

Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report

April 2007

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 April based on the data available:

North East:

- The total number of newly Internal Displaced Persons has stabilized for the month of April 2007 with 299,684 IDPs
- Still of high concern, an increase of security incidents (killings) is reported with 187 victims (176 in March and 138 in February) with Vavuniya being the worst affected
- The number of humanitarian agencies remains stable with 608 agencies known to be active in the North and East
- 17 cases of under age recruitment are reported for April 2007
- The number of disrupted projects due to security reasons remains at 75
- The average market prices are stabilized but remain unequal between districts
- The variation of the average retail prices of essential food commodities continues to fluctuate unequally between districts. Batticaloa has seen an increase in the variation of the average price of fresh and dry fish and a significant increase in the variation of the average price of eggs (67 in April compared to 29 in March 2007)
- The average daily wages for skilled labour have decreased in Batticaloa and Trincomalee, while the average daily wages for unskilled labour have increased in Mullaitivu and Trincomalee

Jaffna:

- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 230 to 148 Rs/L

Kilinochchi:

- The variation of the average retail prices of essential food commodities continues to fluctuate with a decrease for fresh and dry fish while an increase is observed for fresh vegetables and eggs. The average market prices remain stable
- No security incidents (killings) were reported

Mannar:

- The variation of the average retail prices of essential food commodities continues to fluctuate while the average market prices remain stable
- Increase in the number of security incidents (killings) with 16 cases in April (7 in March 2007)

Vavuniya:

- Still of high concern, the number of security incidents (killings) has increased from 47 to 77 in the district and is the highest for the North and East

Trincomalee:

- The number of security incidents (killings) has decreased from 18 to 9
- The number of IDPs has increased from 2,840 to 7,187

Batticaloa:

- The number of newly recorded IDPs remains the highest with 139,760 IDPs. Batticaloa has almost 50% of the total number of new IDPs since April 2006).
- The number of security incidents (killings) has increased from 13 to 24

Ampara:

- The number of IDPs registered in the District has increased from 8,752 to 12,316 people
- The number of security incidents (killings) has decreased from 40 to 28
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 180 to 140 Rs/L

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Please note that this April 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	Apr-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			UNICEF	
			Mar-07	4	15	0	1	25	1	0	0	46	5.75		
			Feb-07	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.38		
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Apr-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			UNICEF	
			Mar-07	N/A	101	0	101	10	91	0	0	303			
			Feb-07	2	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	39			
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Apr-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			UNICEF	
			Mar-07	758	28,000	0	36,861	5,197	30,437	0	0	101,253			
			Feb-07	380	12,039	2,103	0	0	0	0	0	14,522			
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Apr-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	WHO	
			Mar-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Feb-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Apr-07	35	41	65	28	41	26	40	40		39.45	WFP	
			Mar-07	35	40	74	28	40	27	36	41		40.13		
			Feb-07	34	43	93	29	43	30	37	43		43.76		
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Apr-07	23	26	32	25	26	25	24	26		25.83	WFP	
			Mar-07	20	24	30	25	26	25	24	26		25.00		
			Feb-07	20	25	30	25	26	25	24	26		25.05		
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Apr-07	140	237	148	150	130	145	139	126		151.79	WFP	
			Mar-07	180	235	230	150	125	146	120	126		164.00		
			Feb-07	180	208	298	150	127	148	112	125		168.44		
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Apr-07	48	55	73	100	51	100	50	53		66.08	WFP	
			Mar-07	48	55	88	100	54	100	49	55		68.63		
			Feb-07	48	49	85	100	55	100	50	55		67.70		
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Apr-07	80	82	68	70	80	65	84	80		76.01	WFP	
			Mar-07	83	77	72	70	79	65	68	80		74.25		
			Feb-07	81	75	72	70	79	63	74	78		73.85		
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Apr-07	900	950	775	700	-	700	975	-		833.33	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Mar-07	900	1050	775	700	-	700	1000	-		854.17		
			Feb-07	900	1050	775	700	-	700	1000	-		854.17		
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Apr-07	600	600	575	550	-	575	575	-		579.17	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Mar-07	600	600	575	550	-	550	550	-		570.83		
			Feb-07	600	600	600	475	-	450	500	-		537.50		
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Apr-07	60	8	94	17	11	N/A	9	32		33.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Mar-07	40	11	100	29	5	N/A	6	27		31.14		
			Feb-07	40	28	350	76	-1	N/A	7	35		76.43		
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Apr-07	46	25	73	25	-3	N/A	-2	14		25.43	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Mar-07	40	26	-23	33	0	N/A	-5	14		12.14		
			Feb-07	43	34	208	16	15	N/A	-12	14		45.43		
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Apr-07	67	29	233	25	11	N/A	6	50		60.14	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Mar-07	29	0	233	11	-10	N/A	0	50		44.71		
			Feb-07	N/A	29	250	25	43	N/A	13	50		68.33		

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3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Apr-07	19	19	0	9	-10	N/A	1	-26	1.71	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Mar-07	39	32	40	-17	4	N/A	6	-17	12.43			
			Feb-07	39	29	64	24	10	N/A	1	4	24.43			
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Apr-07	3	5	0	4	0	0	2	3	17	2.13	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			Mar-07	0	13	0	5	0	4	1	2	25	3.13		
			Feb-07	5	20	0	4	0	3	2	0	34	4.25		
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Apr-07	1	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	11	1.38	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			Mar-07	0	17	0	4	0	4	0	1	26	3.25		
			Feb-07	0	28	1	7	0	7	1	0	44	5.50		
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Apr-07	12,316	139,760	39,973	46,643	14,625	31,185	7,187	7,995	299,684		UNHCR	
			Mar-07	8,752	155,872	40,662	45,697	14,896	26,234	2,840	7,926	302,879			
			Feb-07	2,471	76,498	43,147	45,665	9,545	24,805	2,840	5,586	210,557			
5.1	Hartals	Number	Apr-07	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	7		UN DSS	
			Mar-07	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	8			
			Feb-07	N/A	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2			
5.2	Security incidents - killings	Number	Apr-07	28	24	33	0	16	0	9	77	187		UN DSS	
			Mar-07	40	13	35	16	7	N/A	18	47	176			
			Feb-07	7	19	22	22	6	N/A	36	26	138			
5.3	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Apr-07	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3		UN HRA	
			Mar-07	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	1			
			Feb-07	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1			
5.4	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Apr-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		UN HRA	
			Mar-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
			Feb-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Apr-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		UN HRA	
			Mar-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
			Feb-07	-	31	38	-	-	-	21	47	137			
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Apr-07	143	91	36	60	30	51	144	53	608		OCHA	Goal closed its operation in Ampara district
			Mar-07	144	90	36	60	30	51	144	53	608			
			Feb-07	144	85	36	60	30	51	144	54	604			
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Apr-07	-	6	-	38	6	25	0	-	75		OCHA	
			Mar-07	-	6	-	38	6	25	0	-	75			
			Feb-07	-	6	-	38	6	25	0	-	75			
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
IOM	<p>Shelling, claymore attacks, shooting and, in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu, frequent air raids, hampered scheduled field trips in all districts of the North and East. The situation is increasingly tense in Vavuniya and Mannar. Travel restrictions to Musali division of Mannar prevent monitoring of an ongoing project. In Vavuniya, scheduled field trips were cancelled due to security reasons. The population, including staff, reports feeling unsafe to move freely in the area due to the worsening security situation.</p> <p>Restrictions on transportation of construction materials in the Vanni and Jaffna continue to significantly slow project implementation.</p>
OCHA	<p>In Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu, cement and other construction materials are not available in the market as no permission is given to transport these from Vavuniya. One 50Kg cement local (black) Market price is Rs.2,800.00.</p>
UNHCR	<p>The statistics provided by UNHCR refer to the displacement after 7th April 2006 and the Source is Ministry of Nation Building and State Infrastructure Development.</p>

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