

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Cross River State: August-September 2016

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 June-August 2016

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), there was a decrease in violence and conflict fatalities in the state in August 2016. Reports included communal conflict, criminality, protests, and child trafficking.

Communal Violence: In July, hundreds of people were reportedly displaced and a number of houses were destroyed, following a land dispute between several Busi communities in Obanliku LGA. In August, dozens of people were reported displaced following violent clashes over a disputed farmland among five Busi communities in Obanliku.

Criminality: In July, a former federal lawmaker was reportedly abducted in Akpabuyo. Separately, a staff member of Etung LGA was reportedly abducted in Calabar. In August, a notorious robber was reportedly murdered in Calabar. Separately, the corpse of a 19-year old girl was found at a dumpsite in Calabar.

Protests by Militants/Ex-Militants: In July, a

militant group, the Bakassi Strike Force, reportedly barricaded the state governor's office in Calabar over issues related to the Presidential Amnesty Programme and the alleged neglect of the Bakassi returnees. Separately, ex-militants under the Amnesty scheme reportedly protested at the University of Calabar over the provision of training program certificates.

Child Trafficking: In July, a couple were reportedly arrested in Calabar over alleged child trafficking. Separately, a 26-year old woman and her two sisters were arrested for allegedly selling their babies in Calabar. In August, a Cameroonian couple were reportedly arrested by Immigration officials for alleged child trafficking in Calabar. The couple were caught with a 2-weeks old baby boy who had allegedly been stolen.

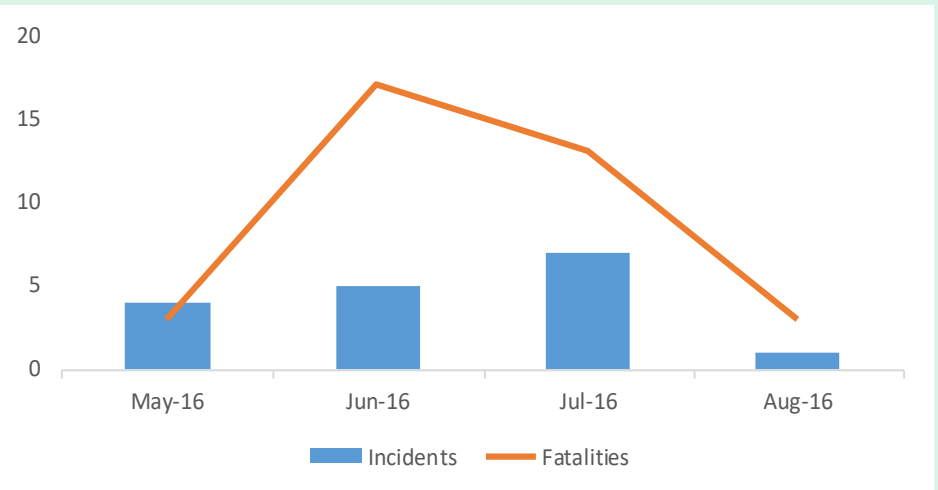
Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2016

Incidents that were reported in September include militancy, criminality, communal conflict, and rape.

Militancy: A soldier was reported killed in a gun battle with militants in Bakassi. Separately, five member of the militant group, Bakassi Strike Force (BSF) were reported arrested by the Navy in Bakassi.

Violent Criminality: Robbers reportedly ambushed and killed a banker on his way to deposit cash into an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) in Calabar. Separately, gunmen attacked the staff quarters of the University of Calabar, kidnapped a student, and manhandled a lecturer and his wife.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Cross River State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May –August 2016 in Cross River State.

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

Communal Conflict: One person was reported killed, and several houses and vehicles destroyed in a clash between two communities over land dispute in Odukpani. Separately, several people reportedly sustained injuries during a violent clash between Ochon and Otutop communities over land dispute in Ikom.

Rape: A 70-year old man reportedly raped his neighbor's 9-year old daughter in Calabar.

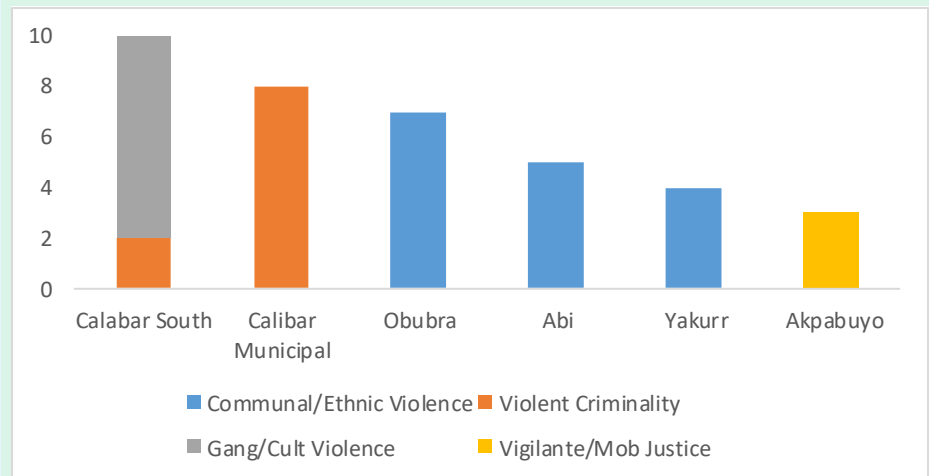
Prognosis

There was a rise in lethal violence in the state during the period, especially issues relating to communal violence and militancy. Peace Actors in the state should monitor the current security situation should be closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

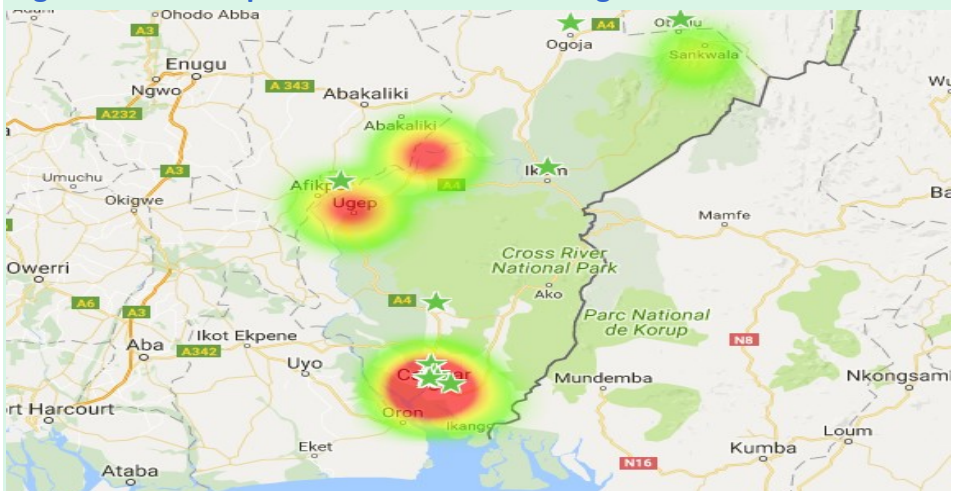
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the next 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 (June - August 2016)



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) show that Calabar South and Calabar Municipal had the most lethal conflict issues during this period. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Cross River State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June-August 2016 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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