

Joint UN North East Situation Monitoring Report

August 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 August based on the data available:

North East:

- 12 cases of underage recruitment and 6 releases are reported for August 2007.
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers is 11.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons has decreased to 72. Please see comments on the last page for details.
- The average market price of lentils has increased throughout the North and East, except in Mullaitivu, where the price has decreased.
- The number of reported hartals has decreased from 11 to 1.

Jaffna:

- The average market price of rice has increased from 68 to 72 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread has increased from 32 to 40 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 80 to 82 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 205 to 200 Rs./litre.

Kilinochchi:

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

Mannar:

- The average market price of bread has increased from 29 to 30 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 143 to 175 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 54 to 61 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of rice remains stable at 44 Rs./kg.

Mullaitivu:

- The average market price of rice has increased from 24 to 26 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread has increased from 25 to 28 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 160 to 170 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of kerosene remains stable at 120 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils has decreased from 65 to 58 Rs./kg.

Vavuniya:

- The average market price of rice has increased from 44 to 45 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread has increased from 29 to 30 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 153 to 173 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 60 to 70 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils has increased from 88 to 103 Rs./kg.

Trincomalee:

- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 62 to 68 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of rice, bread and vegetable oil has decreased.

Batticaloa:

- The average market price of rice has decreased from 42 to 39 Rs./kg.
- The price of all other commodities monitored has increased.

Ampara:

- The average market price of rice, bread, vegetable oil and kerosene remains stable.

Please note that this August 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	Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0.00	UNICEF	
			Jul-07	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	8	1.00		
			Jun-07	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0.50		
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	UNICEF	
			Jul-07	57	0	0	0	59	3	51	121	291			
			Jun-07	0	42	0	101	0	91	0	0	234			
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	UNICEF	
			Jul-07	37,013	0	0	0	18,451	1,150	12,500	38,155	107,269			
			Jun-07	0	10,898	0	37,308	0	33,735	0	0	81,941			
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Aug-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	WHO	
			Jul-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
			Jun-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Aug-07	39	39	72	26	44	26	40	45		41.38	WFP	
			Jul-07	39	42	68	25	44	24	47	44		41.28		
			Jun-07	38	41	76	25	44	23	41	43		41.28		
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Aug-07	30	31	40	28	30	28	28	30		30.63	WFP	
			Jul-07	30	30	32	25	29	25	29	29		28.56		
			Jun-07	28	32	32	25	29	25	27	28		28.13		
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Aug-07	180	254	200	160	175	170	177	173		186.06	WFP	
			Jul-07	180	233	205	145	143	160	199	153		177.13		
			Jun-07	160	210	213	150	131	155	159	148		165.69		
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Aug-07	55	67	82	120	61	120	68	70		80.38	WFP	
			Jul-07	55	59	80	110	54	120	62	60		74.81		
			Jun-07	49	55	75	100	52	100	53	60		68.00		
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Aug-07	100	90	105	58	92	58	99	103		87.94	WFP	
			Jul-07	90	86	104	55	88	65	94	88		83.50		
			Jun-07	85	70	94	55	88	70	72	88		77.66		
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Aug-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	925	-		916.67	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Jul-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	-	-		915.00		
			Jun-07	1,250	1,100	675	700	-	700	1,100	-		920.83		
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Aug-07	750	600	575	550	-	550	600	-		604.17	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Jul-07	750	600	575	525	-	525	-	-		595.00		
			Jun-07	750	575	575	550	-	550	600	-		600.00		
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Aug-07	19	38	-27	-7	30	N/A	14	70		19.57	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jul-07	11	-6	150	45	29	N/A	12	66		43.86		
			Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00		
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Aug-07	30	25	0	38	-2	N/A	0	14		15.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jul-07	12	-5	92	100	-2	N/A	-3	14		29.71		
			Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00		
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Aug-07	36	13	-17	30	11	N/A	-6	67		19.14	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jul-07	29	6	333	25	11	N/A	0	50		64.86		
			Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00		
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Aug-07	53	20	-71	-23	32	N/A	-6	37		6.00	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Jul-07	48	7	19	165	28	N/A	0	20		41.00		
			Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		0.00		

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments		
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Aug-07	1	8	0	2	0	0	1	12	1.50	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.		
			Jul-07	0	7	0	2	0	0	1	3	13			1.63	
			Jun-07	3	19	0	3	0	3	1	0	29			3.63	
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Aug-07	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	6	0.75	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Jul-07	0	4	0	2	0	1	1	1	9	1.13			
			Jun-07	0	17	0	5	0	1	0	1	24	3.00			
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Aug-07	5,779	42,595	24,151	47,253	9,293	32,323	6,060	10,302	177,756		UNHCR GAs	Data for August obtained from relevant GAs as at 21 August 2007	
			Jul-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			Jun-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
5.1	Hartals	Number	Aug-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		UN DSS		
			Jul-07	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	11				
			Jun-07	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	7				
5.2	Security incidents – killings (civilians and others)	Number	Aug-07	14	9	44	14	5	1	18	73	178		UN DSS		
			Jul-07	8	33	36	39	34	0	16	43	209				
			Jun-07	6	63	51	53	5	0	26	73	277				
5.3	Security incidents involving civilians- killings	Number	Aug-07	5	7	25	0	2	1	7	3	50		UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number of security incidents measured in indicator 5.2	
			Jul-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
			Jun-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Aug-07	1	3	0	0	3	0	2	2	11		UN DSS		
			Jul-07	7	1	0	2	1	0	0	5	16				
			Jun-07	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	9				
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Aug-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number measured in indicator 5.4	
			Jul-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
			Jun-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
5.6	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Aug-07	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1		UN DSS	Figure are included in the total number measured in indicator 5.4	
			Jul-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
			Jun-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
5.7	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Aug-07	-	8	-	-	-	-	34	13	55		UN HRA		
			Jul-07	3	20	2	-	-	-	28	6	59				
			Jun-07	-	9	14	-	-	-	18	12	53				
5.8	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Aug-07	-	20	18	-	-	-	25	21	84		UN HRA		
			Jul-07	-	24	18	-	-	-	8	22	72				
			Jun-07	-	35	15	-	-	-	12	10	72				
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Aug-07	143	90	37	62	61	50	140	54			OCHA		
			Jul-07	143	91	37	62	61	50	140	54					
			Jun-07	142	91	37	62	61	50	144	54					
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Aug-07	-	4	-	37	6	25	0	-	72		OCHA		
			Jul-07	-	4	-	38	6	25	0	-	73				
			Jun-07	-	4	-	38	6	25	0	-	73				
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools nationwide were officially closed from 03 August to 04 September (Muslim schools restarted on 13 August) • UNICEF will be changing the education indicators for the September report. The new indicators will give a more precise picture of the effect that the conflict situation is having on children’s education. Reports on school “closures”, number of days and number of students will be disaggregated by type of “closure”.
OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Ampara, the number of agencies remains the same. However, Islamic Relief closed its operations on 31 August while Solid House started operations in the district. • In Batticaloa, the number of agencies has reduced by one to 90 as two INGOs (Asia Onlus and ACF) left, while one NGO (PADRO) re-registered. • In Killinochchi, The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons reduced by one to 37 as UNDP re-started one shelter programme in Poonakary division.

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