



SITUATION REVIEW – FEBRUARY-MARCH 2018

The Early Warning Early Response system (EWER) has been developed over the past 10 years to monitor the frequency, trends and causes of violent incidents across Timor-Leste. The system uses a network of local monitors to gather data about incidents of violence. The monitors are trained and the data is reviewed and collated by Municipal Coordinators. This data forms the basis of the EWER reports.

In September – November 2017, Belun's Early Warning, Early Response system (EWER) monitored only Dili Municipality and the special administrative region of Oekusi in 10 Administrative Posts with 10 volunteer monitors. From December 2017 onwards, EWER covered 9 municipalities in 31 administrative posts with 31 volunteer monitors. The EWER system IS DIFFERENT THAN LAST YEAR this was caused by less funds from August 2017. Prior to August 2017 EWER covered 12 municipalities including the special administrative region of Oekusi in 43 administrative posts with 86 volunteer monitors.

ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

- ▶ **181 incidents recorded in February - March**
- ▶ **5 incidents of violence related to political party consultation**
- ▶ **24 violent incidents were by the students and 16 occurred in schools including a serious incident in Likisá**
- ▶ **15 violent incidents related to animals damaging to crops**
- ▶ **13 violent incidents occurred due to disputes between the former martial arts groups (MAGS)**
- ▶ **15 violent incidents involving police (PNTL) and military (F-FDTL) personnel**
- ▶ **40 violence incidents against women, 1 against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBTI) and 1 against person with a disability**

Total violent incidents Feb-Mar 2018	
Municipality	Incidents
Ainaru	8
Baukau	26
Bobonaru	5
Covalima	12
Dili	62
Ermera	13
Likisá	18
Oekusi	24
Vikeké	13
Total	181

5 INCIDENTS INVOLVING POLITICAL PARTY SUPPORTERS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMENCING

Belun through its EWER system recorded 181 incidents and 5 involved political party supporters/detractors. These incidents occurred during the period before the election campaign started (This is the political parties consultation period). This number is smaller but they are worthy of note., Incidents of symbolic of violence by displaying and the cutting up photos of political leaders, cutting down the flagpole in Vikeké and physical violence between political party militants. Former martial arts members (also political party's militant) in Ermera provoked each other resulting in fighting. Incidents include inflammatory comments among political leaders and physiological violence in Oekusi due to political parties' speeches that denigrated political leaders.

24 VIOLENT INCIDENTS WERE BY THE STUDENTS AND 16 OCCURRED IN SCHOOLS INCLUDING A SERIOUS INCIDENT IN LIKISÁ

Belun through its EWER system recorded 181 incidents and 13% (24) violent incidents involved students. The number of incidents by students is double the average when compared with in 2016 which had an average of 5.9 per monthⁱ. The majority of these incidents involving students occurred because of issues outside of school; problems outside the school amongst students and fighting occurring in school; relationships involving boyfriends and girlfriends and some incidents during school time were due to students being involved in former MAG's. A small number of incidents happened in the process of study. Of these incidents, the highest number were in the municipality of Baukau 8, Dili 5, Emera 4, Vikeké 3 and one incident in each municipality of Ainaru, Bobonaru, Covalima and Oekusi. The 16 instances of violence that happened within schools were in the municipality of Baukau 6, Dili 5, Vikeké 3 and 1 in Ainaru and 1 in Oekusi

One serious incident occurred in Leopa Sub village, Dato Village, Likisá Administrative Post, Likisá Municipality. Around 11.30 am, a former MAG member came and beat two students (also as former members of different MAG), this resulted in one of the students receiving a wound to the mouth. The students did not respond because it was during school time but sometime later when students were returning home from school the person who beat them was waiting for them in the Likisá Park. The students chased him to his home but they were not able to catch him. They then destroyed his motorbike. Around 17.30 the MAGs group came to the student's home. The group fought using machetes, knives, samurai swords and other weapons. The fighting resulted in the burning of a house, the destruction of a motorbike and 4 pigs, 1 goat and 1 cow being killed.

15 VIOLENT INCIDENTS RELATED TO ANIMALS DAMAGING TO CROPS

Belun through its EWER system recorded 15 violent incidents due to the animal destroying crops. The number is a significant increase compared to the average of 3 per month in 2016.

A violent incident occurred on 3 March 2018 at 7.30am in the sub village of Nartutu, village Maumeta, administrative post of Bazatete, in the Municipality of Likisá. Goats damaged a neighbor's crop of maize and cassava. The crop owner shouting to the animal owner. They then beat each other resulting in the animal owner having a fractured rib. The case was recorded in the police (PNTL) Station Bazatete. Incidents also occurred in the Special Administrative Region of Oekusi 5 times, Likisá 3 times, twice in Covalima, Dili and Ermera and once in Bobonaru

13 VIOLENT INCIDENTS OCCURRED DUE TO PROBLEMS BETWEEN FORMER MARTIAL ARTS GROUPS (MAGS)

While the Government has been produced Resolutions to suspend three most problematic MAGs activities through Law No 16/2013 and criminalize MAGs activities through Law No

5/2017 there are still many serious incidents of violence linked to the former MAGS. The EWER system in February-March 2018 recorded 13 violent incidents over the 2 months. The number is consistent with the average which has been 7.9 per month. GAMs violence was an example occurred in Likisá as mentioned above. Violent incidents by the former MAGS occurred 4 times in the municipality of Baucau, 3 times each in Ermera and Likisá and 1 took place in Dili and 1 in Covalima.

15 VIOLENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING POLICE (PNTL) AND MILITARY (F-FDTL) PERSONNEL

Security and defense force personnel have been work very hard during political tensions to ensure stability for the whole of Timor Leste and have been training in preparation for the elections. This will assist in strengthening peace and stability during the election process however there were 15 violent incidents involving PNTL and F-FDTL personnel between February-March 2018. Police (PNTL) personnel were involved in 11 incidents and the military (F-FDTL) personnel 4 incidents. Of these incidents, the highest number occurred in the municipalities of Dili and Oekusi each had 6 incidents. Covalima 2 incidents and Likisá 1. These violence incidents were caused by: the use of excessive force by these personnel, intoxicated personnel and abuse of power. There was abuse between police and military and 1 incident of abuse between military personnel.

One occurred on the 31st March 2018 at 3.00 pm, Bikeli village at the administrative post of Atauro. Young people were making noise in the street. An F-FDTL member was present and became angry when the young people became verbally abusive to the member. The young people started to swear at the member and this escalated into fighting. Family members of the young people come to stop the fighting. During the incident the F-FDTL members fell to the ground whilst trying to stop the incident. The, F-FDTL member call for assistance and other F-FDTL members came with weapons and beat the young people and his family.

In Suai Loro, Covalima, on March 6, 2018, a young person was beaten, kicked and hit with a gun by 4 members of PNTL Task Force because they were not wearing a helmet when riding a motorcycle. Another incident occurred on 24 March 2018 8.00pm in the sub village Sanane, village Costa, Pante Makassar Administrative Post, Oekusi; non-uniformed members of the PNTL badly beat one young man because his motorcycle had no light.

40 VIOLENCE INCIDENTS AGAINST WOMEN, 1 AGAINST LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) AND 1 AGAINST PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

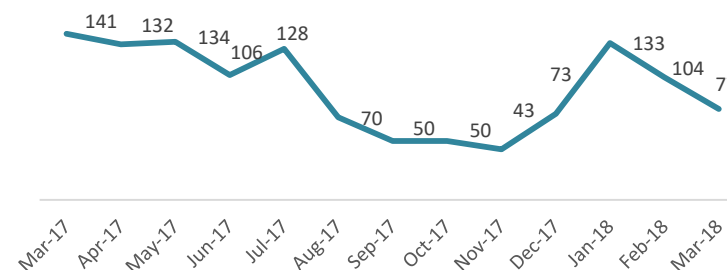
Belun through its EWER system in February-March 2018 collected 181 violence incidents and 40 violent incidents against women. This figure was an increase compared with the last 2 months (Dec 17-Jan 18) with a total of 31. Type of violence included physical violence: fight kick 22 times; verbal violence 10 times, rape and attempted rape 5 times, 2 women were killed. Serious incidents were: 2 women were killed, 1 in Vikeké and 1 in Dili, 2 young female students (15 years old) became pregnant, 1 by her teacher, 1 by F-FDTL personnel in

Oekusi. Both cases were resolved through traditional ways by paying amounts to both the young female students. 2 women were killed alleged because of domestic issues, 1 in Vikeké and 1 in Dili.

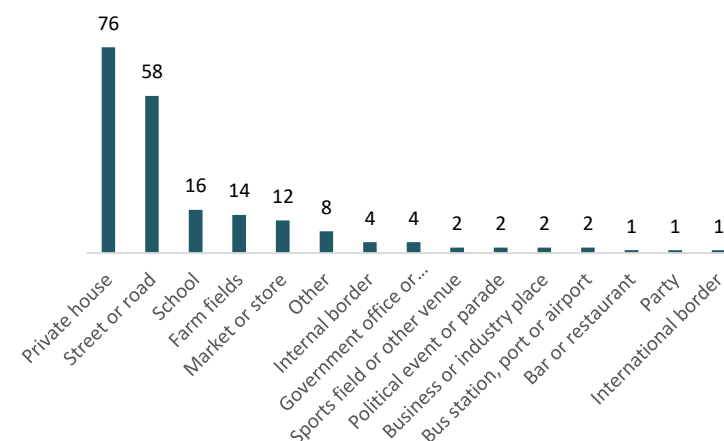
Violent incidents against women occurred 11 times in the special Administrative Region Oekusi, 10 in Dili, 7 in Baukau, 5 in Vikeké, 3 in Likisá and 2 in each Ainaro and Bobonaru. There was 1 recorded violent incident against a LGB man in Dili by a community member, 1 more against a person with a physical disability by PNTL personnel in Oekusi. . Belun through its EWER system did not establish specific categories for LBT, disability and violence against women. This data was compiled from the chronology category on the EWER database system.

INCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS

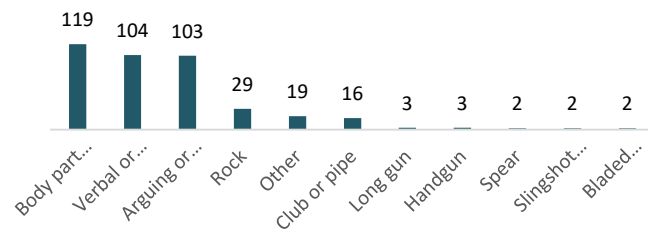
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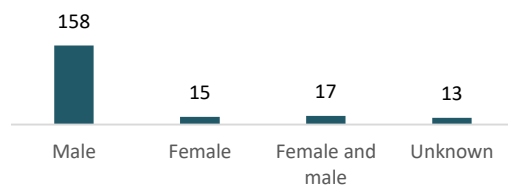
Location of Incidents



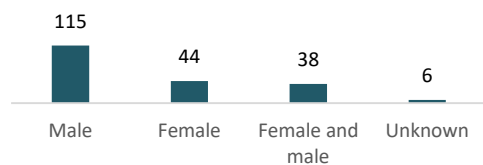
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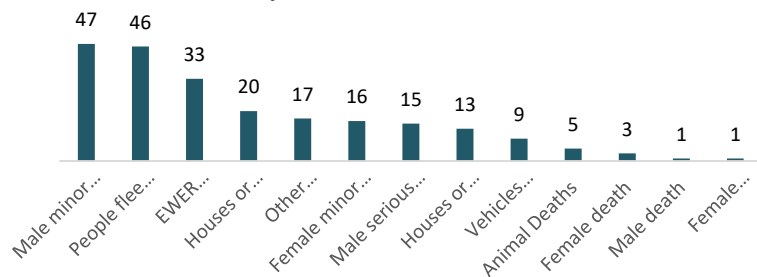
Perpetrators by Gender



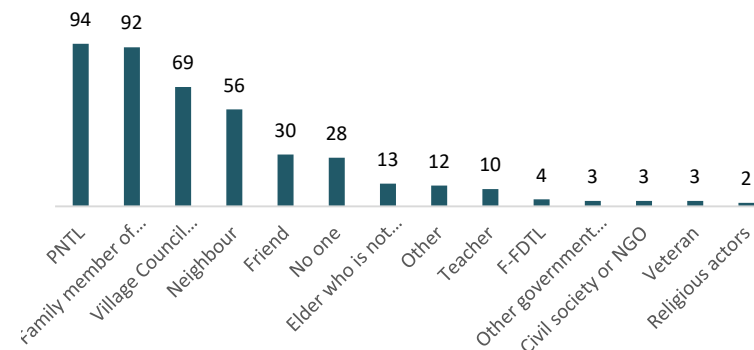
Victims by Gender



Impact of Violent Incidents



People Who Responded to Violent Incidents



CONFLICT PREVENTION and RESPONSE

Conflict Prevention activities implemented by the early warning and early response (EWER)

- ▶ On the 21st until March 23, 2018, Belun Monitors and partners of Belun, National Department for Community Conflict Prevention-Ministry of Defense and Security (DNPCC-MDS) and Department of Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion-Ministry of Solidarity - Social- (DHPKS-MSS) attending training on Conflict Transformation, Gender Analysis, Human Trafficking and Electoral Violence. The objective is to increase the knowledge of participants in collecting data on violence and on electoral crime during the early parliamentary election 2018. This activity is supported by the UNDP-MCG and the UN Women in Timor-Leste;
- ▶ On March 26, 2018, Belun's EWER team hosted a visit from the Center for Diversity and National Harmony (CDNH) from Myanmar. The objective of the visit was to learn from Belun's EWER system and conflict prevention and peacebuilding activities in Timor Leste. The 8 CDNH staffs also visited Belun's Conflict Prevention and Response Network (CPRNs) in Likisá and Dili to learn how local community in Timor-Leste handle community conflict in daily life. Belun's EWER team also facilitated CDNH on meeting with other stakeholders in Dili such as the government officer and the Nobel Peace Prize Holder, DR. Jose Ramos Horta.
- ▶ On the 12, 13 and 14 March 2018, Belun through its Program Women Peace and Security held a trimestral meeting to present violence incidents data to women organizations, village councils, women groups in Administrative posts of Laga, Vemassee and Baukau. There were 82 participants who participated (32 female, 50 male).

Conflict prevention and response activities undertaken by the team of community policing Support Program (PAPK)

- ▶ On the 22-23 February 2018, Belun's Community Policing & Support Program (PAPK) together with The Asia Foundation held a ceremony for the inauguration the Community Policing Council in the village of Matahoi, Administrative Posts Uatulari, which is located above the administrative post of Vikeké and Bibileo village in the administrative post of Vikeké, Municipality of Vikeké. This activity attended by the Ministry of Defense and Security. Total participants attended was 146 (Female = 34, Male = 112).
- ▶ On 12 February 2018, Belun's Community Policing & Support Program (PAPK) conducted a workshop on socialization of role Police (village police officer) and community policing council in the community. This activity held at the village of Casabauc Post Tilomar municipality of Covalima. There were 29 Participants who attended the workshop; 10 men and 19 women. Participants came from the new village Council members recently elected in 2017.

Conflict prevention and response activities carried out by the team Clinics access to justice

- ▶ Belun through Access to Justice Clinics Program, working with Public Defenders in Baukau and administrators Post of Laleia, held public information campaigns related to alternative dispute resolution and mediation in the Administrative Post of Laleia Municipality of Manatuto. This campaign was held on Monday, the 19 February 2018, participated by 47 participants (female 17, male 30);
- ▶ Belun through Access to Justice Clinics Program, in cooperation with the Public Defender and local authorities in the administrative post of Laleia provided training on alternative dispute resolution and mediation to village councils in Administrative Post of Laleia, Municipality of Manatuto. This training held during the 20-21 February 2018 at the administrative post of Laleia. The training had a total of 23 participants, (6 women and 17 men, including members of the Village Police Officer (OPS) comprised from 3 Villages; Haturalan, Kairui and the village of Lifau;
- ▶ On 8 Feb 2018 Belun's Access to justice Clinics Program, facilitated mediation to disputants with 2 people concerning a land disputes located in the Sub village of Busakukun, Village of Debos, Municipality of Covalima. The mediation took place in the municipality of Covalima public defender office, participated by 5 participants (female 3, male 2);
- ▶ Belun through Access to Justice Clinics Program, facilitated Mediation to land disputants, located at Sub village of Aumanas Muc-Belis, Village of Labarai, Municipality of Covalima Mediation was held on 06 March 2018 at the Public Defender's Office of Clinics access to justice in the municipality of Covalima, participated by 3 male disputants;

- ▶ On 15 March 2018, Belun through Access to Justice Clinics Program, facilitated Mediation in the public defender's Office, municipality of Covalima. The first mediation for land disputes was between individuals against community groups from the village of Kasabauk, Tilomar Administrative Post, Covalima Municipality. This first dispute mediation was participated by 16 participants (1 male and 15 female).

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ On the 26 February 2018, Belun and National Commission of Election (CNE) sign an MOU to monitor the 2018 Parliamentary elections. The event was attended by the President of the CNE, General Director of the CNE, the Director of Belun with a team in the office of CNE, Colmera, Dili;
- ▶ On the 28 February 2018, the Belun's team held a meeting with the General Director of the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE), Mr. Acilino Manuel Branco with representatives of his staff in the office of the STAE, Caicoli-Dili. The objective of meeting was to strengthen the partnership with Belun to support Belun's observers during 2018 parliamentary election such as providing training and observer identity cards;

ABOUT THIS REVIEW

This situation review reports on key issues related to violent incidents and trends from data collection through the Early Warning Early Response (EWER) system, which currently covers 31 of a total of 65 administrative posts and 8 municipality and the Special Administrative Region of Oekusi. Belun strives to share information which is up-to-date and verified with the current data. That could change the situation rapidly from the contributions of all peace. We appreciate receiving information which may clarify or update data, through the EWER system

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ⁱ The figures from 2016 have been used due to resource changes and movement to an online system in 2017.