

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River 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 (see Figure 1), there has been a decrease in conflict risk and violence in Cross River state since August 2017. As indicated in the graph below, there was no reported incident of violence and conflict fatality in the state in September. Incidents reported during this period included communal violence, criminality, cult violence, and natural disasters.

Communal Violence: In July, eighteen were reportedly killed during a communal clash over a land dispute between Wanikade and Wanhimen communities in Yala LGA. In August, a primary school teacher was reportedly shot dead during a clash between Bette community in Obubra LGA, Cross River and Tiv communities in Vandeikya LGA, Benue state. Separately, tension was reportedly elevated over a land dispute in Biase LGA. Five communities allegedly teamed up and attacked another community over the disputed land.

Violent Criminality: In July, five robbers were reportedly killed in a gun duel with the police in Calabar South after stealing a man's money as he stepped out of a bank. Separately, a former staff of the National

Assembly was reportedly shot dead during a gun duel between the police and his kidnappers in Calabar Municipal. In a separate incident, a senior immigration officer was reportedly killed by robbers on his way from a night club in Calabar South. In August, a village head was reportedly killed in his residence in Bakassi LGA. The victim was a staff member of the audit department of the Cross River state Ministry of Finance.

Criminality was a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period. In August, an 18-month old girl was reportedly killed for ritualistic purposes in Calabar South. The severed heart of the victim was reportedly found in a church.

Gang/Cult Violence: In August, suspected cultist was reportedly shot dead by members of a rival cult group in Calabar South.

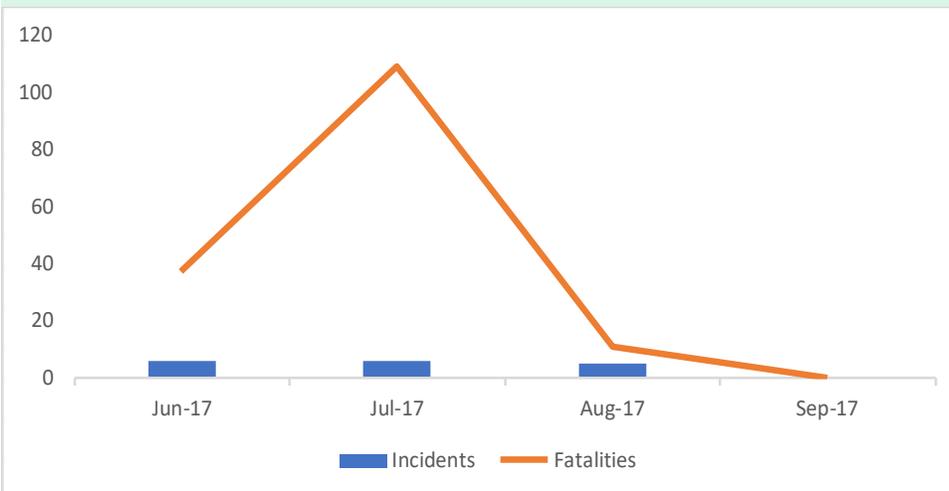
Natural Disaster: In September, several communities in the state were ravaged by flooding following days of heavy rainfall. In Boki LGA, over 12 communities were devastated by flood which destroyed over three thousand farmlands and hundreds rendered homeless.

Other Incidents: In July, one person was reportedly killed during a clash between a group of militants and soldiers in Calabar South LGA. Separately, eleven were reportedly killed and several others injured during a fire outbreak in Calabar Municipal. The inferno was allegedly caused by the activities of illegal dealers in petroleum products.

Recent Incidents or Issues, October 2017

There has been a decrease in conflict risk and violence in the state recently. Incidents reported in October related mainly to

Figure 1: Conflict Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from June – September 2017 in Cross River State.

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

criminality, communal conflict and protests.

Criminality: During the month, the police reportedly raided a hideout used by kidnappers, rescued a female victim and killed a suspect in Odukpani LGA. Separately, a robbery suspect was killed by vigilante in Calabar South.

Communal Violence: Cameroonian gendarmes reportedly attacked a community in Boki LGA of Cross River state over land encroachment. The people were killed and six others sustained gunshot injuries during the attack.

Riots/Protests: Pensioners in the state protested over payment of their gratuity. The protesters rejected a planned verification of pensioners by the state government.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period included communal conflict, criminality, militancy, protests, cult clashes, mob violence and natural disasters. Peace Actors in the state 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 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 and long term?

Figure 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2017)

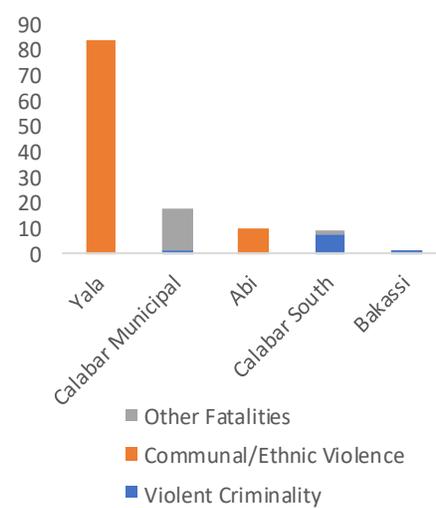
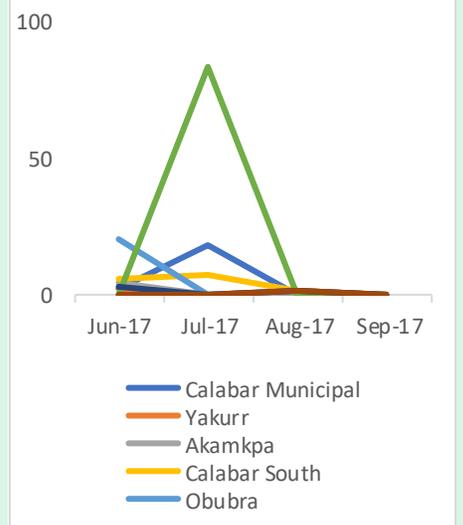
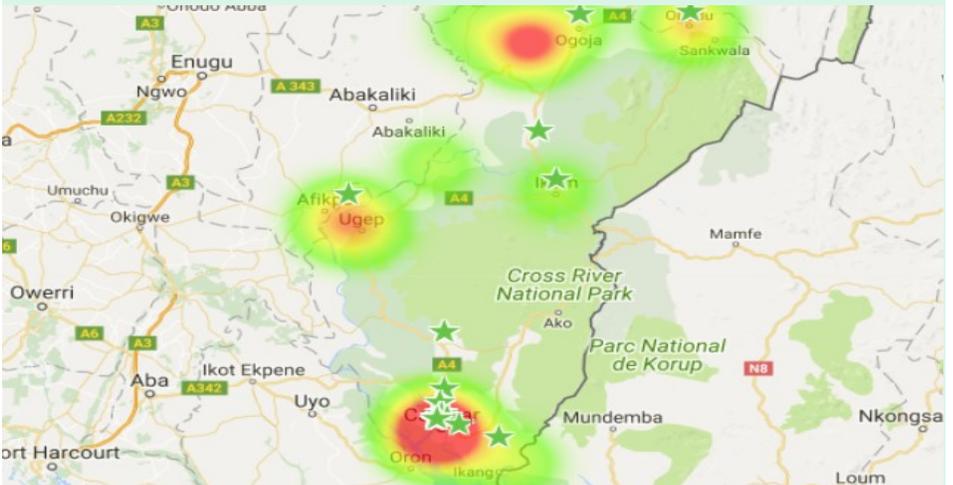


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2017)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Yala had the most reported lethal conflict incidents 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 Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from July-September 2017 in Cross River; 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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