

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Akwa Ibom State: June-July 2018

### 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

#### April-June 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in lethal violence in Akwa Ibom state in June 2018. Reported incidents included criminality, cult violence, child trafficking, mob violence, and protest.

**Criminality:** In April, the police reportedly killed the leader of a criminal gang that was responsible for several killings, kidnappings, rape and arson in Etim Ekpo and Ukanafun LGAs. In June, hoodlums reportedly attacked a church and abducted a clergyman and two elders in Etim Ekpo LGA. Separately, hoodlums reportedly attacked a female hostel at a university and abducted three girls in Etim Ekpo LGA. In another incident, an official of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) was reportedly abducted by kidnappers in Ukanafun LGA.

**Cult Violence:** In April, a 50-year old man was reportedly killed at his farm by gunmen suspected to be cultists in Ukanafun LGA. In June, cultists reportedly attacked a commercial bus conveying people to a funeral and killed three in Etim Ekpo LGA.

Separately, a man was reportedly killed by cultists for allegedly working as an informant for the police in Etim Ekpo LGA. In another incident, three were reported killed in a battle for supremacy between members of Vikings and Black Axe cult groups in Eket.

**Mob Violence:** In June, a vehicle belonging to the Nigeria Custom Services (NCS) was reportedly set ablaze by a mob over the death of a motorcyclist and two passengers in a road crash in Oron LGA. The crash was allegedly caused by the NCS operatives who shot at a vehicle conveying bags of rice

**Child Trafficking:** In May, two child traffickers were reportedly arrested by the police for abducting and selling a 5-year-old girl in Eket LGA.

Criminality was a key driver of Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG) in the state during the period.

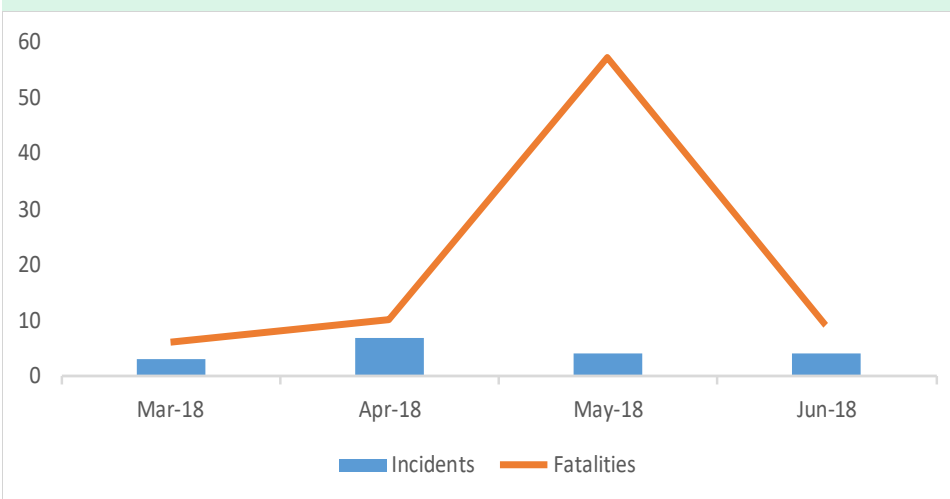
**Protest:** In May, Catholic priests protested in Uyo, the state capital, over the killing of Christians by terrorists in the country.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, July 2018

Incidents during this period mainly related to criminality and protests.

**Criminality:** During the month, suspected militants reportedly attacked the palace of a village head and killed four people including the son of the late head of Ikot Ese village in Etim Ekpo LGA. Youths blocked a major road in the area in protest over the attack by the militants. In a related incident, militants reportedly ambushed soldiers at a security checkpoint and killed a soldier and five civilians in Iwukem community, Etim Ekpo LGA. Following the attack, soldiers were

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Akwa Ibom State



Reported incidents and fatalities from March– June 2018 in Akwa Ibom State.

Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org).

deployed to the area. The soldiers reportedly set ablaze several houses in the community. In a separate incident, the police reportedly arrested a village head and four other suspects for allegedly abducting 19 staff of an international oil company at the Qua Iboe Terminal in Ibeno LGA.

**Protest:** Youths from five LGAs - Oron, Mbo, Urue-Offiong/Oruko, Okobo and Udung Uko - protested over alleged plan by the state government to relocate a deep seaport from Ibaka community in Mbo LGA.

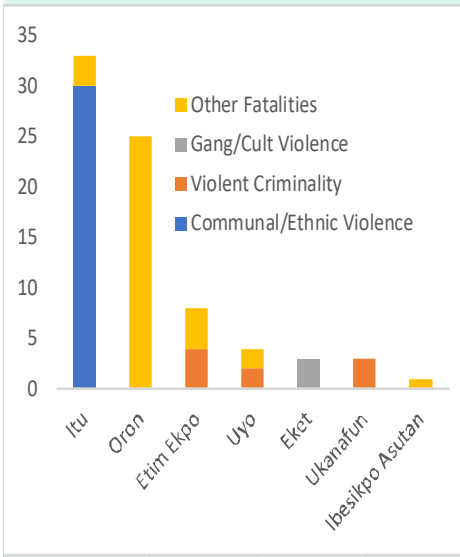
### Prognosis

Incidents of conflict risk and violence during this period related mainly to criminality, cult violence, child trafficking, mob violence, protests, and violence affecting women and girls (VAWG). Peace actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

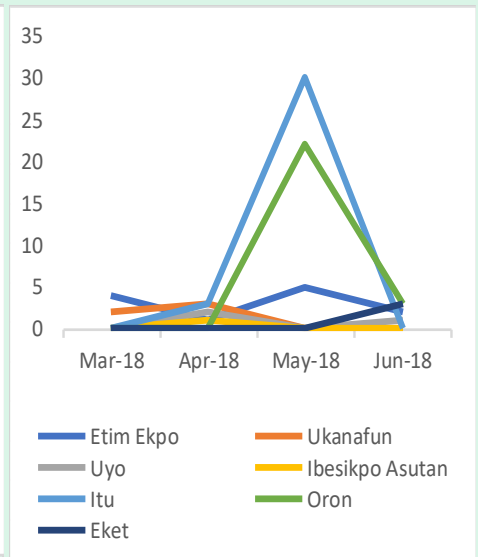
### Questions for Peace Agents

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 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 (April - June 2018)**

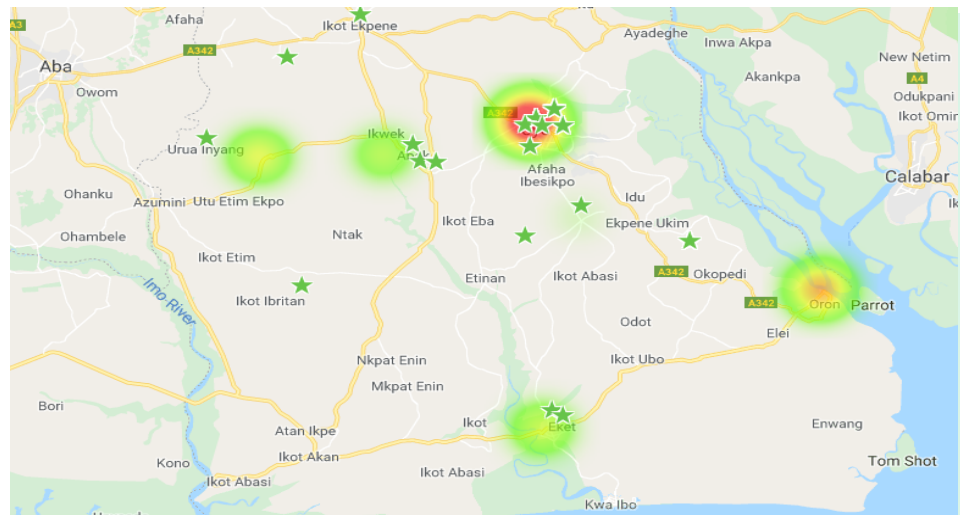


**Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (April - June 2018)**



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) shows that Itu, followed by Oron had the most reported lethal conflict during this period. Sources (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 Akwa Ibom State**



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from April - June 2018 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](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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