

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

**North East:**

- 18 cases of underage recruitment and 6 releases are reported for September 2007.
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers is 16.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons has decreased to 71. Please see comments on the last page for details.
- The number of reported hartals has increased from 1 to 4.
- 12 days of closure in primary and secondary schools are reported throughout the North and East, with 99 schools concerned. Please see comments on last page for details.
- The average market price of rice has increased throughout the North and East, except in Batticaloa, where the price has decreased.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour remains stable throughout the North and East.
- Average daily wages for unskilled labour remains stable throughout the North and East except in Batticaloa, where it has increased.

**Jaffna:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 72 to 90 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread remains stable at 40 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 82 to 89 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 200 to 181 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils remains stable at 105 Rs./kg.

**Kilinochchi:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 26 to 30 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of bread remains stable at 28 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of kerosene has decreased from 120 to 110 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 160 to 180 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils has increased from 58 to 65 Rs./kg.

**Mannar:**

- The average market price of bread remains stable at 30 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.

**Mullaitivu:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 26 to 29 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has increased from 170 to 180 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of bread, kerosene and red lentils remains stable.

**Vavuniya:**

- The average market price of bread remains stable at 30 Rs./loaf.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.

**Trincomalee:**

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

**Batticaloa:**

- The average market price of rice has decreased from 39 to 38 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.

**Ampara:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 39 to 40 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of kerosene has increased from 55 to 58 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities remains stable.

***Please note that this September 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	Sep-07	0	0	2	0	N/A	0	10	N/A	12	2.00	UNICEF		
			Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0			0.00
			Jul-07	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	8	1.00			
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Sep-07	0	0	98	0	N/A	0	1	N/A	99		UNICEF		
			Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0			
			Jul-07	57	0	0	0	59	3	51	121	291				
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/ security/hartal	Number	Sep-07	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	26	N/A	26		UNICEF		
			Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0			
			Jul-07	37,013	0	0	0	18,451	1,150	12,500	38,155	107,269				
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Sep-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	WHO		
			Aug-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Jul-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Sep-07	40	38	90	30	49	29	44	49		45.94	WFP		
			Aug-07	39	39	72	26	44	26	40	45		41.38			
			Jul-07	39	42	68	25	44	24	47	44		41.28			
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Sep-07	30	35	40	28	30	28	29	30		31.19	WFP		
			Aug-07	30	31	40	28	30	28	28	30		30.63			
			Jul-07	30	30	32	25	29	25	29	29		28.56			
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Sep-07	180	269	181	180	180	180	186	185		192.63	WFP		
			Aug-07	180	254	200	160	175	170	177	173		186.06			
			Jul-07	180	233	205	145	143	160	199	153		177.13			
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Sep-07	58	74	89	110	70	120	69	78		83.38	WFP		
			Aug-07	55	67	82	120	61	120	68	70		80.38			
			Jul-07	55	59	80	110	54	120	62	60		74.81			
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Sep-07	100	99	105	65	99	58	97	110		91.56	WFP		
			Aug-07	100	90	105	58	92	58	99	103		87.94			
			Jul-07	90	86	104	55	88	65	94	88		83.50			
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Sep-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	925	-		916.67	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.	
			Aug-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	925	-		916.67			
			Jul-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	-	-		915.00			
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Sep-07	750	650	575	550	-	550	600	-		612.50	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.	
			Aug-07	750	600	575	550	-	550	600	-		604.17			
			Jul-07	750	600	575	525	-	525	-	-		595.00			
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Sep-07	-10	38	-27	2	33	N/A	16	9		8.71	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Aug-07	19	38	-27	-7	30	N/A	14	70		19.57			
			Jul-07	11	-6	150	45	29	N/A	12	66		43.86			
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Sep-07	7	38	0	33	-2	N/A	0	14		12.86	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Aug-07	30	25	0	38	-2	N/A	0	14		15.00			
			Jul-07	12	-5	92	100	-2	N/A	-3	14		29.71			
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Sep-07	-8	19	-17	44	22	N/A	-6	67		17.29	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Aug-07	36	13	-17	30	11	N/A	-6	67		19.14			
			Jul-07	29	6	333	25	11	N/A	0	50		64.86			
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Sep-07	11	21	-65	-24	26	N/A	-2	43		1.43	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month	
			Aug-07	53	20	-71	-23	32	N/A	-6	37		6.00			
			Jul-07	48	7	19	165	28	N/A	0	20		41.00			
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Sep-07	2	11	0	1	0	0	4	0	18	2.25	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Aug-07	2	10	0	2	0	0	4	1	19	2.38			
			Jul-07	0	11	0	2	0	0	2	3	18	2.25			

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments		
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Sep-07	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	6	0.75	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Aug-07	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	7	0.88			
			Jul-07	0	6	0	2	0	1	2	1	12	1.50			
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Sep-07	5,775	38,230	24,151	48,512	21,928	32,323	6,131	10,306	187,356		UNHCR	IDP figures as at 19 September 2007	
			Aug-07	5,779	42,595	24,151	47,253	9,293	32,323	6,060	10,302	177,756				
			Jul-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
5.1	Hartals	Number	Sep-07	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	4		UN DSS		
			Aug-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1				
			Jul-07	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	11				
5.2	Security incidents - killings (civilians and others)	Number	Sep-07	6	12	45	53	30	11	15	89	261		UN DSS		
			Aug-07	14	9	44	14	5	1	18	73	178				
			Jul-07	8	33	36	39	34	0	16	43	209				
5.3	Security incidents involving civilians - killings	Number	Sep-07	2	7	23	2	15	6	19	5	79		UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number of security incidents measured in indicator 5.2	
			Aug-07	5	7	25	0	2	1	7	3	50				
			Jul-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0			
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Sep-07	3	5	0	0	1	1	4	2	16		UN DSS		
			Aug-07	1	3	0	0	3	0	2	2	11				
			Jul-07	7	1	0	2	1	0	0	5	16				
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Sep-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number measured in indicator 5.4	
			Aug-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1				
			Jul-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0				
5.6	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Sep-07	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number measured in indicator 5.4	
			Aug-07	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1				
			Jul-07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0				
5.7	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Sep-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR		
			Aug-07	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	34	13	55			
			Jul-07	3	20	2	-	-	-	-	28	6	59			
5.8	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Sep-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		UN OHCHR		
			Aug-07	-	-	20	18	-	-	-	25	21	84			
			Jul-07	-	-	24	18	-	-	-	8	22	72			
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Sep-07	143	89	37	62	60	50	140	52			OCHA		
			Aug-07	143	90	37	62	61	50	140	54					
			Jul-07	143	91	37	62	61	50	140	54					
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Sep-07	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	-	71		OCHA		
			Aug-07	-	4	-	37	6	25	0	-	72				
			Jul-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"> <li>• In Mullaitivu, all 51 schools were operating, but due to security concerns (shelling) many children did not attend school. No data is available on the number of children not attending school.</li> <li>• In Batticaloa, 325 schools were temporarily closed for less than one day, due to the tsunami alert issued on 12 September.</li> <li>• No information is available from Mannar or Vavuniya on school closures.</li> </ul>
OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Batticaloa, the number of agencies reduced by one to 89, as three INGOs left (CAM, Asia Onlus and Mearch), while JEN and Amici Dei Bambini were added.</li> <li>• In Vavuniya and Mannar, the updated number of agencies per district is 52 in Vavuniya and 60 in Mannar.</li> <li>• In Batticaloa, the number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons reduced by one to 3 as UNOPS re-started one construction project in the district.</li> </ul>
IOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All IOM sub offices functioned fully throughout the month of September.</li> </ul>

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