

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Edo State: September-October 2019

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 2019

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was an increase in lethal violence in Edo state in September 2019. Reported incidents included cult violence, criminality including kidnapping for ransom, and Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Violent Criminality: In July, two robbers were reportedly killed during a gun duel with the police in Ekehuan community, Egor LGA. In August, gunmen reportedly kidnapped the Chief Medical Director of a hospital and killed two policemen in his convoy at Ramat Park, Ikpoba Okha LGA.

Kidnaping: In July, herdsmen who double as kidnapers reportedly killed a naval officer and abducted 17 passengers from a commercial bus along the Benin-Lagos expressway in Ekiadolor, Ovia North-East LGA. Separately, three women who were travelling to Lagos were reportedly abducted by kidnapers in Okada town, Ovia North-East LGA. In September, a professor and his driver were reportedly abducted in Auchi, Etsako West LGA. The corpse of the professor was later found in the bush, while

the driver was released. Separately, gunmen in police uniform reportedly abducted the wife of the Managing Director of a federal corporation in Irihiri community, Oredo LGA.

Cult Violence: In September, a student was reportedly killed during a clash between two rival cult groups at a polytechnic in Iyakpi community, Etsako West LGA. A day later, five people were reportedly killed in reprisal by cultists in the same community.

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 12-year old girl was reportedly raped by her 52-year old father in Ososo, Akoko Edo LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, October 2019

Incidents reported during the month mainly related to communal violence, sexual violence, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

Communal Violence: During the month, youths reportedly beat up a pastor and destroyed properties in his church in Usoro community, Ikpoba Okha LGA. The pastor allegedly failed to obey a community order for all churches to be closed during the community annual festival.

Violent Criminality: Gunmen reportedly killed a policeman and shot a principal at Benin By-pass, Ikpoba Okha LGA. Separately, the corpse of a 36-year old man that was allegedly killed by some officials of the

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State

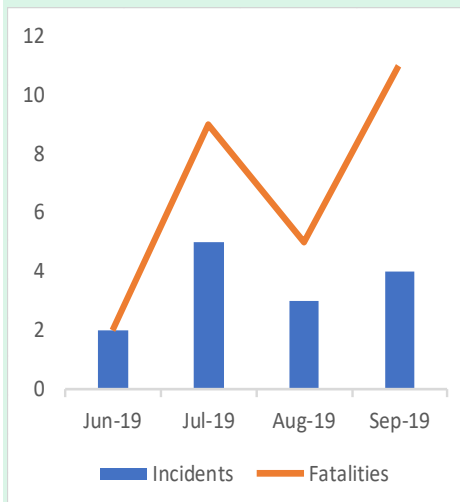
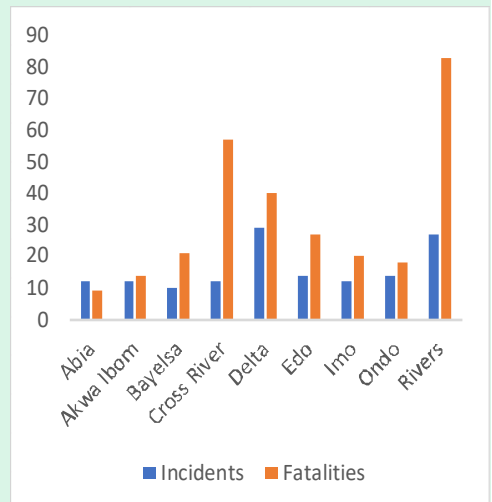


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (June - Sept 2019)



Reported incidents and fatalities from June – September 2019 in Edo State and regional trends. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) was reportedly exhumed from a shallow grave at Okhuaihe Hill, Oredo LGA.

Kidnapping: A staff member of the Auchi Polytechnic who was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen was later found dead in his farm in Aviele community, Etsako East LGA. Separately, a female judge of a Court of Appeal was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen at Ramat Park, Oredo LGA. The gunmen killed her police orderly.

Sexual Violence: A 12-year old orphan was reportedly raped severally and impregnated by a pastor, a native doctor and a farmer in Irua, Oredo LGA.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and violence in Edo state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, cult violence, Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG), and criminality including kidnapping for ransom. Peace Actors should monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is there anything 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 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2019)

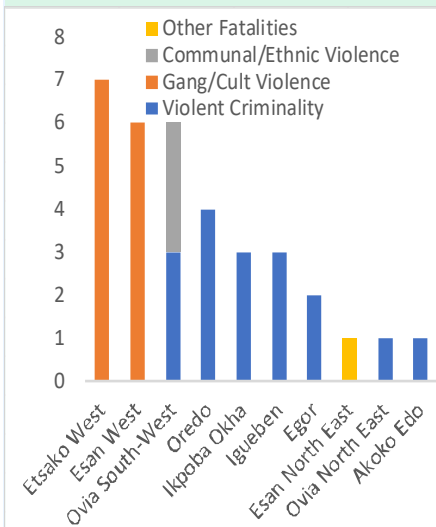
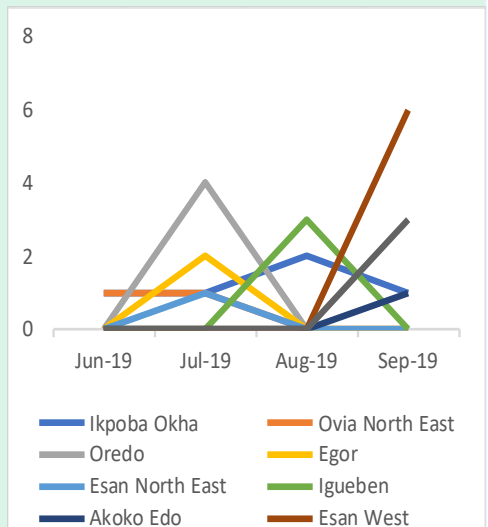
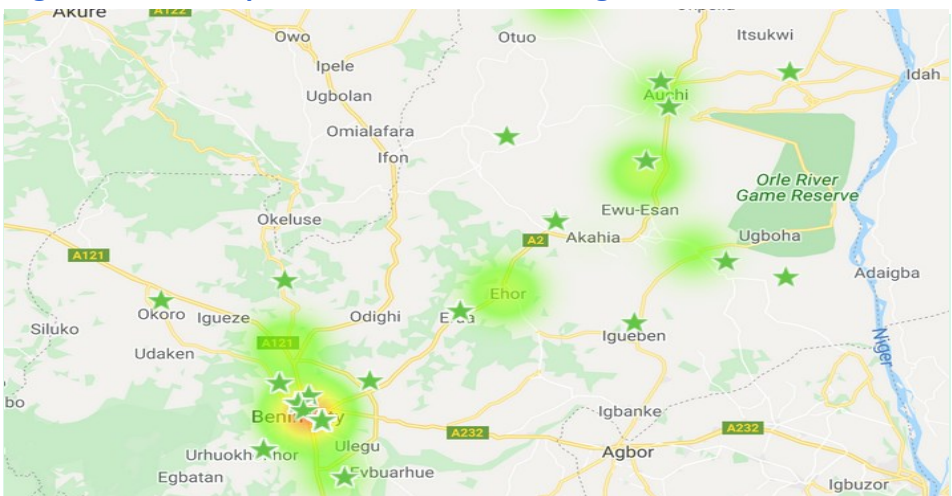


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2019)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Etsako West, followed by Esan West and Ovia South-West, had the most reported conflict fatalities in the state. Sources (Figure 3): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 4): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 5: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Edo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from July - September 2019 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

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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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