

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

**North East:**

- 12 cases of underage recruitment and 3 releases are reported for October 2007. Please note that figures for September and August were modified as new data was received
- The number of security incidents involving humanitarian aid workers is 27.
- The number of UN projects disrupted due to security reasons remains the same at 71.
- No hartals have been reported for October 2007.
- 12 days of closure in primary and secondary schools are reported throughout the North and East, with 8 schools concerned. 3,263 children did not attend school for at least one day during October 2007.
- The average market price of bread has increased throughout the North and East, except in Batticaloa, where the price remains stable.
- Average daily wages for skilled labour remains stable throughout the North and East, except in Trincomalee where it has decreased.

**Jaffna:**

- No report is available on the average market price of all monitored commodities for October 2007.

**Kilinochchi:**

- The average market price of kerosene has decreased from 110 to 105 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of rice and vegetable oil remains stable.
- The average market price of lentils has increased from 65 to 70 Rs./kg.

**Mannar:**

- The average market price of vegetable oil remains stable at 180 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of all other monitored commodities has increased.

**Mullaitivu:**

- The average market price of rice remains stable at 29 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 180 to 170 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils has decreased from 58 to 53 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of rice and kerosene remains stable.

**Vavuniya:**

- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 185 to 180 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of all monitored commodities has increased.

**Trincomalee:**

- The average market price of rice has decreased from 44 to 39 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of vegetable oil has decreased from 186 to 170 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of kerosene has decreased from 69 to 68 Rs./litre.
- The average market price of lentils has increased from 97 to 109 Rs./kg.

**Batticaloa:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 38 to 40 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of lentils has increased from 99 to 110 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of vegetable oil and kerosene has decreased.

**Ampara:**

- The average market price of rice has increased from 40 to 41 Rs./kg.
- The average market price of kerosene increased from 58 to 65 Rs./litre.
- The average market vegetable oil and lentils remains stable.

***Please note that this October 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	Oct-07	0	9	0	0	2	1	0	0	12	1.50	UNICEF	
			Sep-07	0	0	2	0	N/A	0	10	N/A	12	2.00		
			Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0		
1.2	Primary and secondary schools closed, due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Oct-07	0	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	8		UNICEF	
			Sep-07	0	0	98	0	N/A	0	1	N/A	99			
			Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0		
1.3	Children not attending school for at least 1 day due to conflict/security/hartal	Number	Oct-07	0	1,222	0	0	541	1,500	0	0	3,263		UNICEF	
			Sep-07	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	26	N/A	26			
			Aug-07	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0		
2.1	Prevalence of vector-borne or communicable disease outbreaks (MOH)	Number	Oct-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		WHO	
			Sep-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Aug-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3.1	Average market price of nadu red rice	Rs./kg	Oct-07	41	40	N/A	30	51	29	39	52		40.29	WFP	
			Sep-07	40	38	90	30	49	29	44	49		45.94		
			Aug-07	39	39	72	26	44	26	40	45		41.38		
3.2	Average market price of bread	Rs./loaf	Oct-07	31	35	N/A	34	33	34	38	33		34.00	WFP	
			Sep-07	30	35	40	28	30	28	29	30		31.19		
			Aug-07	30	31	40	28	30	28	28	30		30.63		
3.3	Average market price of vegetable oil	Rs./litre	Oct-07	180	243	N/A	180	180	170	170	180		186.14	WFP	
			Sep-07	180	269	181	180	180	180	186	185		192.63		
			Aug-07	180	254	200	160	175	170	177	173		186.06		
3.4	Average market price of kerosene	Rs./litre	Oct-07	65	70	N/A	105	78	120	68	80		83.71	WFP	
			Sep-07	58	74	89	110	70	120	69	78		83.38		
			Aug-07	55	67	82	120	61	120	68	70		80.38		
3.5	Average market price of red lentils	Rs./kg	Oct-07	100	110	N/A	70	108	53	109	113		94.71	WFP	
			Sep-07	100	99	105	65	99	58	97	110		91.56		
			Aug-07	100	90	105	58	92	58	99	103		87.94		
3.6	Average daily wages, skilled labour	Rs.	Oct-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	875	-		908.33	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Sep-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	925	-		916.67		
			Aug-07	1,250	1,200	675	725	-	725	925	-		916.67		
3.7	Average daily wages, unskilled labour	Rs.	Oct-07	750	650	575	550	-	550	600	-		612.50	ILO	Data reflects range midpoint.
			Sep-07	750	650	575	550	-	550	600	-		612.50		
			Aug-07	750	600	575	550	-	550	600	-		604.17		
3.8	Variation of average retail price of fresh fish with respect to standard price	%	Oct-07	-1	53	-27	10	47	N/A	18	88		26.86	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Sep-07	-10	38	-27	2	33	N/A	16	9		8.71		
			Aug-07	19	38	-27	-7	30	N/A	14	70		19.57		
3.9	Variation of average retail price of dry fish with respect to standard price	%	Oct-07	12	63	-13	-29	-2	N/A	-4	14		5.86	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Sep-07	7	38	0	33	-2	N/A	0	14		12.86		
			Aug-07	30	25	0	38	-2	N/A	0	14		15.00		
3.10	Variation of average retail price of eggs with respect to standard price	%	Oct-07	0	31	-27	14	11	N/A	-6	67		12.86	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Sep-07	-8	19	-17	44	22	N/A	-6	67		17.29		
			Aug-07	36	13	-17	30	11	N/A	-6	67		19.14		
3.11	Variation of average retail price of fresh vegetables with respect to standard price	%	Oct-07	8	32	-56	57	69	N/A	-3	72		25.57	FAO	Standard price refers to the average retail price of this good 12 months prior to the reporting month
			Sep-07	11	21	-65	-24	26	N/A	-2	43		1.43		
			Aug-07	53	20	-71	-23	32	N/A	-6	37		6.00		
4.1	Underage recruits reported	Number	Oct-07	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.50	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.
			Sep-07	3	13	0	1	0	0	5	0	22	2.75		
			Aug-07	4	10	0	2	0	0	3	1	20	2.50		

Indicator	Unit	Month	Ampara	Batticaloa	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Trincomalee	Vavuniya	Total	Average	Resp.	Trends / Comments	
4.2	Underage releases reported	Number	Oct-07	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	0.38	UNICEF	Includes both LTTE and Karuna faction; Continually revised based on incoming reports.	
			Sep-07	0	1	0	7	0	0	1	1	10			1.25
			Aug-07	0	1	0	5	0	2	1	0	9			1.13
4.3	IDPs, by present location	Number of people	Oct-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	
			Sep-07	5,775	38,230	24,151	48,512	21,928	32,323	6,131	10,306	187,356			
			Aug-07	5,779	42,595	24,151	47,253	9,293	32,323	6,060	10,302	177,756			
5.1	Hartals	Number	Oct-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	UN DSS		
			Sep-07	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	4			
			Aug-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
5.2	Security incidents - total fatalities (including civilians and humanitarian workers)	Number	Oct-07	14	11	36	62	66	9	3	152	353	UN DSS		
			Sep-07	6	12	45	53	30	11	15	89	261			
			Aug-07	14	9	44	14	5	1	18	73	178			
5.3	Security incidents involving civilians - fatalities	Number	Oct-07	3	6	15	4	5	0	3	3	39	UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number of security incidents measured in indicator 5.2	
			Sep-07	2	7	23	2	15	6	19	5	79			
			Aug-07	5	7	25	0	2	1	7	3	50			
5.4	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - fatalities	Number	Oct-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number measured in indicator 5.4	
			Sep-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
			Aug-07	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
5.5	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers - injuries	Number	Oct-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	UN DSS	Figures are included in the total number measured in indicator 5.4	
			Sep-07	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2			
			Aug-07	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2			
5.6	Security incidents involving humanitarian workers	Number	Oct-07	2	2	2	2	1	0	7	11	27	UN DSS		
			Sep-07	3	5	0	0	1	1	4	2	16			
			Aug-07	1	3	0	0	3	0	2	2	11			
5.7	Arrests under the Emergency Regulations/ Prevention of Terrorism Act	Number	Oct-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	UN OHCHR		
			Sep-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			Aug-07	-	8	-	-	-	-	34	13	55			
5.8	Disappearances reported to the Human Rights Commission	Number	Oct-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	UN OHCHR		
			Sep-07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0			
			Aug-07	-	20	18	-	-	-	25	21	84			
6.1	Humanitarian agencies present	Number	Oct-07	140	92	37	65	60	50	141	52	OCHA			
			Sep-07	143	89	37	62	60	50	140	52				
			Aug-07	143	90	37	62	61	50	140	54				
6.2	UN projects disrupted due to security reasons	Number	Oct-07	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	-	71	OCHA		
			Sep-07	-	3	-	37	6	25	0	-	71			
			Aug-07	-	4	-	37	6	25	0	-	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
OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Ampara, the number of agencies has decreased from 143 to 140 as 3 agencies (Mercy Malaysia, Japan Centre for Conflict Prevention and SMYNA Fellowship) have left the district and People in Need (PIN) has commenced operations in Ampara.</li> <li>• In Batticaloa, the number of agencies increased from 89 to 92 as 3 agencies started work in the district (UNIDO, Irish Red Cross and Solidarities).</li> <li>• In Killinochchi, the number of agencies increased from 62 to 65 as 3 local NGOs - Youth Action Organisation (YAO), Youth Skills Development Organization (YSDO) and Sports Association for Social Development of North East (SANE) - registered with the NGO council in October.</li> </ul>
IOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All IOM sub offices fully functioned through out the month of October 2007.</li> </ul>

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