

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State: August-September 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

June-August 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in lethal violence in Akwa Ibom in August. Incidents reported during the period included communal tensions, criminality, and cult violence.

Communal Tensions: In July, militants and pirates reportedly attacked a fishing communities and killed over 35 people and displaced several others in Itu and Uruan LGAs. Separately, youths from a neighboring community in Cross River state reportedly killed a man who was fishing in a disputed river in Itu LGA.

Criminality: In July, a youth leader and a lawyer were reportedly killed by gunmen in Ukanafun LGA. Separately, the vice principal of a community secondary school was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Ukanafun. In another incident, robbers reportedly shot dead a policeman attached to an expatriate in Uyo. In August, a policeman was reportedly killed during a shootout with robbers in Uyo.

Gang/Cult Violence: In August, several cult-related fatalities were reported in Etim Ekpo LGA. Four persons were reportedly killed when about ten cultists attacked a village. Separately, cultists reportedly killed a man during a funeral procession. In another incident, cultists attacked some communities, killed four, and set ablaze several houses and a market.

capital. The cultists reportedly robbed people in the neighborhood.

Criminality: Robbers reportedly attacked a bank in Uyo. The robbers reportedly shot sporadically to scare their victims.

Political Violence: One was reportedly killed during a primary elections conducted by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Itu IGA. Political tension has been heightened in the state ahead of the upcoming November 2017 local government elections.

Labor Strikes/Protests: Youths in Eket LGA protested against an oil company calling for the relocation of its headquarters to the state. Separately, the Akwa Ibom state chapter of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN) embarked on a strike in protest over labor issues in Mbo LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2017

Incidents during the month included cult violence, criminality, political Violence, and Labor Strikes/protests.

Cult Violence: Cultists reportedly shot and injured a university student in Uyo, the state

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May - August 2017 in Akwa Ibom State.

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

Other: A polytechnic student was reportedly killed by a policeman during a disagreement in Ukanafun LGA. The policeman was part of a team of policemen deployed to reduce cult violence in the area.

Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to cult violence, criminality, communal tensions, and labor strikes/protests. Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately, especially in the context of the upcoming local government elections scheduled for November 2017.

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 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 (June - August 2017)

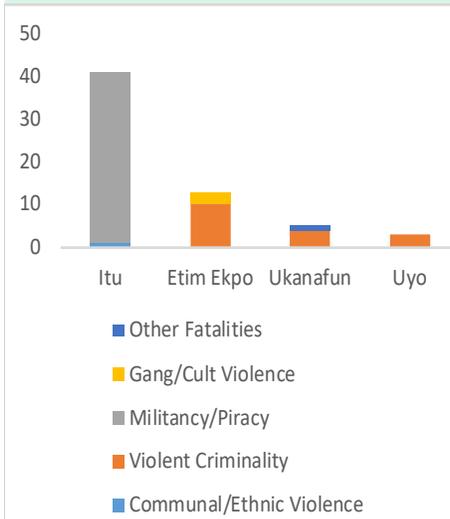
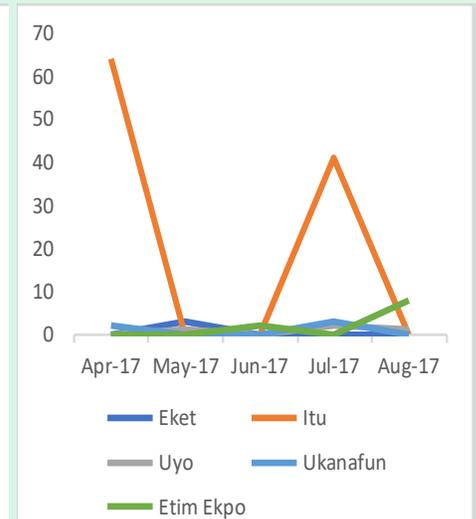
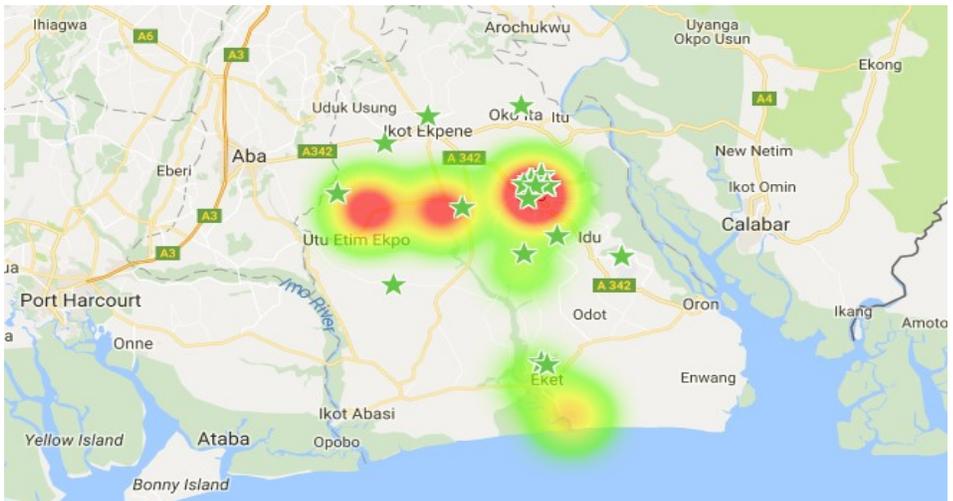


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Itu had the most reported lethal conflict 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 Akwa Ibom State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June-August 2017 in Akwa Ibom; 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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