



SITUATION REVIEW – APRIL TO MAY 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 send the data to Municipal Coordinators and Municipal Coordinators send the data online to the national database system through tablet computers.

In September – November 2017, the early warning and early response (EWER) system focused on the Municipality of Dili and Special Economic Administrative Region of Oekusi (RAEOA) in 10 administrative posts and through 10 partner volunteer monitors in the fields. In December 2017 until May 2018, the EWER System covered 9 municipalities in 31 administrative posts with 31 partners volunteer monitors. The EWER system is different from last year due to financial constraints, for example in August 2017 EWER covered 12 Municipalities including Special Economic Administrative Region of Oekusi and 43 administrative posts with 86 partner volunteer monitors.

ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

- ▶ **195 violent incidents recorded in April – May 2018**
- ▶ **32 of the 195 violent incidents involved supporters of political parties**
- ▶ **35 incidents of violence against women and 1 violent incident against a person with disabilities**
- ▶ **Women more likely to be accused of doing black magic and becoming violently assaulted as a result, recorded 1 serious violent incident in Likisá**
- ▶ **Violent incidents increased in Special Economic Administrative Region of Oekusi in April-May 2018.**

RECORDED 195 VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN APRIL-MAY 2018

Belun’s EWER system recorded 195 violent incidents in April – May 2018. This number of violent incidents has increased when compared to 4 months ago. Out of the violent incidents recorded, 159 were perpetrated by men, 4 by women, 10 by men and women and 22 by unknown perpetrators. 103 of the victims were men, 35 were women, 45 men and women and 12 by unknown perpetrators.

32 OF 195 VIOLENT INCIDENTS WERE PERPETRATED BY POLITICAL PARTY SUPPORTERS DURING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION 2018

The Early Election 2018 was successfully conducted without any serious issues being encountered. However, Belun’ EWER system recorded 31 violent incidents perpetrated by supporters of political parties; in this situation Belun’s EWER system only focused on

Total incidents of violence April - May 2018	
Municipality	Incidents
Ainaru	1
Baukau	34
Bobonaru	6
Covalima	17
Dili	60
Ermera	17
Likisá	19
Oekusi	30
Vikeké	11
Total	195

electoral violence and not electoral crimes. Belun’s EWER monitoring on electoral violence and electoral crimes will be published in a separate report in the future. The characteristics and nature of violent incidents by political parties are: **symbolic violence** by defamation using picture of political leaders on social media; cutting down and destroying a political party’s flagpole and others political party’s symbols, **physical violence** caused by fighting between political party supporters on the streets, provocation, destruction of houses of some political party coordinators, and destruction of cars and motorbikes. There was some rock throwing and arrows at political party supporters when they returned from campaign activity. Some political door-to-door campaigns resulted in physical fighting inside homes because of disagreements. Some physical violence was caused by political party supporters who are former members of martial arts groups (former MAGS). **Verbal and psychological violent** incidents occurred; some political leaders’ used inflammatory speech and threats to the national leaders during consolidation and campaign time. This made some political party supporters react by insults, arguing and shouting against the other side. **Structural violence** also occurred as some political parties used their authority and power to offer and distribute allowances to the community, then they were accused by another party of buying votes.

Electoral violence occurred in Special Economic Administrative Region of Oekusi 9 times, Dili and Ermera 6 times for each, Likisá 4 times, Vikeké 3 times, Baukau 2 times and once in Bobonaru.

35 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND 1 VIOLENT INCIDENT AGAINST A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

Belun’s EWER system in April-May 2018 recorded 195 violent incidents and 35 (17.9%) were violent incidents against women. The number is considered low compared to the previous 2-month review: in February-March 2018 there were 47 (25.9%) but higher compared to December 2017 - 31 January 2018 the number of violent incidents against women recorded was 31 (16.8%). The characteristic or type of violence against women included **physical violence** by fighting and kicking, use of clubs, and other serious injuries occurred 27 times, including 1 person killed by machete and knife; **properties destroyed** 5 times; **verbal and psychological violence** 5 times and **sexual violence** 3 times. 19 times perpetrated by husband to wife, 8 times perpetrated by other family member (not husband), 8 times perpetrated by community member. 10 out of 35 was persecuted by formal law, 9 by traditional law, 10 by traditional than formal law, 6 without any complaints. There were 6 violent incidents against women that were resolved by traditional law.

Violence against women occurred in Covalima 8 times, Baukau 5 times, Special Economic Administrative Region of Oekusi 4 times, 3 times for each in Dili and Likisá, 2 times in Bobonaru, each occurred 1 in Ermera and Vikeké. There was 1 violent incident against a person with disabilities in May 2018 by Military (F-FDTL) personnel. This violent incident begun with a group young people including 1 with person who had disabilities glanced and yelled to military personnel with his girlfriend. Because of this, the military personnel responded by kicking the young men, including 1 person with disability.

WOMEN MORE LIKELY TO BE ACCUSED OF DOING BLACK MAGIC AND BECOMING VIOLENTLY ASSAULTED AS A RESULT, RECORDED 1 SERIOUS VIOLENT INCIDENT IN LIKISÁ

EWER data monitoring system in April-May 2018 recorded 7 violent incidents related to accusations of black magic or Satanism. By this number, there are 5 (71.4%) violent incidents accusing women of being satan, and to men only 2 times (28.6%). In total Dili 4 times and 1 time each in Ermera and Likisá 2.

Table of violent incidents accusing black magic

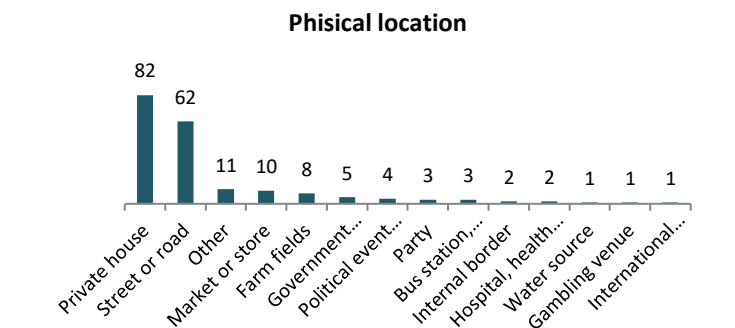
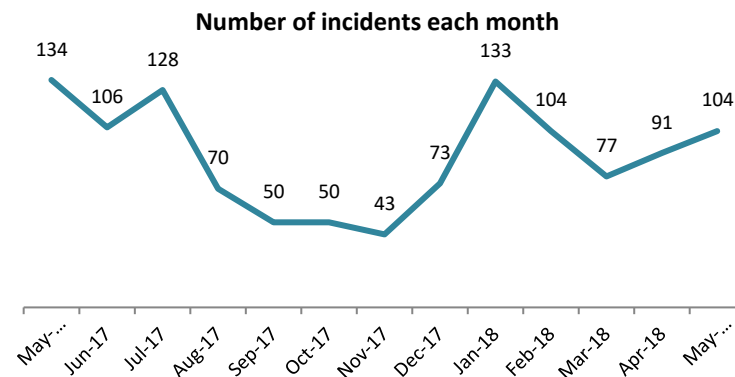
Periods	EWER cover area	Total	%	Area occurred	
January-May 2018	Working in municipalities, administrative posts	9 31	11	2.05%	6 times in Dili, 3 in Ermera and 2 in Likisá
January-December 2017	Worked in municipalities, administrative posts	13 43	25	2.11%	18 times in Dili, 6 in Ermera, 5 in Manatuto, 3 in Ainaro, 2 for each in Bobonaru, Lautem, Likisá, Manufahi and 1 in Aileu

In these incidents, it is important to note that women are more likely to be accused of black magic and subject to serious violence than are men.

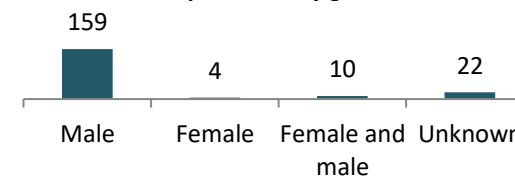
Serious violent incidents occurred in May 2018. A man came with machete and knife attacked an old lady, cut her neck and stabbing her heart until she was dead. The son of the old lady shouted and asked for help then the man tried to catch him, to kill him too but the boy run away into forest. The reason the man attacked the old lady was because he accused the old lady of doing black magic (satan) and claimed that her magic power killed his brother.

NUMBER OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS INCREASED IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF OEKUSI IN APRIL-MAY 2018

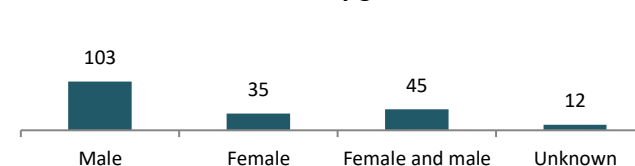
Belun’s EWER system in April - May 2018 recorded 195 violent incidents, 30 violent incidents (15.4%) occurred in Special Economic Administrative of Oekusi. The number considerably increased from the past four months; from December 2017 to January 2018, EWER recorded 11 violent incidents (6.0%), in February-March 2018 recorded 24 violent incidents (13.3%). Of the 30 violent incidents that occurred in Special Economic Administrative Region of Oekusi, there were 8 related to political party supporters, 7 incidents due to jealousy, hate and revenge and 6 incidents occurred due to suspected irregularity in the election and lack of understanding of the electoral process.



Perpetrators by gender



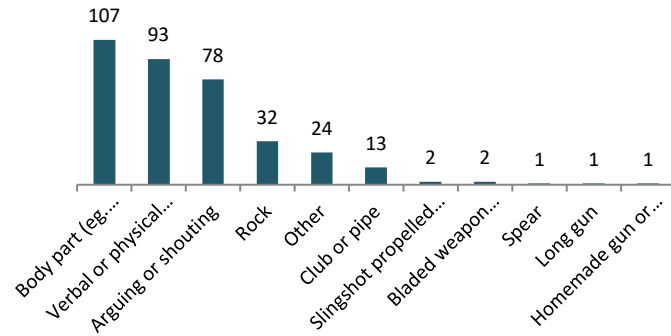
Victims by gender



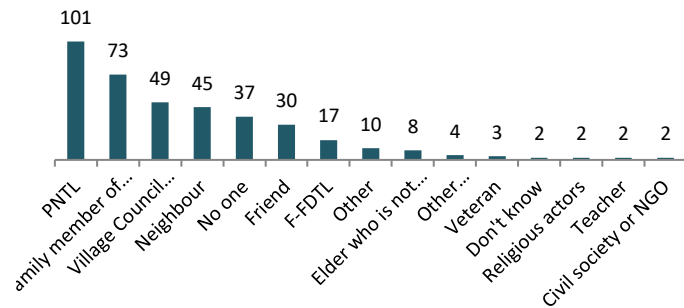
INCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS

CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

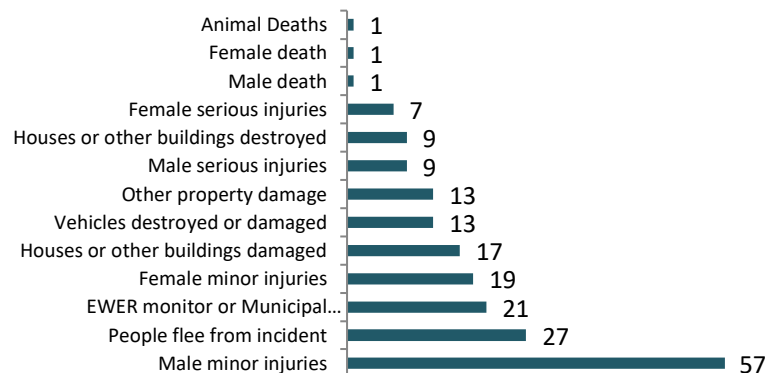
Weapons used



Responder



Incident impact



Conflict prevention activities implemented by EWER system

- ▶ Belun's EWER system monitoring identified 107 violent incidents and electoral crimes during the Parliamentary election campaign of 2018. A Media Release was made on Thursday, 10 May 2018, at the Belun office, 03 Travessa de Baucau, Farol Dili Timor-Leste as a message of a peaceful election for Timor-Leste society before voting day;

- ▶ On April 6th 2018, in Leime-Craic village, Hatolia Administrative Post, Ermera Municipality, Belun's EWER system through its CPRN partners of Hatolia conducted traditional Conflict Prevention (Tara Bandu) activity with theme "Refreshing of Tara Bandu contribute for community harmony in the future".



- This activity had significant participation by local authorities, elders, the police, Church representatives, community leaders. Total participants were 303 (Female = 112, Male = 191).

- ▶ On 25 May 2018, the Women Peace and Security program (FPS), organized a training about an online system for women's organizations and local leaders in Pante Makasar-RAEOA, a total of 15 participants attended (F:12 M:3). A training was also conducted on the 28 May 2018 for women's organizations in the administrative post of Baucau. A total of 15 participants attended (F:13 M: 2). The aim of this training was to provide online access to data so that to organizations can use the data to make comparisons and analysis. Both training sessions were opened by the administrator of the administrative posts.

- ▶ On May 4th 2018, Belun's EWER and its Conflict Prevention and Response Network (CPRN) in Administrative Post of Bazartete completed a Traditional Conflict Prevention (Tara Bandu) in Lauhata village, Administrative Post of Bazartete, Likisá Municipality. This activity was implemented in order to ensure people will show mutual respect, respect for the nature and environment, and a reduction of violence in the community. There were 287 participants in this event (Male = 203, Female = 84). They were community members, local companies, local government, community leaders, Likisá Police Municipality commander, Bazartete police squadron commander. These activities were implemented by the European Union funded by the United Nation

Conflict prevention activities conducted as part of the Community Policing Support Program

- ▶ On the 9th May 2018, Municipal Security Council held a meeting in the Municipality of Manufahi about general information linked to the issue of security. The meetings also worked as an evaluation for community policing program during four months (January to April). Total participants in these meetings 61 people (Female = 9, Male = 52) including the head of Community Policing Council (CPC), Village Police Officer, Local Leaders, Party Leaders, Same Police Squadron Commander, Religious Leaders, Youth Representatives and civil society. This activity is supported by the New Zealand Government through the Asia Foundation in Timor Leste.
- ▶ On the 8th May 2018 a meeting was held by Women's community Policing Council in the Municipality of Manufahi as work evaluation during 4 months (January to April), to look at the issue of violence against women and children, including social problems. Total participants in the meeting were 22 (Female = 17, Male = 4).
- ▶ On the 1st of May 2018, a community dialogue with the theme "Community Perspective on the work of the police and the police's perspective of community contribution in the security issues". This activity was conducted in the village of Bebonuk, Dom Alaixo Administrative Post, Municipality of Dili. There were 84 participants (Female = 8, Male = 78).

Conflict prevention activities conducted by the Access to Justice Clinic Team

- ▶ On the 22nd May 2018, facilitated mediation of land dispute, between individuals. The dispute was located in the village of Vemasse Tasi, Vemasse Administrative Post, Municipality of Baucau. The mediation was attended by 3 disputants (2 Men, 1 woman). The result of the Mediation was that both parties did not agreed to the options that were presented to each other, but both parties will return to sit down with the family to discuss their options and call for next round of mediation.
- ▶ On Wednesday May 16th 2018, facilitated 2 mediations of land dispute, between 2 individual land owners. The dispute is located in the village of Tirilolo, Baucau Administrative Posts, Baucau Municipality and 4 people attended, all men. The team also conducted the second phase of the land dispute mediation between individuals land owners located in the Administrative Post of Uatucarbau, Municipality of Vikeké. There were 6 participants, all men.
- ▶ On 9th May 2018, facilitate 2 mediations on inheritance land dispute located in Tapo Meca, Manapa Village, Administrative Post of Cailaco and disputes over inheritance land between individuals and Individuals in Administrative post of Ainaro, Municipality Of Ainaro. Mediation in Cailaco were participated 6 participants (Female=2, Male=4), Mediation in Ainaro were participated by 8 participants (Female =2, Male=6). Total participants for both mediation were 14 (Female=4, Male=10).

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ On May 30, 2018, Belun's EWER with United Nation Development in Timor-Leste (UNDP-TL) conducted a closing ceremony for the Project Micro Capital Grant (MCG) in Timor Plaza. The ceremony was attended by all development partners, the Government, Diplomatic, National and International Agencies, national and international NGOs, the security authorities, police (PNLT) members, CPRN representatives, community leaders and youth representatives. This was funded The European Union through United Nation Development Program in Timor Leste (UNDP-TL).
- ▶ On April 20, 2018, Belun with its partner, UNFPA, UN Women, UNHRAU launch a series of 5 Youth Policy reports on Youth Most Vulnerable such as: young female farmers migrant youth in Dili City, Young People in neither education, employment nor training, LGBTI Youth, and young people with a disability. The title of the report series was "LEAVING NO YOUTH BEHIND" The policy series was launched by the Secretary of State for Youth and Labor, H.E. Mr. Nivio Magalhães and resident coordinator of the United Nations in Timor-Leste, Mr. Roy Trivedy. Total participants who attended this event were 139 (Female=79, Male=60).



ABOUT THIS REVIEW

This situation review report 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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