

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo 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), issues reported during the period included cult violence, political tensions, violent criminality, and protests.

Cult Violence: In June, the leader of a cult group was reportedly killed in revenge for the killing of a rival cult member in Akoko South. In July, two people were reportedly killed in a clash between rival cult groups during a carnival in Ondo West.

Political Tensions: In August, members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) reportedly protested in Akure South over the alleged imposition of a gubernatorial candidate by a leader of the party ahead of the November 2016 gubernatorial elections in the state.

Violent Criminality: In July, a bus driver was shot dead by robbers on a highway in Ifedore. Separately, kidnappers reportedly shot two policemen and abducted two

expatriates in Ondo town. In August, a female student of the Rufus Giwa polytechnic in Owo was reportedly murdered in Akure South by her 22-year old boyfriend who is also a student of the institution. In Ille-Oluji-Okeigbo, two friends reportedly killed a commercial motorcyclist, and stole the victim's motorcycle.

Protest: In June, polytechnic students held a protest at a police station over the death of two of their classmates in a traffic accident involving a police car. One person was reportedly killed and several others were injured during the protest.

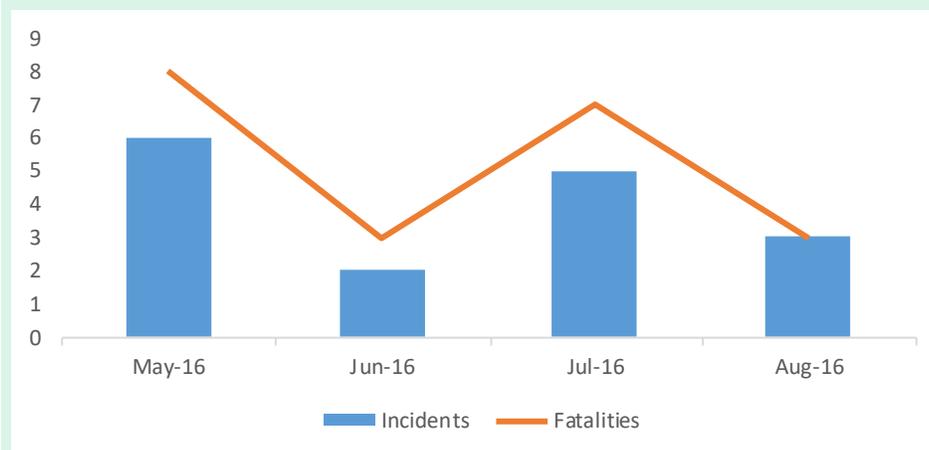
Others: In August, a 26-year old man was reportedly killed by stray bullets fired from the rifle of a naval officer in Ese-Odo.

Recent Incidents or Issues, September 2016

Few incidents were reported in the state in September. Incidents reported during the month were mainly related to political tensions and violence.

Political Tensions: The chairman of the Okitipupa chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) was reportedly murdered at his home. Separately, the PDP office in Akure South was reportedly attacked at night by hooligans. The rise in political tensions may be related to the upcoming November 26 gubernatorial elections in the state.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from May-August 2016 in Ondo State.
Sources: ACLED and Nigeria Watch formatted on the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org.

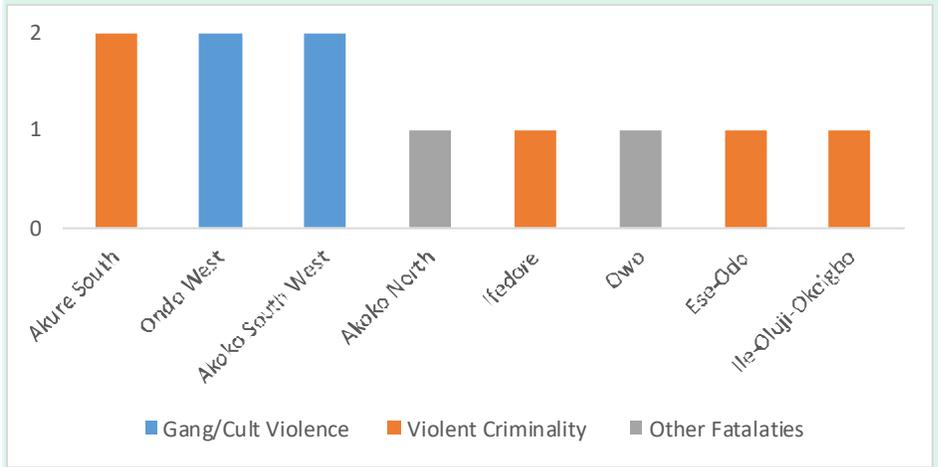
Prognosis

Although the level of lethal violence has been low in Ondo, political tensions have been elevated in some cases. The recurrent issues of political tensions and protests have the potential to exacerbate insecurity in the context of the upcoming November 26 gubernatorial elections in the state. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

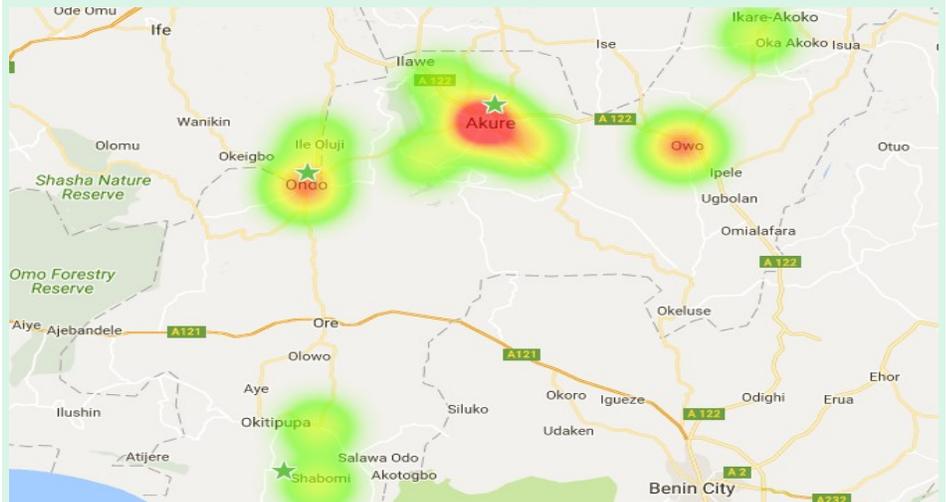
1. Is there anything significant missing from the tracker in terms of hotspots, trends, or incidents?
2. Which conflict issue suggested by, or missing from, this tracker is a top priority for you (as P4P Chapter, Prevent Committee, or other stakeholder)?
3. What are some likely trigger events in the 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 Ondo State this quarter show that Akure South and Ondo West had the highest number of fatalities. 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 Ondo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from June–August 2016 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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Text: 080 9936 2222

Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and Brief Incident Description

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