

# Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

## Edo 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), incidents reported during the period included cult violence, political tensions, general criminality and protests.

**Cult Violence:** In August, three people were reportedly killed during a clash between Aye and Eiye cult groups in Oredo. The clash reportedly resulted from a disagreement between members of the rival cult groups at a drinking spot. Separately, two young boys were reportedly killed by suspected cultists in Benin city.

**Political Tensions:** In August, the campaign team of the governorship candidate of the PDP was reportedly attacked by youths suspected to be supporters of an opposing party in Jattu, Etsako West.

**Violent Criminality:** In June, an All Progressives Congress (APC) youth leader was reportedly shot dead by robbers who were trying to evade the police in Ikpoba-

Okha. In August, the wife of a pastor was reportedly shot dead at her residence by two gunmen in Esan West. In a separate incident, a pastor reportedly killed his wife. Also, a highway robber was reportedly shot dead during a shootout between his gang and the police in Ovia North-East.

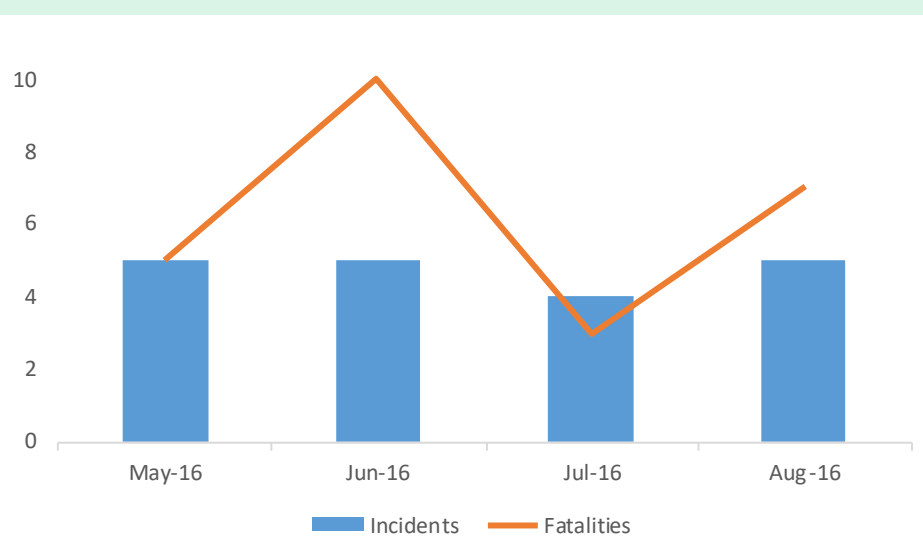
**Protest:** In August, there were reported protests by the state chapter of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and the National Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) in Benin City over non-payment of salaries respectively. Separately, ex-militants reportedly protested in Benin City over non-payment of their stipends.

### Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2016

Incidents reported in Edo state in September included political tensions, protests, and kidnapping.

**Political Tensions:** During the month, several incidents of political tensions and violence were reported across the state. In Etsako East and Etsako West LGAs, there were a reported clashes between APC and PDP supporters during rallies. A violent clash was also reported between APC and PDP supporters during voting exercise in Irrua. Also, there were reports of intimidation and

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Edo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May - August 2016 in Edo State. Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch

bribery during elections in Esan North East and Etsako West.

**Protests:** There was a reported protest by residents over road conditions in Oredo. Separately, there was a protest by oil company subsidiary staff over nonpayment of salaries in Oredo.

**Kidnapping:** Six people including the wife of the governor of the Central Bank Of Nigeria (CBN) were reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Oredo. The victims were released after a ransom was paid. The kidnappers, were later apprehended by the police.

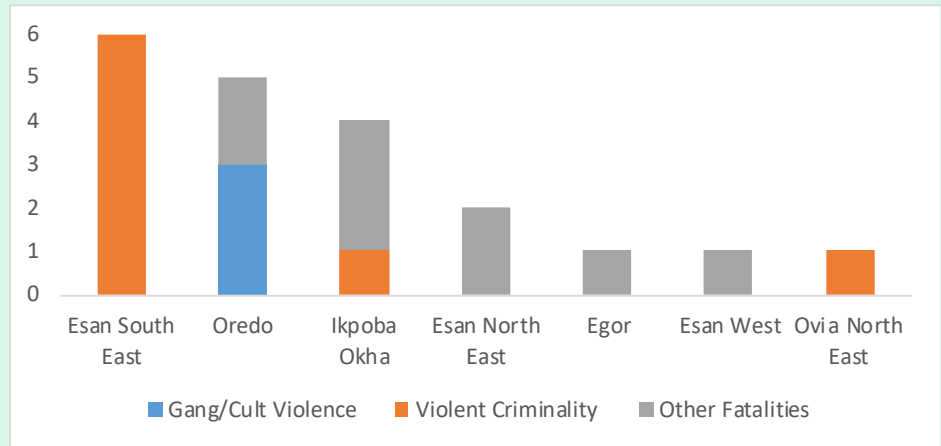
## Prognosis

Salient issues reported included political tensions and protests. In the context of the just concluded September 28 gubernatorial elections, whose outcome is disputed, Peace Actors should monitor the security situation closely and respond appropriately.

## Questions for Peace Agents

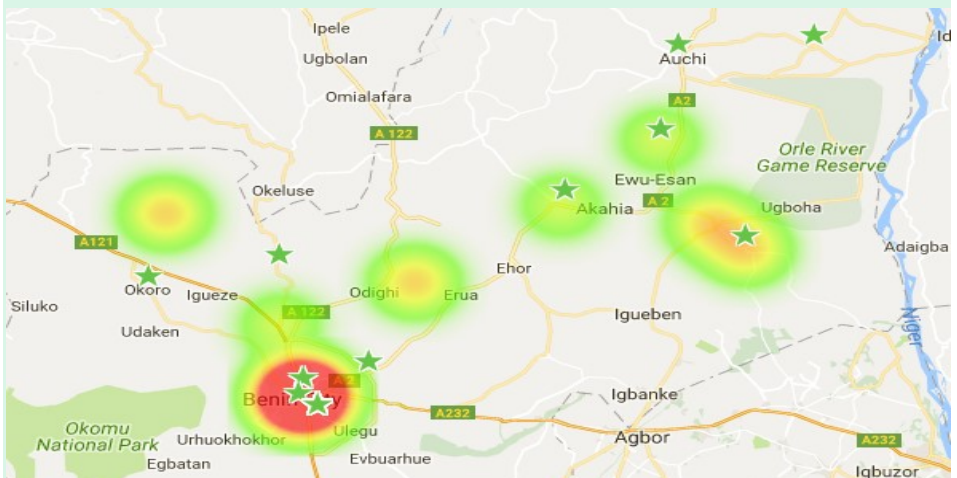
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the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



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Edo State during this period show that Esan South-East had the most conflict fatalities in the state. Source: ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map [www.p4p-nigerdelta.org](http://www.p4p-nigerdelta.org)

**Figure 3: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Edo State**



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