

Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report
July 2008

Attached below is the joint UN North East situation monitoring report. This report is intended to give an overview of the current situation in the North and 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 July based on the data available:

North East:

- 1 case of underage recruitment and 1 release are reported for July 2008. Please note that figures for June and May 2008 have been modified as new data was received.
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers is 53.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons remains stable at 74.
- No hartals have been reported for July 2008.
- 117 primary and secondary schools were closed due to the conflict during July 2008, with 17,570 children not attending school for at least 1 day due to the conflict. See last page for comments.
- 291 cases of vector borne and communicable disease have been reported throughout the North and East in July 2008. Please note that figures for May and June have been modified based on new data.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour remains stable throughout the North and East except in Kilinochchi and Mannar where there has been an increase.

Jaffna:

- The average market price of lentils and kerosene has decreased.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities remains stable.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour remain stable at Rs. 700 and 550 respectively.

Kilinochchi:

- The average market price of rice, kerosene and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities remains stable.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour have increased from Rs. 725 to 750 and Rs. 475 to 525 respectively.

Mannar:

- No information is available for the month of July on prices of monitored commodities.
- Average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour have increased from Rs. 850 to 900 and Rs. 550 to 600 respectively.

Mullaitivu:

- The average market price of bread, kerosene and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of rice remains stable at 39 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 300 to 290 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of skilled and unskilled labour remains stable.

Vavuniya:

- No information is available for the month of July on prices of monitored commodities.

Trincomalee:

- The average market price of all monitored commodities has decreased.
- The average market price of skilled and unskilled labour remains stable.

Batticaloa:

- The average market price of kerosene and lentils has increased.
- The average market price of bread has decreased from 52 to 43 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of rice remains stable at 71 Rs./kg.
- Average daily wages for unskilled labour have increased from Rs. 600 to 650 while average daily wages for skilled labour remain stable at Rs. 1,000.

Ampara:

- The average market price of kerosene remains stable at 79 Rs./litre
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.

Please note that this July 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	Jul-08	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0.00	UNICEF	
			Jun-08	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0		
			May-08	0	6	10	1	N/A	1	1	N/A	19		
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jul-08	0	0	0	N/A	33	29	0	55	117	UNICEF	
			Jun-08	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0		
			May-08	0	43	1	101	N/A	106	22	N/A	273		
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jul-08	0	0	0	N/A	7,840	6,000	0	3,730	17,570	UNICEF	
			Jun-08	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0		
			May-08	0	19,218	941	370,308	N/A	34,025	6,990	N/A	431,482		
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Jul-08	107	36	60	7	14	5	44	18	291	WHO	See comments on last page
			Jun-08	82	25	27	4	8	1	29	8	184		
			May-08	77	36	38	1	17	10	18	8	205		
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Jul-08	69	71	100	40	N/A	39	69	N/A	65	WFP	
			Jun-08	68	71	100	38	65	39	70	66	65		
			May-08	65	67	95	36	67	35	67	67	62		
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Jul-08	39	43	48	38	N/A	40	37	N/A	41	WFP	
			Jun-08	38	52	48	38	45	38	40	40	42		
			May-08	38	39	48	38	45	38	43	40	41		
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Jul-08	370	363	230	300	N/A	290	220	N/A	296	WFP	
			Jun-08	340	363	230	300	285	300	227	253	287		
			May-08	340	337	235	300	283	300	235	245	284		
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Jul-08	79	85	85	130	N/A	130	80	N/A	98	WFP	
			Jun-08	79	82	90	120	87	120	86	87	94		
			May-08	76	78	88	115	84	120	73	85	90		
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Jul-08	195	225	140	65	N/A	70	210	N/A	151	WFP	
			Jun-08	163	218	150	63	185	68	220	193	157		
			May-08	140	182	140	65	175	70	186	180	142		
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Jul-08	950	1,000	700	750	900	725	950	-	853.57	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Jun-08	950	1,000	700	725	850	725	950	-	842.86		
			May-08	950	1,300	650	725	850	-	1200	-	945.83		
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Jul-08	650	650	550	525	600	475	650	-	585.71	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Jun-08	650	600	550	475	550	475	650	-	564.29		
			May-08	650	700	550	600	550	-	700	-	625.00		
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Jul-08	58	34	-56	-10	12	N/A	15	28	11.57	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jun-08	58	34	-56	60	-12	N/A	31	-7	15.43		
			May-08	58	31	-51	-11	3	N/A	32	36	14.00		
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Jul-08	100	40	-13	-20	96	N/A	14	50	38.14	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jun-08	118	37	-13	17	11	N/A	9	3	26.00		
			May-08	145	46	-6	40	43	N/A	44	13	46.43		
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Jul-08	22	33	-55	20	20	N/A	17	11	9.71	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jun-08	38	33	-63	20	20	N/A	40	8	13.71		
			May-08	25	22	-58	10	20	N/A	29	0	6.86		
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Jul-08	92	106	-1	3	60	N/A	-10	11	37.33	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jun-08	115	165	-0.68	-4	34	N/A	13	-3	45.62		
			May-08	155	251	-43	45	132	N/A	114	102	108.00		

4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Jul-08	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.13	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Jun-08	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7			0.88
			May-08	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5			0.63
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Jul-08	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.13	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Jun-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2			0.25
			May-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0.00
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Jul-08	4,431	18,171	28,144	51,742	24,110	41,084	5,254	18,372	191,308		UNHCR		
			Jun-08	5,106	18,708	28,573	50,469	25,314	32,649	5,427	12,934	179,180				
			May-08	5,106	18,708	28,573	50,469	25,314	32,649	5,427	12,934	179,180				
5.1	Hartals	Number	Jul-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS		
			Jun-08	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2			
			May-08	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	7				
5.2	Security incidents involving civilians - fatalities	Number	Jul-08	5	2	6	0	1	2	5	6	27		UN DSS		
			Jun-08	1	2	6	0	4	11	2	16	42				
			May-08	12	6	10	9	0	0	5	9	51				
5.3	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Jul-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS		
			Jun-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
			May-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Jul-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS		
			Jun-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
			May-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Jul-08	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	44	53		UN DSS		
			Jun-08	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	56				
			May-08	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
5.6	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Jul-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR		
			Jun-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			May-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
5.7	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Jul-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR		
			Jun-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			May-08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Jul-08	144	109	57	79	62	51	130	59			OCHA	See comments on last page	
			Jun-08	140	106	57	79	63	51	129	58					
			May-08	135	105	57	79	63	51	134	58					
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Jul-08	-	3	0	37	6	27	0	1	74		OCHA		
			Jun-08	-	3	0	37	6	27	0	1	74				
			May-08	-	3	0	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			

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
WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prevalence of vector borne and communicable disease outbreaks in Killinochchi, Mannar and Mullathivu districts are under reported due to inaccessibility and shortage of man power
OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Ampara, the number of agencies has increased from 140 to 144 as one UN agency (FAO), one International organization (IUCN), one INGO (Italian Cooperazion) and one NGO (SPACE) have started operations in the district. • In Batticaloa, the number of agencies has increased from 106 to 109 as one INGO (ActionAID) and three NGOs (OR CHART, PSDO, CAMID) started operations, while Merlin left the district. • In Mannar, the number of agencies decreased from 63 to 62 as ILO left the district. • In Trincomalee, the number of agencies increased from 129 to 130 as one INGO (GVC - Gruppo di Volontariato Civile - Group of Civil volunteers) started operations in the district. • In Vavuniya, the number of agencies increased from 58 to 59 as one INGO (Alliance Trust Fund) started operations in the district.

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