

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Ondo State: February-March 2018

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 Dec 2017-Feb 2018

According to Peace Map data (see Figure 1), incidents reported during the period included communal tensions, criminality, and protest.

Violent Criminality: In January, a 10-man kidnapping/robbery gang which included two soldiers, were reportedly arrested by the police in Owo LGA. A kidnapped victim was also rescued by the police. Separately, a hotel director and guest were reportedly abducted by gunmen in Akoko South LGA. In another incident, a commercial bus driver was stabbed to death by a herdsman during a misunderstanding in Akure South LGA. In February, a couple reportedly kidnapped two of their landlady's children, a boy and girl, in Owo LGA. Separately, a 40-year old lawyer was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Akoko South LGA. The victim was waylaid and abducted while he was travelling in a commercial bus. Criminality was a key driver of violence affecting women and girls (VAWG) during the period.

Communal Tensions: In January, tension between herdsmen and farmers was elevated in the state. In Akure South LGA,

herdsmen reportedly attacked a farm belonging to a former Secretary to the Federal Government (SFG) and set it on fire. About five hectares of palm oil plantation was destroyed during the attack. In February, a local vigilante group reportedly arrested four herdsmen for criminality in Ese-Odo LGA. Weapons were recovered from suspects. Separately, tension was reportedly heightened among residents of Akunu community, Akoko North East LGA, following the arrival of herdsmen in four trailer trucks. In Akure South LGA, over 30 herdsmen reportedly attacked the council secretariat and chase out officials following a confrontation between a staff and a herdsman. In a Akure South LGA, herdsmen reportedly attacked a farm belonging to the Speaker of the Ondo State House of Assembly, and destroyed a maize plantation.

Protest: In January, a group of ex-militants under the Presidential Amnesty Program reportedly besieged the office of the Ondo State Oil Producing Areas Commission (OSOPADEC) in protest over alleged mismanagement of the program in the state.

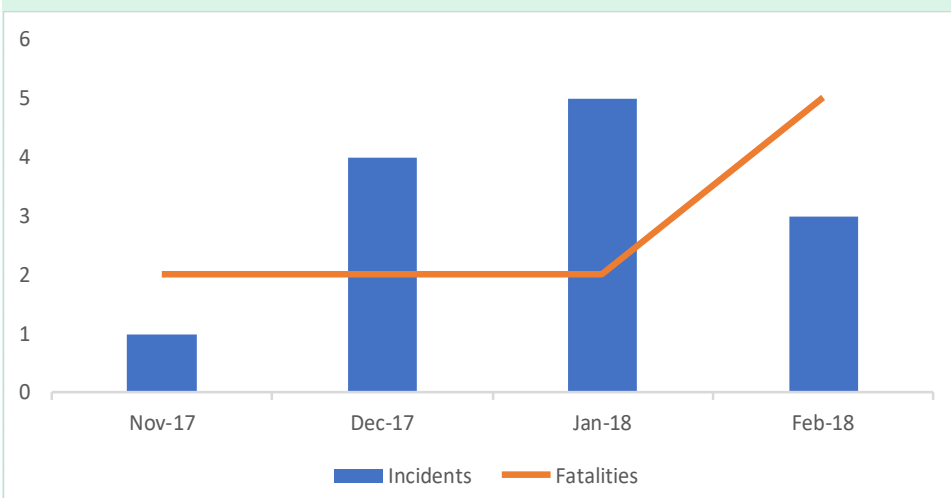
Others: In December, a man reportedly died in police custody in Akure South LGA. Separately, a young boy selling food on the street was reportedly killed by a stray bullet fired by a security guard attached to a petrol station in Akure South LGA.

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2018

Incidents during the month related mainly to criminality and communal violence.

Criminality: A 40-year old man reportedly killed and secretly buried his son in Akoko North East LGA. The man hit the boy with a

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Ondo State



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2017 - February 2018 in Ondo State.

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

plank for releasing his younger sibling who was tied up and locked in a room by his father as punishment.

Sexual Violence: In Akure South LGA, a 35-year old male commercial bus driver was arrested for raping a 28-year old female student of a university in the state. The incident happened in February but the suspect was arrested in March 2018. Separately, a 17-year old male secondary student was arrested for sodomizing an 8-year old boy in Akure South LGA.

Protest: Students of a collage of education in the state protested over the death of their colleague who was knocked down by a car. The car was set ablaze during the protest. Two students also sustained injuries.

Others: A church building under construction reportedly collapsed and killed six people including a pregnant woman in Igbado community, Ese-Odo LGA.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to criminality, communal tensions, sexual violence, and protests. Peace Agents must monitor the situation closely and respond appropriately.

Questions for Peace Agents

1. What is 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 2: Conflict Fatalities by LGA (December 2017 - February 2018)

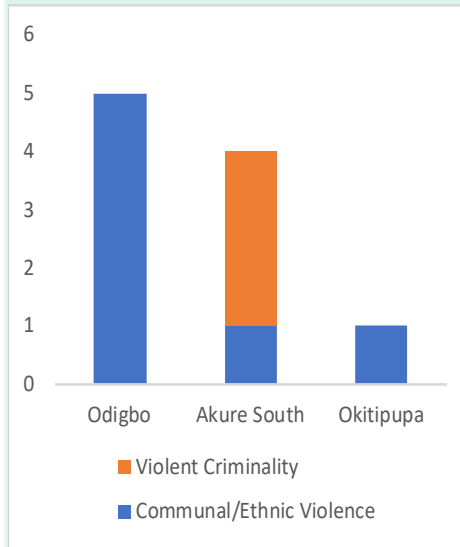
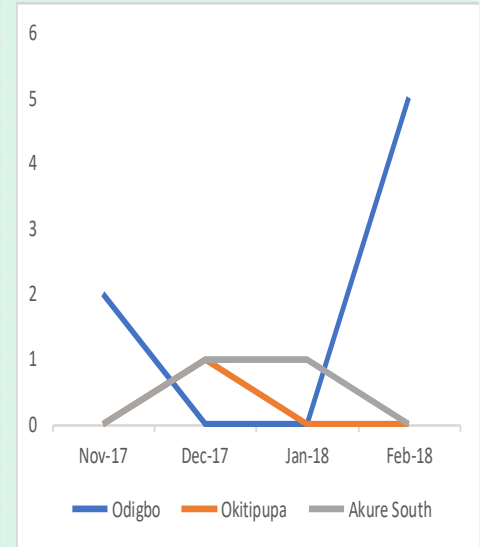
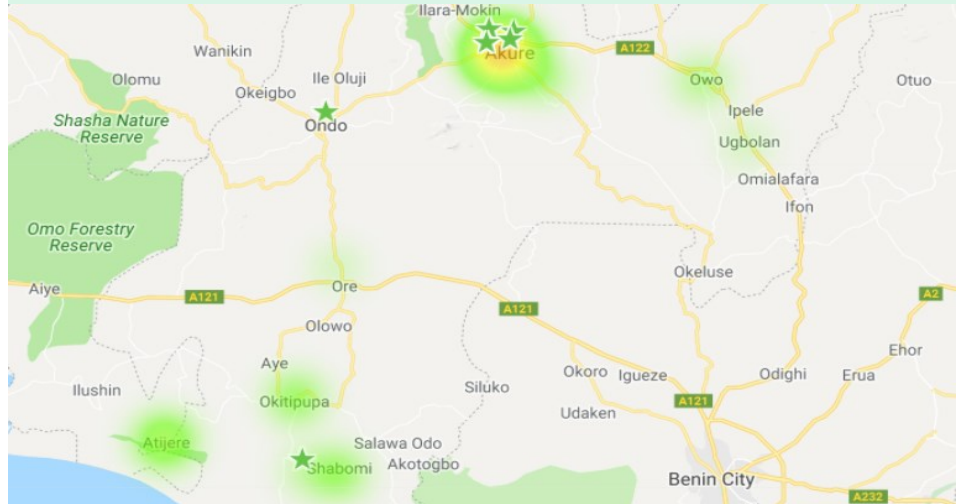


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported incidents by Local Government Area (LGA) in Ondo State this quarter show that Odigbo, followed by Akure South had the highest number of fatalities. Source (Figure 2): ACLED and Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map. Source (Figure 3): Nigeria Watch data formatted for the P4P Peace Map www.p4p-nigerdelta.org

Figure 4: Heat Map of Incidents and Peace Agents in Ondo State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2017–February 2018 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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