

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo 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), incidents reported during the period included criminality, cult violence, and communal tensions. Many incidents involved violence affecting women and girls (VAWG).

**Violent Criminality:** In June, kidnapers reportedly killed an officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) and abducted a Chinese expatriate in Etsako East. Separately, two people, including a pregnant woman, were reportedly killed by robbers who waylaid motorists in Ovia North East. 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. In August, a former youth leader was reportedly assassinated in Ikpoba -Okha. Separately, an Assistant

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

**Gang/Cult Violence:** In July, three were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult clashes in Oredo LGA.

**Communal Tensions:** 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

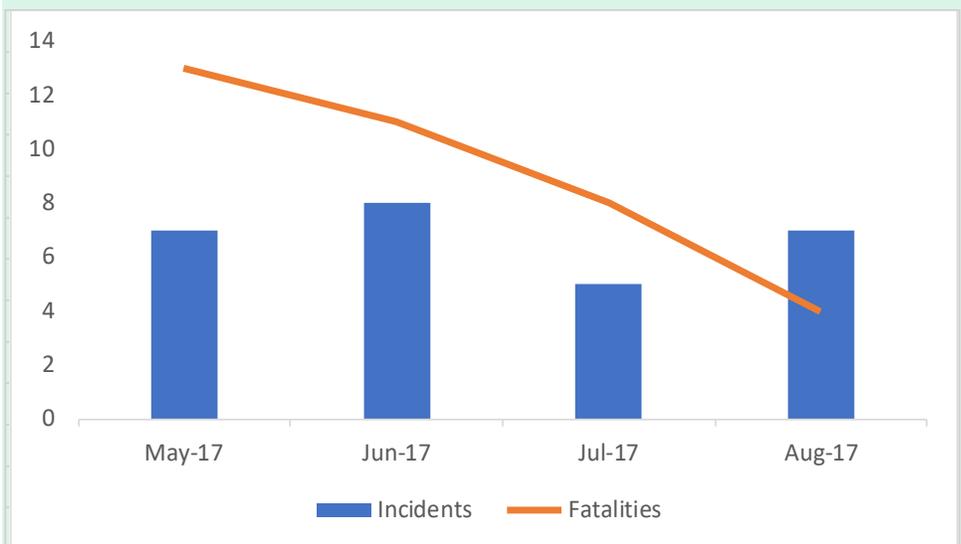
women and girls listed above, domestic violence was also reported during this period. In June, the corpse of a woman reportedly killed by her lover was discovered in the bathroom in Oredo. In August, a coalition of civil society organizations (CSOs) protested against Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in Oredo.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2017

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

**Violent Criminality:** Gunmen reportedly kidnapped the director of a zoological park in

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May– August 2017 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

Benin, the state capital. Three policemen attached to the park were shot dead during the attack. Separately, the chairman of a local trade association was reportedly killed by gunmen in Egor LGA. The gunmen accidentally shot dead one of their colleagues during the attack. In another incident, a businesswoman was reportedly shot dead by robbers in Oredo.

**Others:** A 52-year old farmer was reportedly killed by herdsmen in Orhionmwon LGA. Separately, three were reportedly killed during a protest against an ex-militant over pipeline surveillance contract in Safarogbo community, Ovia South West LGA. Buildings were set ablaze during the protests.

## Prognosis

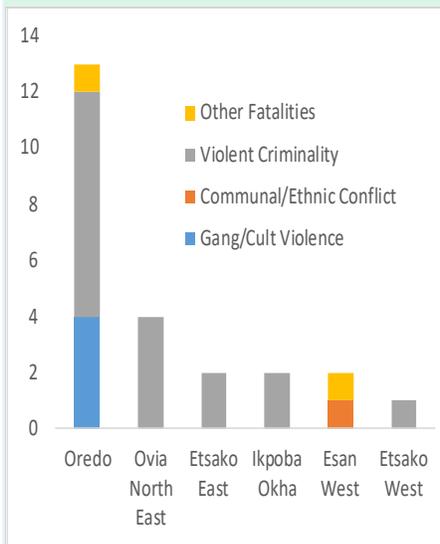
Reported incidents during the period related mainly to criminality, communal tensions, and protests. Many involved Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

## Questions for Peace

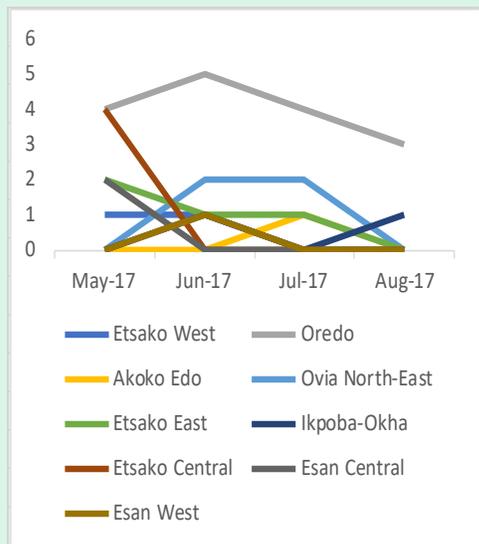
### Agents

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 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 (June - August 2017)**

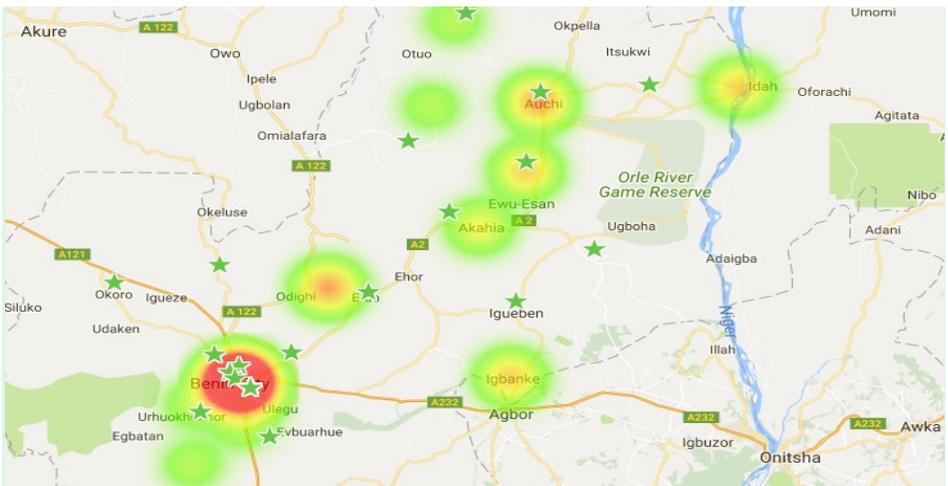


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (June - August 2017)**



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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Edo State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June-August 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](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

## Report Incidents: IPDU Early Warning System

Please report any verified incident of conflict to the IPDU SMS early warning system:

**Text:** 080 9936 2222

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

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