

Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report

June 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 June based on the data available:

North East:

- Still of high concern, an increase of security incidents (killings) is reported with 277 victims (141 in May and 187 in April). Batticaloa, Jaffna and Vavuniya are the areas where most of the killings have taken place but Trincomalee, Kilinochchi, Ampara and Mannar have seen a continuous violence as well.
- 23 cases of under age recruitment and 18 releases are reported for June 2007. Please note that figures for May 2007 were modified as new data was received (30 under age recruitments for May instead of 15 as reported previously while the releases were modified from 5 to 8)
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian workers remains at 9
- The number of disrupted projects due to security reasons is stable at 73
- 4 days of closure in primary and secondary schools are recorded for the month of June 2007 throughout the North and East of the country with 234 schools concerned. 81,941 children did not attend school for at least one day. Pls note that in the case of Trincomalee District a special note is inserted at the end of the present report
- The average market price of vegetable oil is increasing throughout the North East
- The number of reported hartals has reduced from 18 to 7

Jaffna:

- The number of security incidents (killings) has increased from 28 to 51
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 189 to 213 Rs/L
- The average market price of red lentils has increased from 83 to 94 Rs/L
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 73 to 75 Rs/L

Kilinochchi:

- The number of security incidents (killings) remains stable with 53 victims (52 in May)
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 145 to 150 Rs/litre

Mullaitivu:

- No security incidents (killings) reported

Vavuniya:

- The number of security incidents (killings) has significantly increased from 11 to 73
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 126 to 148 Rs/litre
- The average market price of red lentils has increased from 80 to 88 Rs/L
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 53 to 60 Rs/L

Trincomalee:

- The number of security incidents (killings) has increased from 15 to 26
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 134 to 159 Rs/litre
- The average daily wages for skilled and unskilled labour have increased and are respectively at 1,100 and 600 Rs

Batticaloa:

- The number of security incidents (killings) has significantly increased from 25 to 63 victims
- The average price of vegetable oil, kerosene and red lentils have decreased

Ampara:

- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 150 to 160 Rs/litre

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Please note that this June 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	Jun-07	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0.50	UNICEF	
			May-07	3	12	10	N/A	21	N/A	0	21	67	11.17		
			Apr-07	0	N/A	0	0	10	0	N/A	1	11	1.83		
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jun-07	0	42	0	101	0	91	0	0	234		UNICEF	
			May-07	212	3	2	N/A	14	N/A	0	1	232			
			Apr-07	0	N/A	0	0	17	0	N/A	17	34			
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Jun-07	0	10,898	0	37,308	0	33,735	0	0	81,941		UNICEF	
			May-07	100,125	143	3,680	N/A	2,530	N/A	0	78	106,556			
			Apr-07	0	N/A	0	0	1,888	0	N/A	78	1,966			
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Jun-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		WHO	
			May-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Apr-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Jun-07	38	41	76	25	44	23	41	43		41.28	WFP	
			May-07	35	41	76	26	42	22	43	43		40.88		
			Apr-07	35	41	65	28	41	26	40	40		39.45		
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Jun-07	28	32	32	25	29	25	27	28		28.13	WFP	
			May-07	27	29	32	25	28	25	26	28		27.44		
			Apr-07	23	26	32	25	26	25	24	26		25.83		
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Jun-07	160	210	213	150	131	155	159	148		165.69	WFP	
			May-07	150	217	189	145	130	140	134	126		153.75		
			Apr-07	140	237	148	150	130	145	139	126		151.79		
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Jun-07	49	55	75	100	52	100	53	60		68.00	WFP	
			May-07	50	56	73	100	52	100	51	53		66.75		
			Apr-07	48	55	73	100	51	100	50	53		66.08		
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Jun-07	85	70	94	55	88	70	72	88		77.66	WFP	
			May-07	80	82	83	65	85	65	84	80		77.94		
			Apr-07	80	82	68	70	80	65	84	80		76.01		
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Jun-07	1,250	1,100	675	700		700	1,100			920.83	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			May-07	900	950	650	700	-	700	975	-		812.50		
			Apr-07	900	950	775	700	-	700	975	-		833.33		
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Jun-07	750	575	575	550		550	600			600.00	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			May-07	600	600	550	500	-	500	575	-		554.17		
			Apr-07	600	600	575	550	-	575	575	-		579.17		
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-07	42	65	137	58	28	N/A	9	37		53.71		
			Apr-07	60	8	94	17	11	N/A	9	32		33.00		
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-07	59	25	73	67	-2	N/A	3	14		34.14		
			Apr-07	46	25	73	25	-3	N/A	-2	14		25.43		
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-07	61	14	233	25	11	N/A	6	67		59.57		
			Apr-07	67	29	233	25	11	N/A	6	50		60.14		

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3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			May-07	12	22	35	8	11	N/A	0	-5	11.86			
			Apr-07	19	19	0	9	-10	N/A	1	-26	1.71			
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Jun-07	3	17	0	2	0	1	0	0	23	2.88	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			May-07	7	15	0	6	0	1	0	1	30	3.75		
			Apr-07	9	11	0	5	2	4	2	3	36	4.50		
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Jun-07	0	13	0	1	0	1	0	1	16	2.00	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			May-07	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	8	1.00		
			Apr-07	1	0	0	9	0	2	1	0	13	1.63		
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UNHCR	
			May-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		
			Apr-07	12,316	139,760	39,973	46,643	14,625	31,185	7,187	7,995	299,684			
5.1	Hartals	Number	Jun-07	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	7		UN DSS	
			May-07	4	0	6	5	0	0	0	3	18			
			Apr-07	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	7			
5.2	Security incidents - killings	Number	Jun-07	6	63	51	53	5	0	26	73	277		UN DSS	
			May-07	10	25	28	52	0	0	15	11	141			
			Apr-07	28	24	33	0	16	0	9	77	187			
5.3	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Jun-07	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	9		UN DSS	
			May-07	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	9			
			Apr-07	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3			
5.4	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Jun-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		UN HRA	
			May-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		
			Apr-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		
5.5	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Jun-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		UN HRA	
			May-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		
			Apr-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0		
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Jun-07	142	91	37	62	61	50	144	54	641		OCHA	2 INGOs and 1 donor, no more presence in Ampara
			May-07	145	91	37	64	61	51	144	54	647			
			Apr-07	143	91	36	60	30	51	144	53	608			
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Jun-07	-	4	-	38	6	25	0	-	73		OCHA	
			May-07	-	4	-	38	6	25	0	-	73			
			Apr-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
UNICEF	<p>In Trincomalee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 schools in Muthur are still closed due to past conflict, or are in high security zone and/or areas not suitable for resettlement due to mines/UXOs. These schools are not reported in the indicator table as they are actually 'displaced schools' running in Batticaloa. • There is an extreme shortage of teachers - some not related directly to the emergency as such, but rather due to displacement of teachers and general problems in getting teachers to work in a poor security environment. This has a negative effect on the attendance and quality of learning that takes place in school.
OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Ampara, the Cooperazione Italiana (Italian Cooperation) and two INGOs (International Committee for the Development of the Populations-CISP and Shelter for Life) are not active in the district anymore.

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