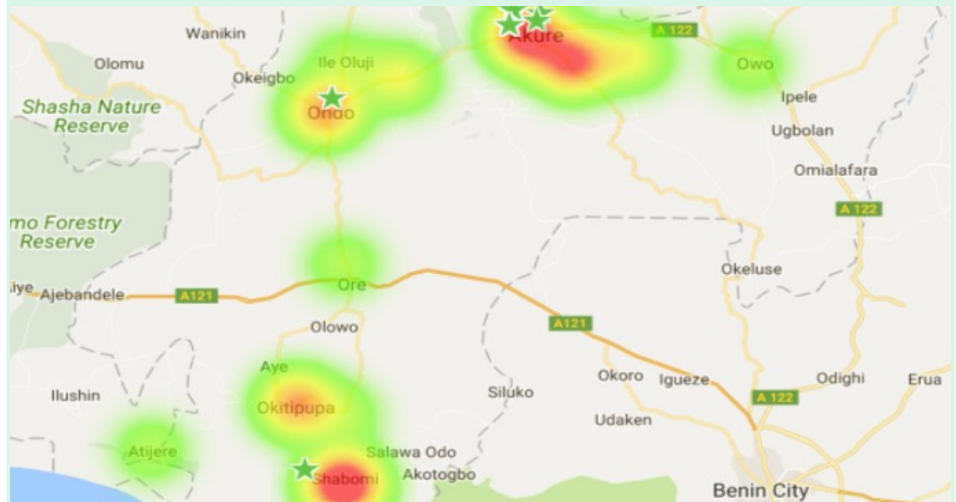


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Ese-Odo, followed by Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo 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 May–July 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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