

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: October-November 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 August-October 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported in the state during this period included criminality, cult violence, political violence, child trafficking, protests, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Violent Criminality: In August, three suspected robbers were reportedly burned to death by mobs at three different locations in Calabar South LGA. In October, an operative of the Department of State Services (DSS) was reportedly stabbed by a gunman in Sankwala, Obanliku LGA. The security operative was stabbed while trying to pick up a gun surrendered by the gunman. Separately, a male Police Inspector was reportedly shot to death by a gang of robbers in Calabar Municipal LGA.

Political Violence: In September, some aggrieved members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) reportedly protested at the state secretariat of the party over alleged imposition of candidates during the party primary elections in Calabar Municipal LGA. Two people were reportedly shot during the protest.

Child Trafficking: In September, a couple was reportedly arrested by the police for

trafficking their 2-year old son to Port Harcourt to raise money to pay their house rent in Calabar Municipal LGA. The child was allegedly trafficked to an agent as a collateral for a loan of twenty one thousand naira to pay their house rent.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual violence was also reported during this period. In August, for instance, a 17-year old girl was reportedly raped and abandoned at the roadside in Calabar Municipal LGA. The victim later died in the hospital.

Protest: In August, there was a protest by a group of women over incessant killings as a result of inter-communal conflicts in Boki LGA. In September, there was a protest by civil servants in Calabar South LGA over an alleged plan by the state government to make deductions from their salaries to purchase solar lamps and biofuel cookers for

employees of the state government. In October, some Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) protested in Calabar, the state capital over the continued detention of one of the Dapchi school girls, Leah Sharibu, by Boko Haram insurgents and a 13-year old girl that was reportedly raped to death by a lecturer in Benue state.

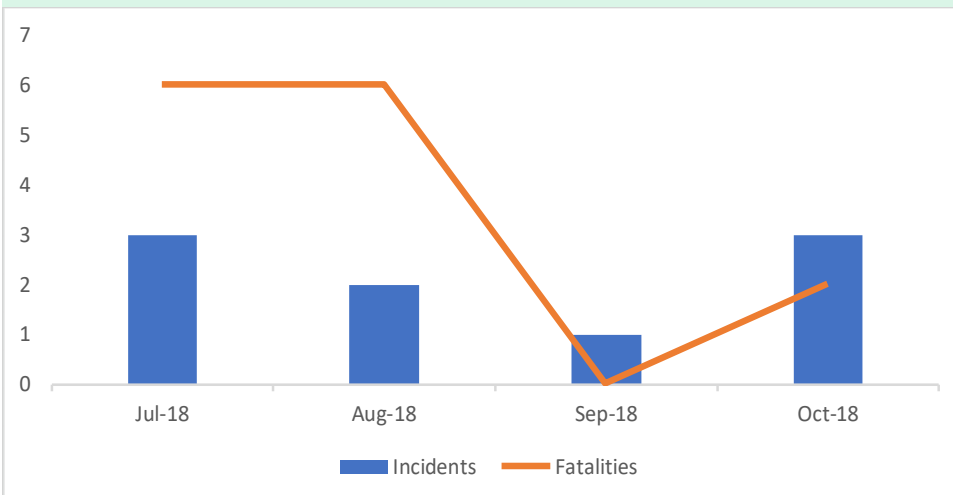
Others: In August, six people, including a staff member of the University of Calabar, were reportedly killed by flooding in Calabar South LGA. In October, a 2-year old boy reportedly drowned inside a pit for collecting bath water in Calabar Municipal LGA. The little boy fell into the pit while the mother was talking with a relative.

Recent Incidents, November 2018

Incidents reported during this period related mainly to communal conflict and criminality.

Communal Violence: During the month, 12

Figure 1: Conflict Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from July – October 2018 in Cross River State.

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

people were reportedly killed and many houses destroyed during communal clashes over a long standing conflict between Mbiobo, Ediong, Obomiat Edere and Idim Ndeon Eki communities in Odukpani LGA. Separately, 10 people were reportedly killed during a clash between Ebom and Usumutong communities in Abi LGA. Militias from Ebom community reportedly attacked Usumutong community over issues relating to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Security operatives were deployed to restore order.

Criminality: A bank was reportedly robbed by hoodlums in Calabar Municipal LGA. The hoodlums blocked the entrance to the bank with their cars and forced the security guard into the bank before they carted away an undisclosed sum of money.

Prognosis

Incidents during the period included political violence, criminality, communal conflict, sexual violence, human trafficking, protests and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). 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 (August - October 2018)

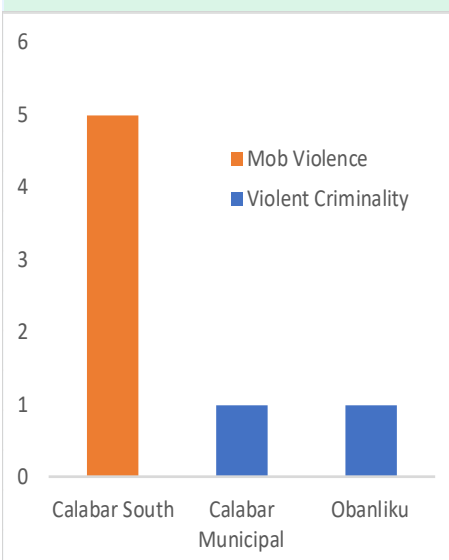
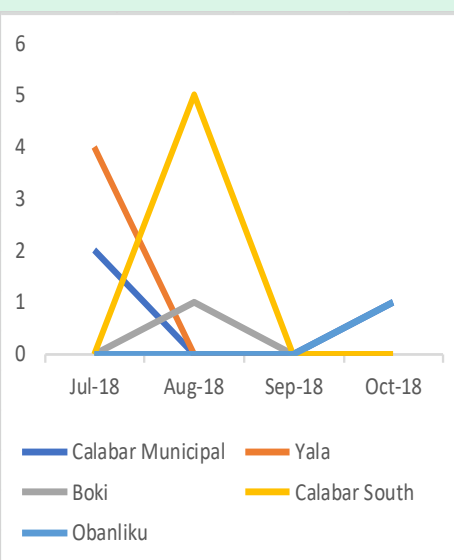
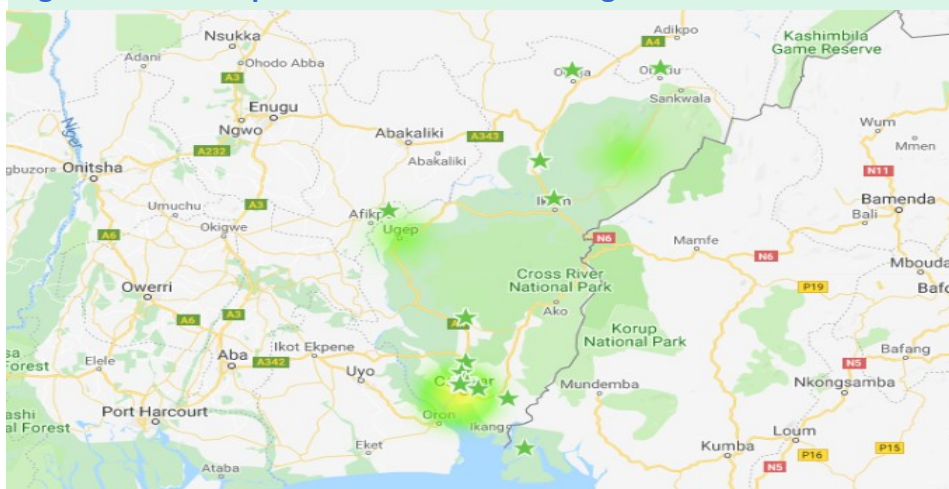


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Calabar South had the most reported lethal conflict incidents 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

Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from August - October 2018 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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