

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Akwa Ibom State: November-December 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 September-November 2017

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1) there was a spike in conflict risk and violent fatalities in Akwa Ibom in November 2017. Incidents reported in the state during the period included criminality, cult violence, political tensions, and labor strikes/protests.

Criminality: In October, the police reportedly arrested 15 suspects over kidnappings and killings in Etim Ekpo and Ukanafun LGAs. In November, gunmen reportedly attacked the local community residence of a commissioner in the state and killed his younger sister in Ukanafun LGA. Two others were killed by stray bullet during the attack. Separately, a policeman and two others were reportedly killed by robbers. In Eket LGA, the police arrested three robbery suspects.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In October, a man reportedly killed his wife and dumped the corpse in a refuse dump in Uyo LGA. In November, a 28-year

old woman was stripped and paraded by residents over unsubstantiated allegation of theft in Oruk Anam LGA.

Political Violence: In September, one person was reportedly killed during primary elections conducted by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Itu LGA.

Gang/Cult Violence: In September, cultists reportedly shot and injured a university student in Uyo, the state capital.

Other: In September, a polytechnic student was reportedly killed by a policeman during a disagreement in Ukanafun LGA. In October, five people reportedly died in a stampede during a football match in Uyo. Also, in October, tension was heightened among residents following the outbreak of 'Monkey Pox' disease in the state.

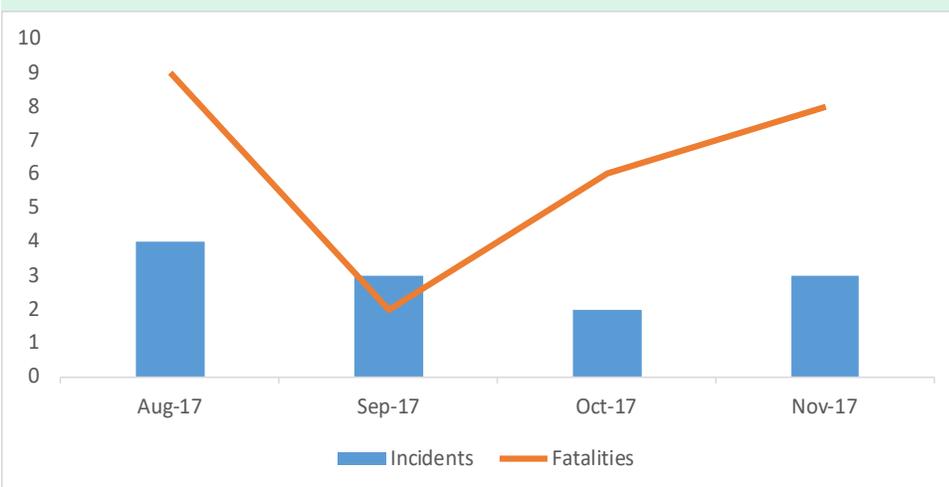
Recent Issues or Incidents, December 2017

Incidents during the month included violent criminality, political and cult violence.

Criminality: During the month, four prisoners were reportedly killed and 47 others escaped during a jailbreak in Ikot Ekpene LGA. Some staff of the prison were also injured during the incident. Security operative later arrested 14 of the escaped prisoners. Separately, a male university student was killed by robbers at a viewing center in Uyo LGA. In another incident, two children, aged nine and five years, were reportedly killed by unknown gunmen in their home in Nsit Ibom LGA.

Political Violence: One person was reported

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



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

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

to have been killed during local government elections in Uyo, the state capital. Hoodlums reportedly attacked the state’s office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) during the election, shot sporadically, killed one and injured several others.

Others: Two male secondary school students drowned while swimming in a river in Eket LGA. Separately, newsmen belonging to several media houses were reportedly attacked by operatives of the Department of State Services (DSS) at the government house in Uyo.

Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, political and cult violence. 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 (September - November 2017)

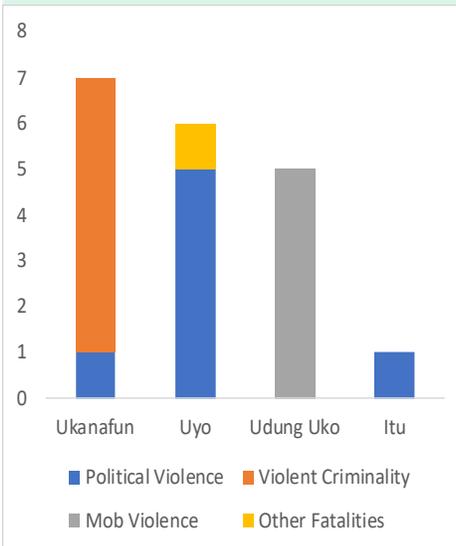
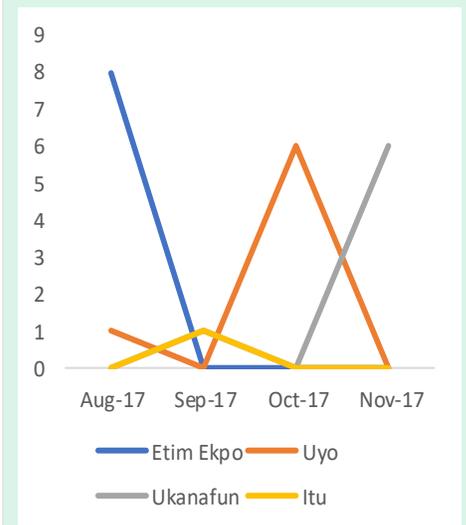
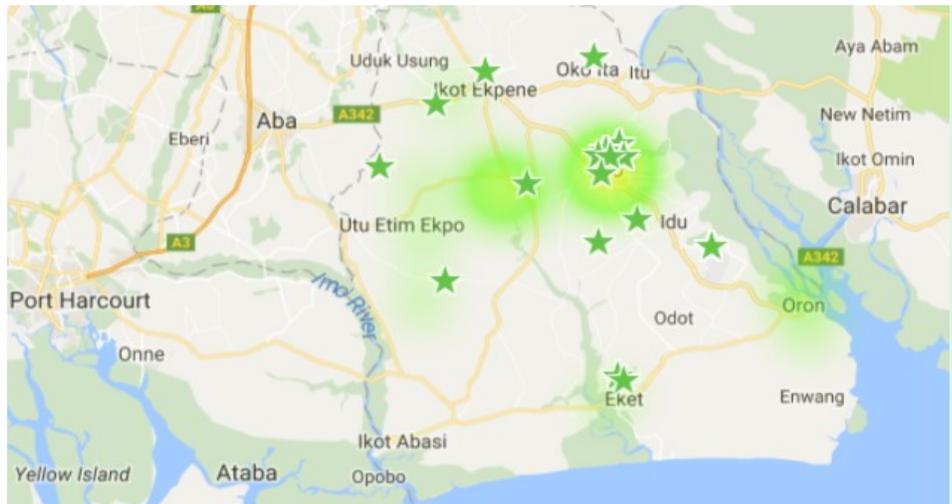


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Ukanafun, followed by Uyo 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 September-November 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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