

Conflict Incident Monthly Tracker

Abia 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), conflict incidents during this period related mainly to communal violence, child trafficking, protests, fire outbreak, and criminality including kidnapping for ransom.

Criminality: In December, kidnapers reportedly killed a woman and stole her vehicle in Osisioma LGA. The victim is believed to have been killed while resisting an attempt by the kidnapers to abduct her.

Communal Tensions: In January, communal tension was reportedly elevated in Umuahia North LGA following alleged threats by herdsmen to attack an agrarian community. The herdsmen threatened to attack the community for refusing to allow their cattle to graze on their farm land. The planned attack was averted by the intervention of a team of public security forces.

Child Trafficking: In January, a 12-year old girl was reportedly arrested for kidnapping and trafficking her stepbrothers, aged two and three years in Aba South LGA.

Protest: In December, pensioners reportedly protested over non-payment of pensions in Umuahia, the state capital. In February, a group of lawyers protested over the mishandling of one of their female colleagues by the police in Umuahia South LGA. The police allegedly detained and torture a female lawyer who visited a police station to bail a client.

Others: In February, fourteen shops and goods worth several millions of Naira were reportedly destroyed by fire at a market in Aba South LGA. Separately, fire destroyed two hostels at a high school in Aba South LGA. The fire consumed property belonging to students, who were on midterm holiday during the incident.

Many incidents during this period involved violence affecting women and girls (VAWG).

Recent Incidents or Issues, March 2018

Reported incidents during this period related mainly to human trafficking and mob violence.

Human Trafficking: During the month, two women and a nurse were reportedly arrested by the police for child trafficking in Aba South LGA. The suspects were arrested with twin baby boys.

Mob Violence: Three policemen reportedly escaped being lynched by a mob in Aba South LGA. The mob attempted lynching the policemen for chasing a commercial bus driver into a church premises during a church services.

Figure 1: Incidents and Fatalities, Abia State



Reported incidents and fatalities from November 2017 – February 2018 in Abia State.

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

Others: Three policemen reportedly shot dead three youths in a community in Isiala Ngwa North LGA. The youths were holding a meeting when the police arrived the community and killed three of them. Separately, a woman was reportedly killed by a stray bullet from the rifle of a female soldier along the Aba-Port Harcourt expressway in Aba. The soldier was struggling with a cart pusher when her rifle accidentally went off.

Prognosis

Reported incidents during the period related mainly to communal tensions, criminality, child trafficking, mob violence, and protests. Peace agents must continue to 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 or potential 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 (December 2017 – February 2018)

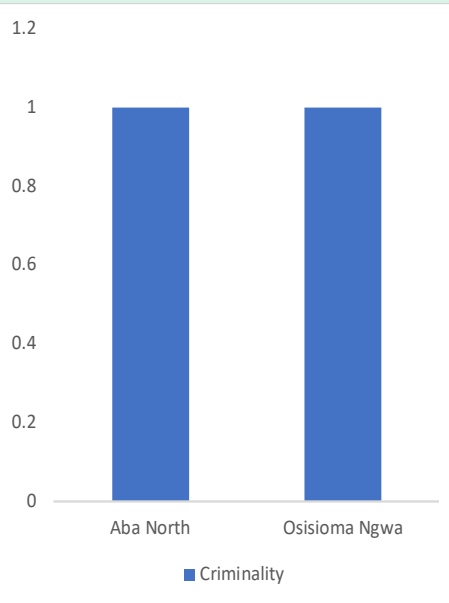
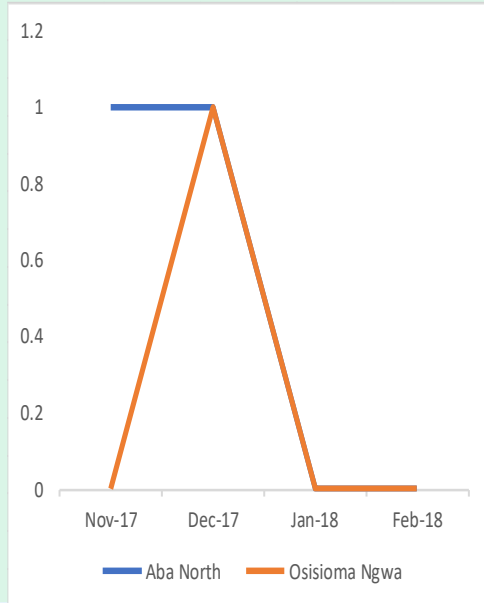
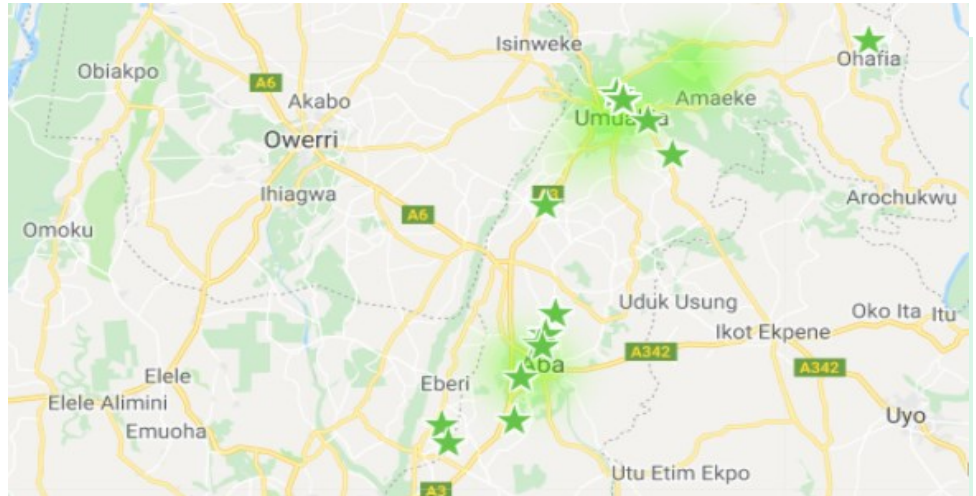


Figure 3: Conflict Fatalities by LGA



Reported fatalities show that only Aba North and Osisioma Ngwa had incidents of criminality during the last three months. 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 Abia State



Heat Map shows concentration of incidents reported from December 2017-February 2018 in Abia State; 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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