

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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 2), Ondo was one of the least violent states in the Niger Delta during this period. Incidents reported in the state during this period included communal conflict, criminality, political violence, sexual violence and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG).

Violent Criminality: In August, gunmen reportedly shot an Inspector of Police and killed one other at a security checkpoint in Isua-Ise, Akoko North-East LGA. Separately, a female banker was reportedly killed and five others injured during a bank robbery in Iju-Itaogbolu, Akure North LGA. In another incident, gunmen reportedly robbed and killed a 20-year old female Point of Sales (POS) operator in Oke-Ogba, Akure South LGA.

Communal Conflict: In August, five people were reportedly killed during a clash over a land dispute between Araromi-Obu community in Odigbo LGA and Ikale community in Okitipupa LGA. Separately, there was a protest by community youths over the appointment of a monarch who

allegedly is not an indigene in Aboto, Ilaje LGA. In September, community youths reportedly stoned their traditional ruler with tubers of yams and vandalized a palace in protest over the failure of the monarch to participate in a New Yam festival in Ilara-Mokin community, Ifedore LGA.

Political Violence: In August, political thugs reportedly destroyed the secretariat of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ondo town, Ondo West LGA. The thugs inflicted machete cuts on eight persons including the local chairman of the party in the area.

Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG): In addition to the impact of criminality on women and girls listed above, sexual and domestic violence were also reported during this period. In August, for instance, a female university student was reportedly raped by a soldier at a security

checkpoint in Ikare-Akoko, Akoko North-East LGA. Separately, a female student of the Ondo State School of Health and Technology was reportedly raped by three cultists in Oda, Akure South LGA. In another incident, a 4-year old girl was reportedly beaten to death by her female guardian in Akure South LGA.

Other: In September, over 30 cattle belonging to some herdsmen were reportedly struck dead by lightning while grazing in an area considered sacred by local residents in Oke-Owa, Ifedore LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, October 2019

Reported incidents during the month related mainly to criminality, domestic violence, flooding and protest.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State

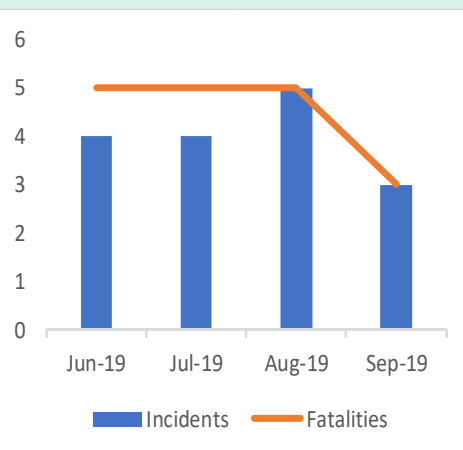
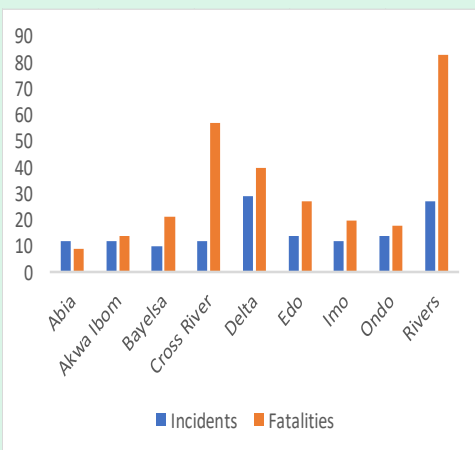


Figure 2: Incidents and Fatalities, Niger Delta (June - Sept 2019)



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

Criminality: During the month, a judge of a Federal High Court and his driver were reportedly abducted by kidnapers at Ibilo/ Isua Akoko, a border town between Ondo and Edo States. The kidnapers later demanded a 50-million naira ransom. Separately, a Reverend Father and his brother were reportedly shot and set ablaze by gunmen in Akure town, Akure South LGA. The leader of the gunmen was later arrested by the operatives of the police State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS).

Domestic Violence: A woman was reportedly burned to death by her husband during a disagreement in Irese community, Akure South LGA. The man also set ablaze their residence.

Prognosis

Conflict risk and lethal violence in Ondo state during this period were driven mainly by communal conflict, political violence, criminality including kidnapping, sexual violence, and other Violence Affecting Women and Girls (VAWG). Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. Is anything missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue 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, medium, and long term?

Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2019)

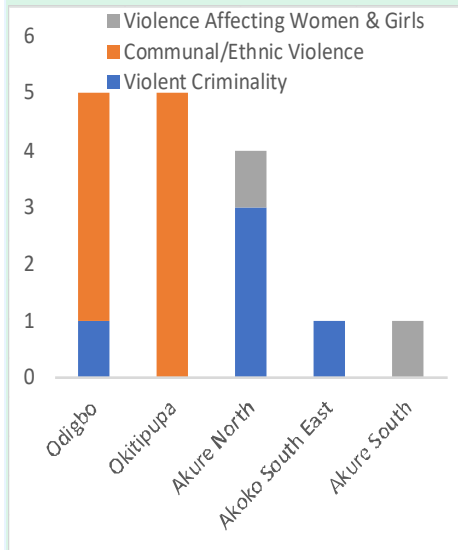
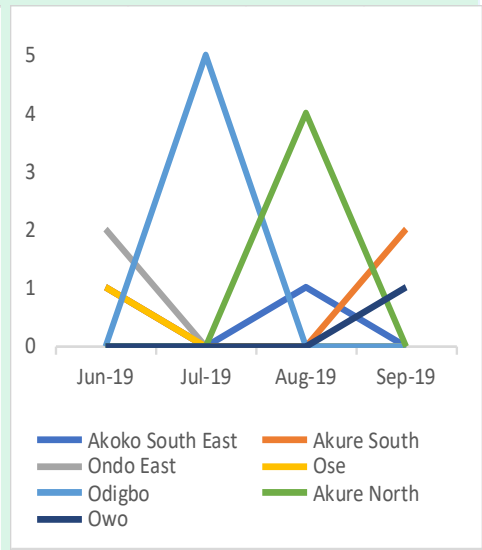
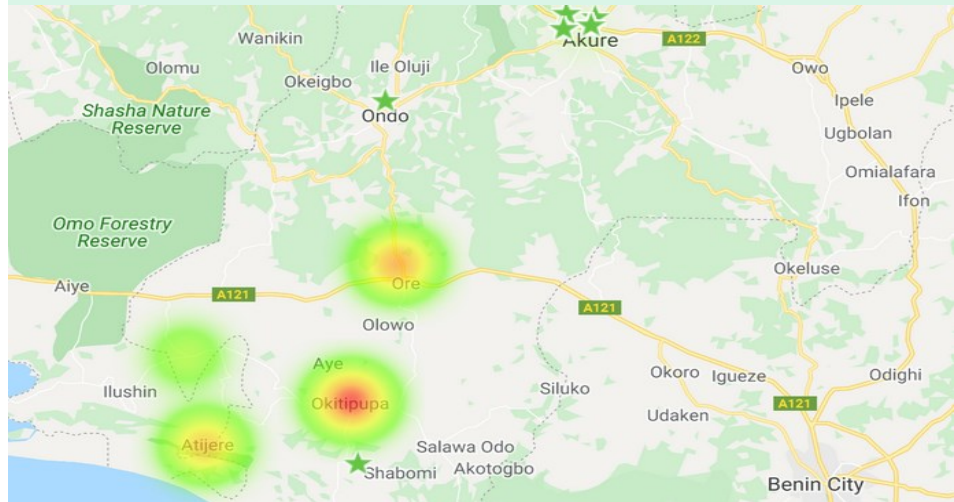


Figure 4: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (July - September 2019)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this period show that Odigbo and Okitipupa had the highest number of lethal conflict. 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 Ondo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from July – September 2019 in Ondo, 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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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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