

Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report
February 2008

Attached below is the joint UN agency North East situation monitoring report. This report is intended to give an overview of the current situation in the North East by tracking the trends of various conflict-sensitive indicators. The table on the next page lists data for the three most recent months.

Note that full commitment, as indicated by timely, regular reporting from all responsible agencies, is required in order to make this report useful as a decision-making tool.

The following interpretations can be made for the month of February based on the data available:

North East:

- No cases of underage recruitment or releases are reported for February 2008.
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers is 34.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons remains at 72.
- 8 hartals have been reported for February 2008.
- 8 days of closure in primary and secondary schools are reported throughout the North and East, with 104 schools concerned. 37,871 children did not attend school for at least one day during February 2008. Please see comments on the last page.

Jaffna:

- The average market price of rice and kerosene has increased.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 220 to 210 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of bread and lentils remains stable.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour has increased.

Kilinochchi:

- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 190 to 230 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 110 to 115 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities remains stable.

Mannar:

- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 195 to 220 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils has increased from 135 to 139 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread and kerosene remains stable.

Mullaitivu:

- No information is available on prices of monitored commodities for February 2008.

Vavuniya:

- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 203 to 235 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils has increased from 135 to 145 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of rice has decreased from 61 to 59 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread and kerosene remains stable.

Trincomalee:

- The average market price of rice has decreased from 68 to 67 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of kerosene has decreased from 78 to 76 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour remains stable.

Batticaloa:

- The average market price of rice and has increased.
- The average market price of kerosene and lentils has decreased.
- The average market price of vegetable oil remains stable at 298 Rs./litre.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour remains stable.

Ampara:

- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 260 to 340 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 70 to 72 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of rice has decreased from 68 to 65 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread and lentils remains stable.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour remains stable, while average daily wages for unskilled labour has decreased.

Please note that this February report does not cover the recent developments in the country.

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments	
1.1	Primary and secondary school closure days, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Feb-08	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	8	1.00	UNICEF	
			Jan-08	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	0.63		
			Dec-07	N/A	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.43		
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Feb-08	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	101	104		UNICEF	See comments on last page
			Jan-08	2	323	0	101	0	91	0	0	517			
			Dec-07	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5			
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Feb-08	250	0	0	771	0	0	0	36,850	37,871		UNICEF	
			Jan-08	360	121,853	0	37,308	0	33,375	0	0	192,896			
			Dec-07	N/A	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	500			
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		WHO	
			Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Dec-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Feb-08	65	68	75	34	60	N/A	67	59		61.00	WFP	
			Jan-08	68	63	70	34	63	N/A	68	61		61.00		
			Dec-07	55	68	88	30	56	32	64	56		56.06		
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Feb-08	38	44	43	37	40	N/A	40	40		40.14	WFP	
			Jan-08	38	40	43	37	40	N/A	37	40		39.29		
			Dec-07	36	39	43	34	35	34	36	35		36.50		
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Feb-08	340	298	210	230	220	N/A	226	235		251.29	WFP	
			Jan-08	260	298	220	190	195	N/A	218	203		226.21		
			Dec-07	260	293	212	180	186	NA	183	185		214.14		
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Feb-08	72	76	85	115	82	N/A	76	83		84.07	WFP	
			Jan-08	70	82	77	110	82	N/A	78	83		83.14		
			Dec-07	63	70	88	105	80	110	75	80		83.88		
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Feb-08	130	134	120	70	139	N/A	137	145		124.93	WFP	
			Jan-08	130	141	120	70	135	N/A	124	135		122.14		
			Dec-07	115	117	128	70	115	60	113	116		104.25		
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Feb-08	950	1,200	650	-	-	-	950	-		937.50	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Jan-08	950	1,200	500	725	-	725	950	-		841.67		
			Dec-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	875	-		908.33		
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Feb-08	650	600	500	-	-	-	650	-		600.00	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Jan-08	750	600	400	550	-	550	650	-		583.33		
			Dec-07	750	650	575	550	-	550	600	-		612.50		
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Feb-08	110	42	-49	-6	43	N/A	18	0		22.57	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jan-08	N/A	39	-49	14		N/A	89	4		19.40		
			Dec-07	95	40	-41	-16	63	N/A	11	25		25.29		
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Feb-08	145	77	0	33	0	N/A	42	14		44.43	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jan-08	N/A	76	13	40		N/A	101	0		46.00		
			Dec-07	118	68	13	60	2	N/A	18	14		41.86		
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Feb-08	13	40	-58	13	20	N/A	12	11		7.29	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jan-08	N/A	31	-60	25		N/A	5	0		0.20		
			Dec-07	0	17	-38	17	11	N/A	-10	43		5.71		
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Feb-08	46	83	-50	12	38	N/A	5	37		24.43	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jan-08	N/A	81	-70	36		N/A	11	21		15.80		
			Dec-07	46	70	8	48	67	N/A	15	32		40.86		

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments	
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Jan-08	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5			0.63
			Dec-07	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			18
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00		
			Dec-07	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Feb-08	5,695	26,484	31,037	48,547	23,576	32,117	5,911	10,657	184,024		UNHCR	
			Jan-08	5,695	26,512	31,037	48,547	23,544	32,096	5,971	10,643	184,045			
			Dec-07	5,564	26,409	32,960	48,321	22,433	32,323	6,672	10,643	185,325			
5.1	Hartals	Number	Feb-08	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	8		UN DSS	
			Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Dec-07	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4		
5.2	Security incidents - total fatalities (including civilians and humanitarian workers)	Number	Feb-08	17	4	24	65	225	22	8	222	587		UN DSS	
			Jan-08	5	11	55	99	112	28	4	235	549			
			Dec-07	5	9	71	89	224	3	15	193	609			
5.3	Security incidents involving civilians - fatalities	Number	Feb-08	12	1	3	16	0	0	6	2	40		UN DSS	
			Jan-08	1	4	11	12	2	6	0	14	50			
			Dec-07	3	7	13	2	0	0	15	5	45			
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS	
			Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Dec-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Feb-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS	
			Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Dec-07	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
5.6	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Feb-08	7	14	0	0	1	0	5	7	34		UN DSS	
			Jan-08	2	1	4	0	2	0	2	15	26			
			Dec-07	1	4	1	1	2	0	2	44	55			
5.7	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Feb-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR	
			Jan-08	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		
			Dec-07	-	19	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	25	68			
5.8	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Feb-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR	
			Jan-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		
			Dec-07	N/A	47	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	24	97			
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Feb-08	136	98	56	68	60	50	140	57			OCHA	
			Jan-08	137	98	55	73	59	50	140	56				
			Dec-07	137	98	37	73	59	50	140	55				
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Feb-08	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	1	72		OCHA	
			Jan-08	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	1	72			
			Dec-07	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	1	72			
6.3	Description of UN activities that have been suspended / delayed or put on hold due to security/conflict (optional)		provided in attached narrative										All		

Narrative Report

The following information is voluntarily provided by agencies, to supplement the indicator table above.

Agency	Comments
UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One school in Ampara and two schools in Kilinochchi were closed due to security concerns (shelling) in February 2008.
OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Ampara, the total number of agencies has decreased from 137 to 136 as one INGO, International Medical Corps (IMC) left the district • In Kilinochchi, the number of agencies has decreased from 73 to 68, as three INGOs (Caritas, Norwegian Peoples' Aid and German Agro Action) and two UN agencies (UNDP, ILO) left the district.

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