

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo 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 was an increase in conflict fatalities in Edo state in September. Incidents reported during the period included criminality, cult violence, communal tensions, and protests. Many incidents involved violence affecting women and girls (VAWG).

**Violent Criminality:** 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. In another incident, an auto mechanic and two of his clients were reportedly shot in Oredo LGA. In September, gunmen reportedly kidnapped the director of a zoological park in 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.

Multiple incidents in the state involved violence affecting women and girls (VAWG). In July, a woman was reportedly beaten to death by a 35-year old man who attempted stealing her mobile phone in Etsako East LGA.

**Others:** In July, three were reportedly killed in renewed rival cult clashes in Oredo LGA. In September, 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.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, October 2017

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to criminality, communal tensions, protests, and violence affecting women and girls.

**Criminality:** A professor of a federal university was reportedly killed by gunmen in his residence in Benin City, the state capital. Separately, herdsmen reportedly kidnapped an 80-year old retired Superintendent of police along with his wife and a client at a quarry site in Akoko Edo LGA. The kidnapers later released the woman after they have received a two hundred thousand Naira ransom, and demanded a 25 million Naira ransom for the

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



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

release of the retired police officer. Several of the reported incidents of criminality during the period involved VAWG. In one incident, for example, the wife of an abducted musician was killed by kidnappers in Egor LGA. The woman was reportedly killed while begging the kidnappers to release her husband.

**Others:** Three boys aged between 19 and 20 years were reportedly arrested by the police for raping a 14-year old female secondary school student in Oredo LGA. In a separate incident, 15 houses were reportedly destroyed by operatives of the joint military taskforce code named 'Operation Crocodile Smile II' who were searching for kidnappers and criminals in Ovia South LGA. Residents fled the area during the operation.

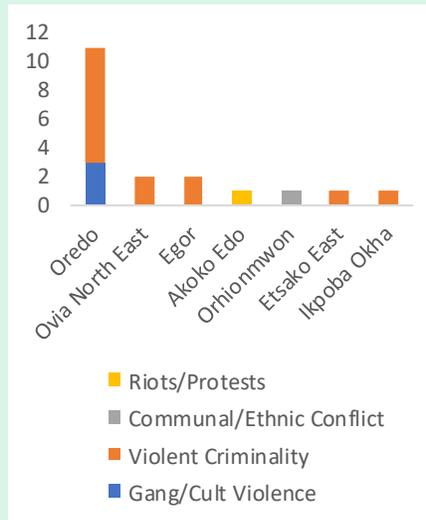
### Prognosis

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.

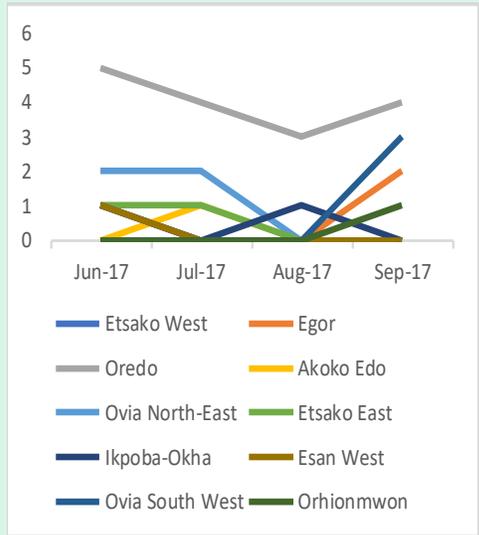
### Questions for Peace Agents

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 (July - September 2017)**

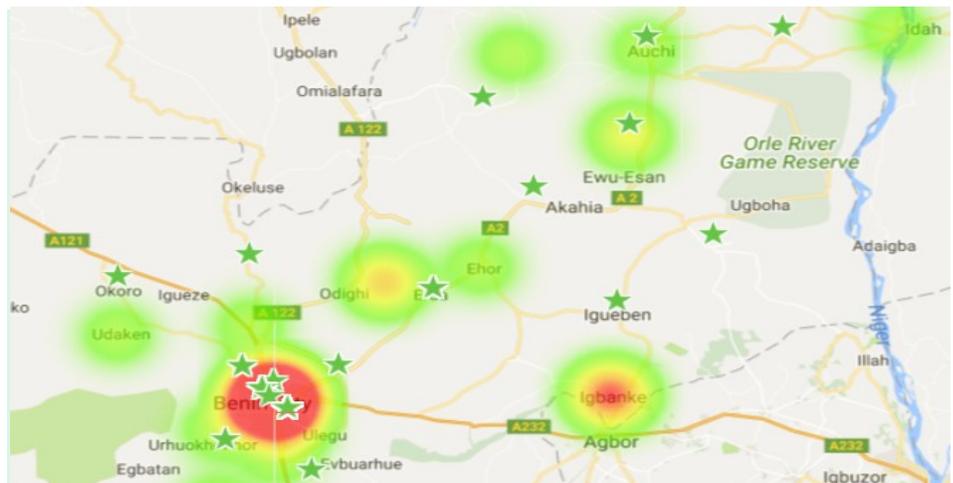


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2017)**



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 July-September 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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