

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State: September-October 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

July-September 2017

According to Peace Map data incidents reported in Akwa Ibom during the period included communal tensions, criminality, and cult violence.

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

Political Violence: In September, one was reportedly killed during a primary elections conducted by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) 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. In September, robbers reportedly attacked a bank 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. In September, cultists reportedly shot and injured a university student in Uyo, the state capital. The cultists reportedly robbed people in the neighborhood.

Labor Strikes/Protests: In September, 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.

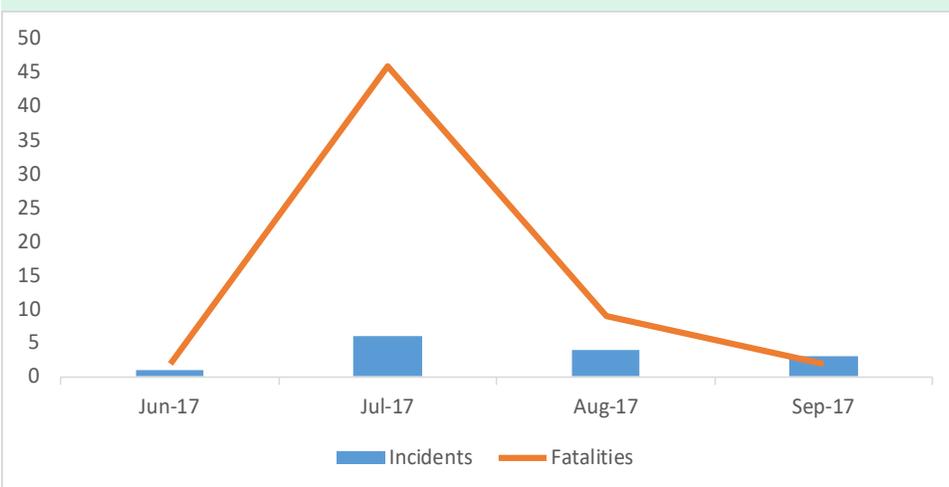
Other: In September, a polytechnic student was reportedly killed by a policeman during a disagreement in Ukanafun LGA. The policeman was part of a team of policemen deployed to reduce cult violence in the area.

Recent Incidents or Issues, October 2017

Incidents during the month included violent criminality, kidnappings, and outbreak of disease.

Criminality: During the month, a man reportedly killed his wife and dumped the corpse in a refuse dump in Uyo. Separately,

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from June - September 2017 in Akwa Ibom State.

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

the police reportedly arrested 15 suspects over kidnappings and killings in Etim Ekpo and Ukanafun LGAs of the state.

Disease Outbreak: Tension was heightened among residents following the outbreak of ‘Monkey Pox’ disease in the state.

Other: Five people reportedly died in a stampede during a football match in Uyo the state capital. The stampede occurred as spectators tried to avoid being beaten by the police who were preventing some hooligans from entry the pitch.

Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, kidnappings and killings. 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 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 (July - September 2017)

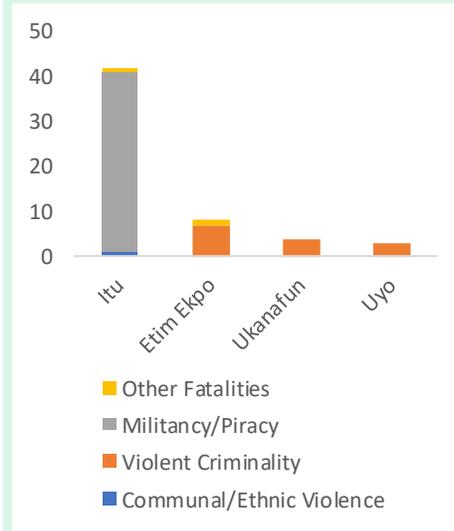
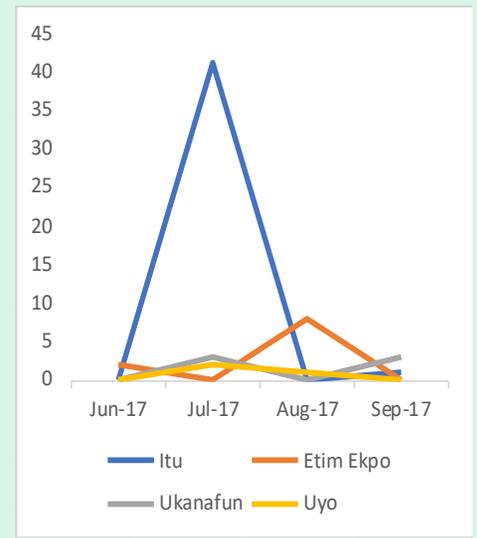
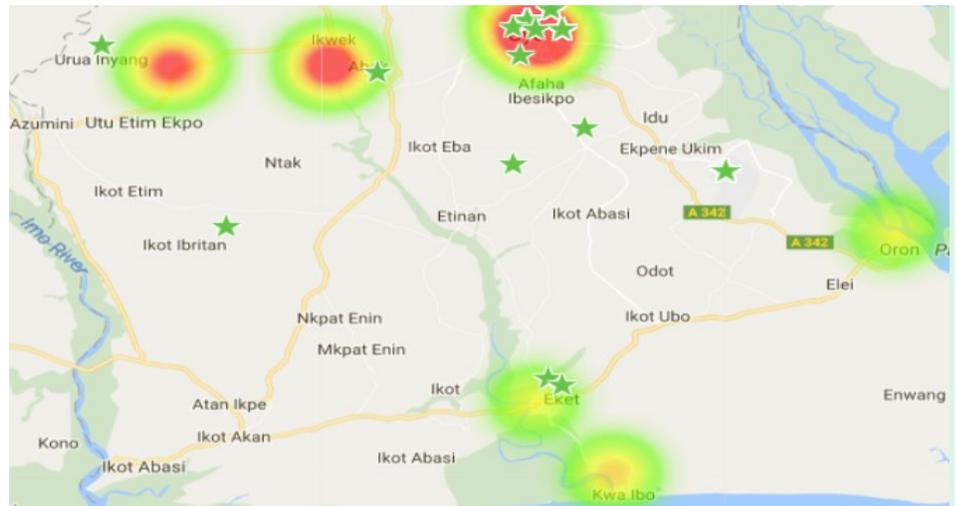


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2017)



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 July-September 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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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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