

SITUATION REVIEW – JUNE 2016

Issues to watch

- ▶ **Incidents spike in Dili; slingshot arrow attacks continue**
- ▶ **Eleven incidents involving students, including five with Martial Arts Group links**

Incidents spike in Dili; slingshot arrow attacks continue

In June, Belun's Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) violence monitoring system recorded 131 violent incidents, 51 of which occurred in Dili Municipality. As in June 2015, when 56 out of 119 incidents were recorded in Dili, June has been Dili's most violent month of the year thus far.

Five incidents in Dili involved slingshot arrow attacks by unknown perpetrators. In one incident in Comoro Suku (village), two men who were pushing a car were hit in the back by arrows. In another incident in Lecidere during a youth event outside of the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports, a young man was hit by an arrow in the back of the neck and gravely injured. Three further attacks – two in the Bebonuk area and one in Bairo Pite – also resulted in victims being hit in the back by arrows and gravely injured.

Eleven incidents involving students, including five with Martial Arts Group links

In June, the EWER system recorded 11 incidents involving students. Of those 11 incidents, 10 occurred inside schools and one occurred in the street, but involved students who had just left school. Six of these incidents were recorded in Dili, while the others were in Aileu, Covalima, Ermera, Manufahi and Oekusi.

Five of the student incidents were linked to rivalries between members of now-banned Martial Arts Groups (MAGs). Whereas three of these incidents involved fighting between students affiliated with rival groups inside their schools, in two incidents students called

fellow group members (non-students) to come and join them inside their schools to attack rival group members.

In one incident on 9 June at a secondary school in Mascarenhas Village, Vera Cruz Administrative Post, Dili Municipality, students from rival groups fought until they were separated by friends, though not before two of them were injured. The PNTL arrived shortly after and, with teachers, worked to resolve the issue in the presence of the students' families, a religious leader and a representative from the Ministry of Education.

Besides the 5 MAG-related incidents inside schools, there were four other MAG-related incidents recorded outside of schools, for a total 9 such incidents in June. These incidents were recorded in Dili (4), Ermera (2), Manatutu (2) and Aileu (1).

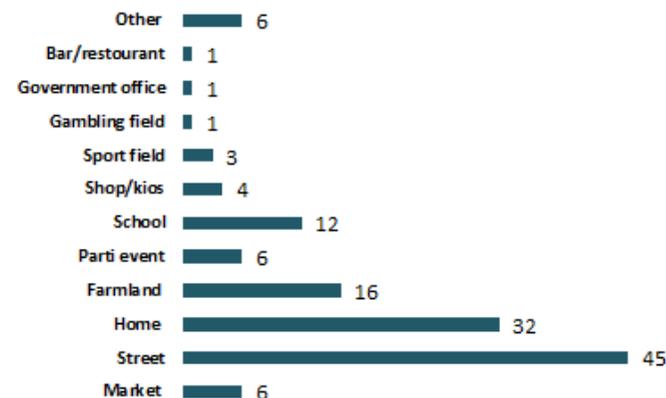
Total number of violent incidents by municipality in June 2016	
Municipality	Incidents
Aileu	3
Ainaro	7
Baukau	12
Bobonaro	4
Covalima	5
Dili	51
Ermera	12
Lautein	4
Likisa	5
Manatuto	8
Manufahi	11
Oekusi	6
Vikéké	3
Totál	131

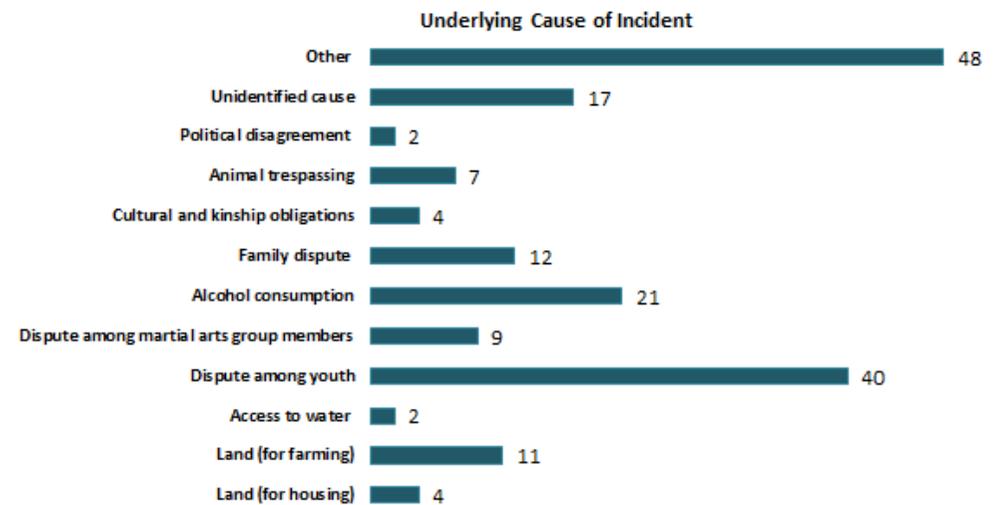
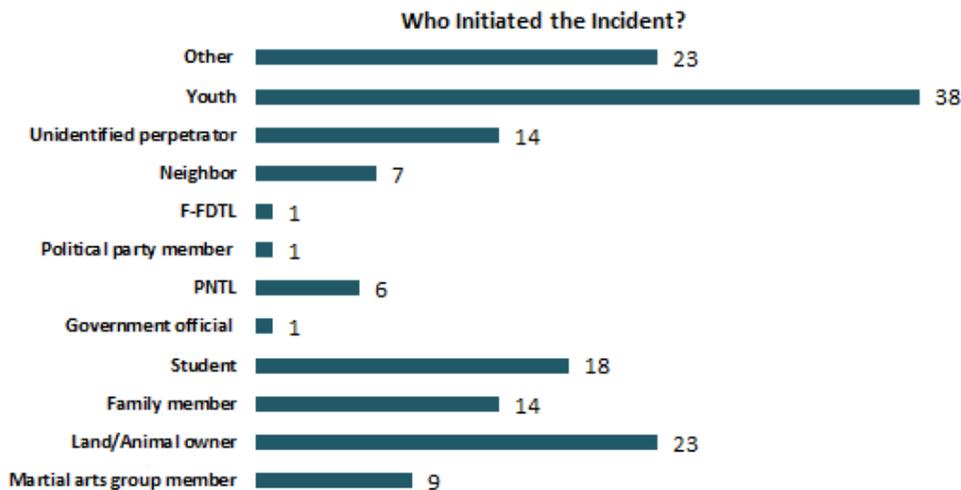
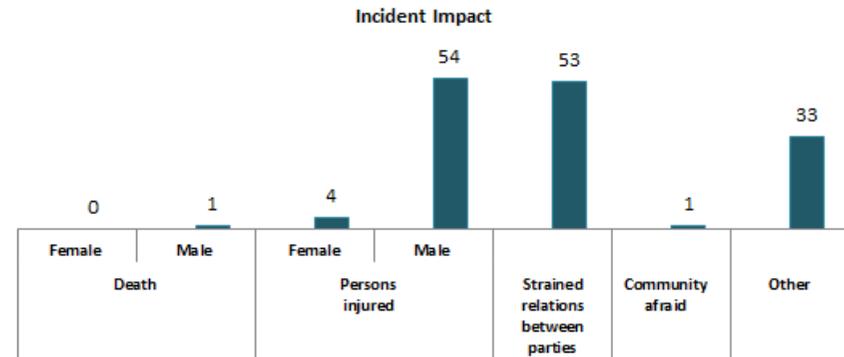
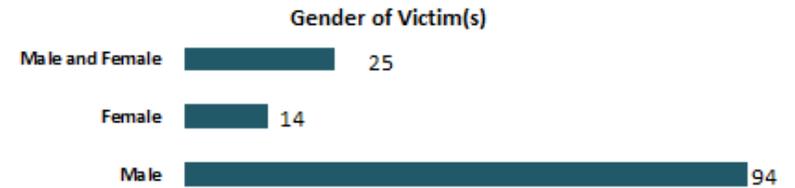
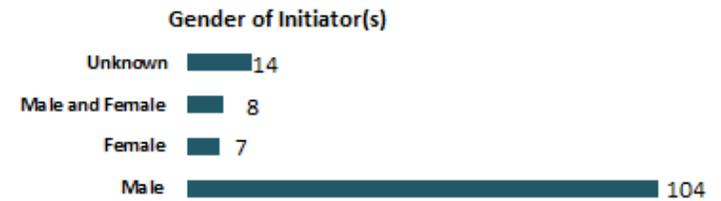
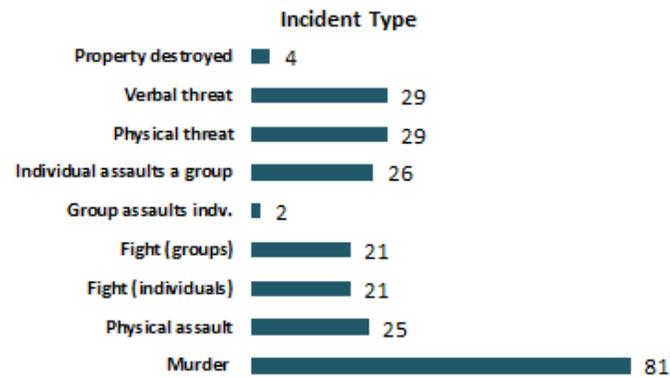
INCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Monthly incident totals: June 2015-June 2016



Incident location





ABOUT THIS SITUATION REVIEW

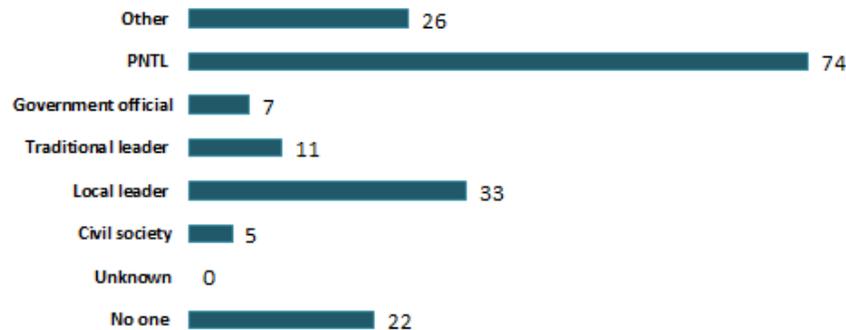
This situation review reports on violent incidents and trends in Timor-Leste that were identified by Belun's Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) monitoring system in 43 of Timor-Leste's 65 Administrative Posts in June 2016. Descriptions of all incidents recorded by the EWER system can be found at: www.belun.crowdmap.com. Belun strives to share up-to-date and verified information. Considering that situations change rapidly, we appreciate receiving information to clarify or update our EWER monitoring data.

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Who Responded to the incident?



CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

By the Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) team:

- ▶ The EWER team published its annual Conflict Potential Analysis for the October 2014-September 2015 period, which found a substantial increase in the number of incidents compared to the previous two annual periods – from 747 in 2012-2013, to 862 in 2013-2014, to 1193 in the most recent period. The English version of the report will be available online at www.belun.tl at the end of July.
- ▶ From 13-24 June, the EWER Conflict Prevention and Policy Specialist participated in a training course on Insider Mediation at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague, Netherlands. The objective of the training, which was supported by UNDP, was to increase the capacity of 21 mediators from post-conflict countries to mediate and negotiate ends to conflicts.
- ▶ On 17 and 24 June, Belun and the Conflict and Prevention and Response Networks in Metinaro, Dili and Bazartete, Likisa held workshops for youth on the impact of alcohol and drugs on health and on traffic regulations. The workshops were supported by GIZ and facilitated by Belun, PRADET, CNJTL and the PNTL Traffic Division.

By the Community Policing Support Program (CPSP) team:

- ▶ On 15 June, the team and the Community Policing Council in Suku Uma Tolu Tara, Vikeké Municipality facilitated a Tara Bandu cultural ceremony to stigmatize and prohibit anti-social and criminal behavior in the Suku. The ceremony included representatives from local and regional government, the police and veterans.

By the Land Mediation and Dispute Resolution (LMDR) team:

- ▶ With the support of GIZ and the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports, the team held a training session for young people on mediation and conflict resolution from 8-9 July in Baukau Vila.