

Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report
January 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 January based on the data available:

North East:

- 5 cases of underage recruitment and no releases are reported for January 2008. Please note that figures for November and December 2007 were modified as new data was received.
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers has decreased to 26 in January 2008.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons remains stable at 72.
- No hartals have been reported for January 2008.
- 5 days of closure in primary and secondary schools are reported throughout the North and East, with 517 schools concerned. 192,896 children did not attend school for at least one day during January 2007. Please see comments on the last page.
- The average market price of rice and vegetable oil has increased throughout the North and East except in Batticaloa.
- The average market price of bread and kerosene has increased throughout the North and East except in Jaffna.
- The average market price of lentils has increased throughout the North and East except in Kilinochchi.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour remain stable in Batticaloa, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu.
- Average daily wages for unskilled labour remain stable in Ampara, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu.

Jaffna:

- The average market price of bread remains stable at 43 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 212 to 220 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of rice, kerosene and lentils has decreased.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour have decreased.

Kilinochchi:

- The average market price of lentils remains stable at 70 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.

Mannar:

- The average market price of all monitored commodities has increased.

Mullaitivu:

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

Vavuniya:

- The average market price of all monitored commodities has increased.

Trincomalee:

- The average market price of all monitored commodities has increased.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour have increased.

Batticaloa:

- The average market price of rice has decreased from 68 to 63 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour remain stable, while average daily wages for unskilled labour have decreased.

Ampara:

- The average market price of vegetable oil remains stable at 260 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.
- Average daily wages for unskilled labour remain stable, while average daily wages for unskilled labour have decreased.

Please note that this January 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	Jan-08	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0.63	UNICEF		
			Dec-07	N/A	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.43				
			Nov-07	0	4	0	3	0	3	2	12	1.50			
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jan-08	2	323	0	101	0	91	0	0	517	UNICEF		
			Dec-07	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	0	5				
			Nov-07	0	33	0	101	0	91	16	0	241			
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jan-08	360	121,853	0	37,308	0	33,375	0	0	192,896	UNICEF		
			Dec-07	N/A	500	0	0	0	0	0	500				
			Nov-07	0	1,500	0	37,308	0	33,375	12,000	0	84,183			
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	WHO		
			Dec-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Nov-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Jan-08	68	63	70	34	63	N/A	68	61	61.00	WFP		
			Dec-07	55	68	88	30	56	32	64	56	56.06			
			Nov-07	48	60	95	30	54	30	47	55	52.38			
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Jan-08	38	40	43	37	40	N/A	37	40	39.29	WFP		
			Dec-07	36	39	43	34	35	34	36	35	36.50			
			Nov-07	35	35	44	34	35	34	35	35	35.88			
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Jan-08	260	298	220	190	195	N/A	218	203	226.21	WFP		
			Dec-07	260	293	212	180	186	N/A	183	185	214.14			
			Nov-07	260	288	185	180	183	180	198	183	207.13			
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Jan-08	70	82	77	110	82	N/A	78	83	83.14	WFP		
			Dec-07	63	70	88	105	80	110	75	80	83.88			
			Nov-07	63	75	88	105	80	110	74	80	84.38			
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Jan-08	130	141	120	70	135	N/A	124	135	122.14	WFP		
			Dec-07	115	117	128	70	115	60	113	116	104.25			
			Nov-07	115	116	120	70	115	60	115	113	103.00			
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Jan-08	950	1,200	500	725	-	725	950	-	841.67	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.	
			Dec-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	875	-	908.33			
			Nov-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	875	-	908.33			
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Jan-08	750	600	400	550	-	550	650	-	583.33	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.	
			Dec-07	750	650	575	550	-	550	600	-	612.50			
			Nov-07	750	650	575	550	-	550	600	-	612.50			
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Jan-08	N/A	39	-49	14	-	N/A	89	4	19.40	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Dec-07	95	40	-41	-16	63	N/A	11	25	25.29			
			Nov-07	52	52	-10	2	61	N/A	21	31	29.86			
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Jan-08	N/A	76	13	40	-	N/A	101	0	46.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Dec-07	118	68	13	60	2	N/A	18	14	41.86			
			Nov-07	209	63	-25	7	-2	N/A	-3	14	37.57			
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Jan-08	N/A	31	-60	25	-	N/A	5	0	0.20	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Dec-07	0	17	-38	17	11	N/A	-10	43	5.71			
			Nov-07	13	31	-38	33	11	N/A	13	43	15.14			
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Jan-08	N/A	81	-70	36	-	N/A	11	21	15.80	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Dec-07	46	70	8	48	67	N/A	15	32	40.86			
			Nov-07	76	37	-33	1	74	N/A	0	12	23.86			
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Jan-08	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.63	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Dec-07	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	18			2.25
			Nov-07	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			14

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments	
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Dec-07	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.25			
			Nov-07	0	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	13			1.63
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Jan-08	5,695	26,512	31,037	48,547	23,544	32,096	5,971	10,643	184,045		UNHCR	
			Dec-07	5,564	26,409	32,960	48,321	22,433	32,323	6,672	10,643	185,325			
			Nov-07	5,637	33,903	24,302	48,321	22,086	53,135	6,708	10,565	204,657			
5.1	Hartals	Number	Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS	
			Dec-07	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4			
			Nov-07	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	8			
5.2	Security incidents - total fatalities (including civilians and humanitarian workers)	Number	Jan-08	5	11	55	99	112	28	4	235	549		UN DSS	
			Dec-07	5	9	71	89	224	3	15	193	609			
			Nov-07	6	9	36	87	108	17	12	164	439			
5.3	Security incidents involving civilians - fatalities	Number	Jan-08	1	4	11	12	2	6	0	14	50		UN DSS	
			Dec-07	3	7	13	2	0	0	15	5	45			
			Nov-07	3	5	15	20	8	13	6	0	70			
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS	
			Dec-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
			Nov-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Jan-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS	
			Dec-07	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
			Nov-07	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2			
5.6	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Jan-08	2	1	4	0	2	0	2	15	26		UN DSS	
			Dec-07	1	4	1	1	2	0	2	44	55			
			Nov-07	6	4	0	0	3	0	2	53	68			
5.7	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Jan-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR	
			Dec-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			Nov-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
5.8	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Jan-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR	
			Dec-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			Nov-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Jan-08	137	98	55	73	59	50	140	56		OCHA		
			Dec-07	137	98	37	73	59	50	140	55				
			Nov-07	137	97	37	73	60	50	140	52				
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Jan-08	-	3		37	6	25	0	1	72		OCHA	
			Dec-07	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	1	72			
			Nov-07	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	-	71			
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		

Key	-	No Report		Current Month	
	N/A	Not Available		Last Month	
	0	Reported as Zero		Two Months Ago	

Narrative Report

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

Agency	Comments
UNICEF	<p>In most of the Northern and Eastern districts schools closed due to a hartal on 31 January.</p> <p>In Kilinochchi, 02 schools were closed for 03 days and 2,400 children were affected as a result of aerial bombardment on 17 January.</p> <p>In Batticaloa, there were 02 days of hartal, but schools were affected only for one day.</p>
OCHA	<p>In Kilinochchi, the total number of agencies has remains stable. However, the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (SLMM) closed its operations in the district, while a new NGO (for the FUTURE Today) began operations.</p> <p>In Vavuniya, the total number of agencies has increased to 56 as ACTED started operations in the district.</p>

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