

Situation Review-June-July 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 municipals 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 municipals including the special administrative region of Oekusi in 43 administrative posts with 86 volunteer monitors.

ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

- ▶ There was a total of 278 violent incidents in June-July 2018;
- ▶ 83 Incidents of violence against women with a serious incident in Vikeké;
- ▶ 33 violent incidents due to land disputes;
- ▶ 13 violent incidents caused by hate revenge between former martial arts groups
- ▶ There was an increase in the number of violent incidents in the municipality of Dili in July 2018.

278 VIOLENCE INCIDENTS IN JUNE-JULY

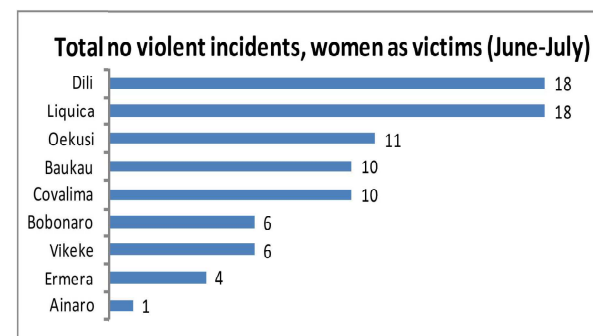
Belun through its EWER system in June and July 2018 data recorded 278 violent incidents. This was a significant increase when compared to the previous 4-months (December 2017 March 2018, see the graph below). Of the violent incidents recorded 221 were perpetrated by men, 25 by women, 19 by men and women and 13 by unknown persons. 133 men were victims of violent incidents, 83 women, 49 men and women, unknown 2 and 2 victims were persons with disabilities.

Totál Insidente Violénsia iha Jun-Jul 2018	
Munisipiu	Insidente
Ainaru	11
Baukau	24
Bobonaru	15
Covalima	21
Dili	113
Ermera	19
Likisá	31
Oekusi	27
Vikeké	17
Totál	278

84 INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WITH A SERIOUS INCIDENT IN VIKEKE

Belun through its EWER system in June -July 2018 data recorded 278 violent incidents. There were 84 violence incidents against women (30.21%). Of the incidents of violence against women 67 were perpetrated by men and 13 by women, 3 by women and men and 1 by unknown persons. The majority of these incidents occurred by husbands using physical aggression to hit his wife and this occurred 32 times, Community members using violence against women 34 times and family members against women 16 times.

The types of violence against women include a high number (60) physical assaults including fighting with feet, hitting with a machete, of these 60 assaults 40 resulted in serious injuries and 2 died. Sexual violence against women occurred 14 times, this is an increase of 4 times when compared to the previous 3 periods (Dec 17-Jan 18, Feb-18 Mar Apr may 18).



Men engaged in sexual violations of women and this happens in a number of situations including when women are farming and going to get water, on the way to school and on their way to the market.

There were 3 incidents of incest where the father was the perpetrator and the victims were the daughters resulting in pregnancy. There was 1 abandoned family member, 2 instances of sexual harassment occurred, physical threats occurred 18 times and property destruction occurred 10 times.

25 violence incidents against women were due to adultery or suspected adultery. The consequence is often that the husband no longer financially supports the first wife, this happened 9 times, because her husband wanted to marry 2 wives this happened 8 times (polygamy), due to culture or barlakeadu 8 times, unknown issues occur 5 times, clean water disputes occurred twice and land disputes occurred twice.

In June a serious incident occurred against a girl aged 16 years old in Vikeké. The girl was returning to their villages but because this girl's village was far away she was accompanied by family members, a husband and wife. On the journey the girl is asked to go to the toilet in the forest, the wife went ahead and the husband stayed behind. He then followed the

girl and raped her and beat her until she died. He threw the body into the sea. After 2 days of the mother looking for her daughter the perpetrator handed himself into the Uatulari police and is now in Becora prison in Dili on pre-trial

33 VIOLENT INCIDENTS DUE TO LAND DISPUTES

The EWER System data in June-July 2018, recorded 33 violent incidents due to land disputes. Land disputes have increased between 2017 and 2018. In 2017 there were 143 violent incidents due to land disputes with average of 11.92 per month. In the 6 months from January to July 2018 there were 92 incidents, an average 13.14 per month. Violent incidents due to land disputes have increased during the year. In July there were 20, 13 in June compared to only 8 in May and 6 April 2018. Violent incidents due to land disputes in June and July were primarily due to home land boundaries and disputes over land and agricultural land. There were a small number of incidents linked to land disputes where Cadastra land Services National System (SNC) had finalised a title but despite this family members had not informed or shared the land with their brothers and this resulted in further conflict.

A violent incidents due to a land disputes occurred on 29 June at approximately 5.00 pm in the village of Betekaiana, village of Builale, municipality of Administrative Posts, Ossu, Vikeké. A married men came to a farm and said "As of now you cannot farm here as this land is mine". The occupants rejected this claim because the Grandfather had been farming there for a long time. The married man who was claiming the land fought the occupant and injured his eyes and right-hand wrists until they were bleeding profusely. The families phone the PNTL and they immediately arrested the suspect and commenced the investigation process. Violent incidents since land disputes occurred in the municipality of Dili, 9 RAEOA times once in Ainaro and Vikeké and 2 times in Covalima, Bobonaro, Liquiçá

13 VIOLENT INCIDENTS CAUSED BY HATE REVENGE BETWEEN THE FORMER MARTIAL ARTS GROUPS

The EWER System monitoring data in June-July 2018, recorded 13 violent incidents due to problems between members of the former martial arts groups (MAGs) and ritual arts groups (GAR). The number has increased with 5 in June and 8 in July .

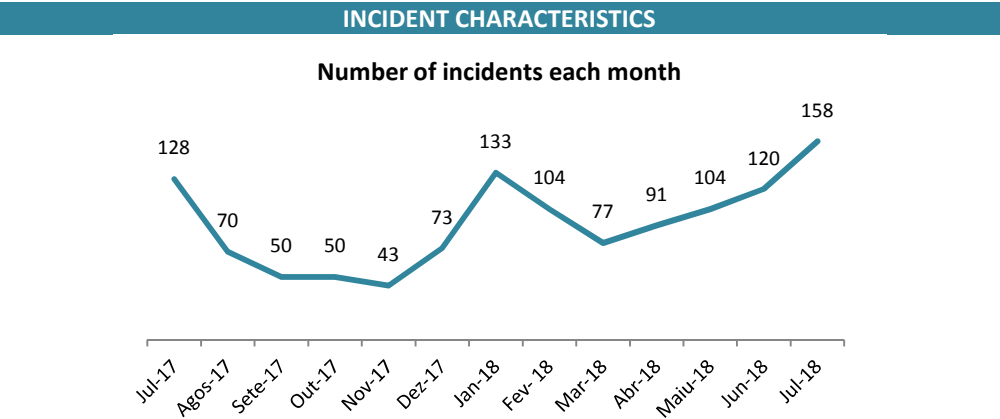
When compared with the data from 2016 this is a significant rise with the total incidents linked to the problem of former MAGs, MAGs and GAR together 106 with average or an average 8.8 per month. In 2017 there were 67 incidents with average or an average 5.6 per month. In 2018 from January until July (only 7 months) there were 39 with average an 5.6 per month.

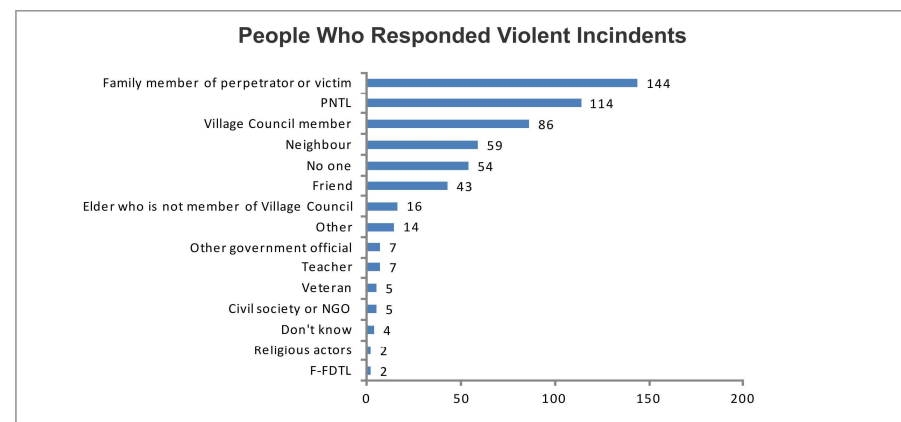
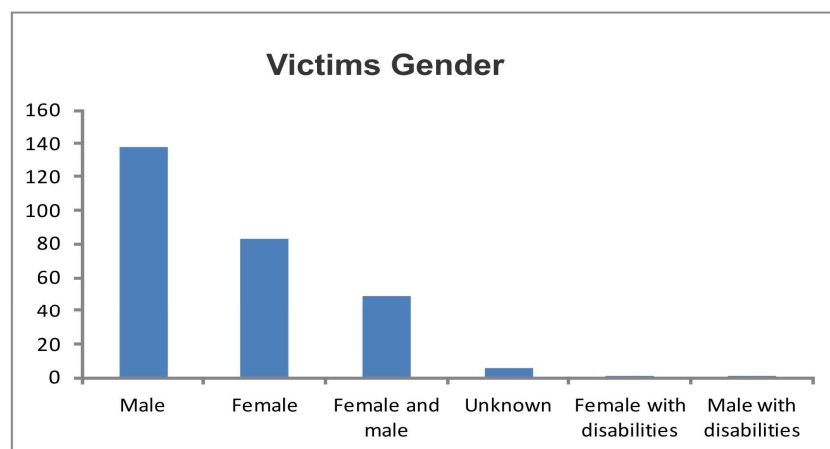
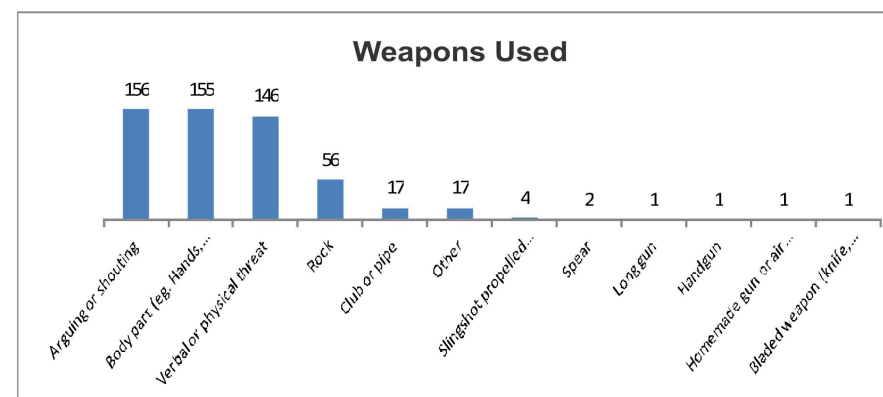
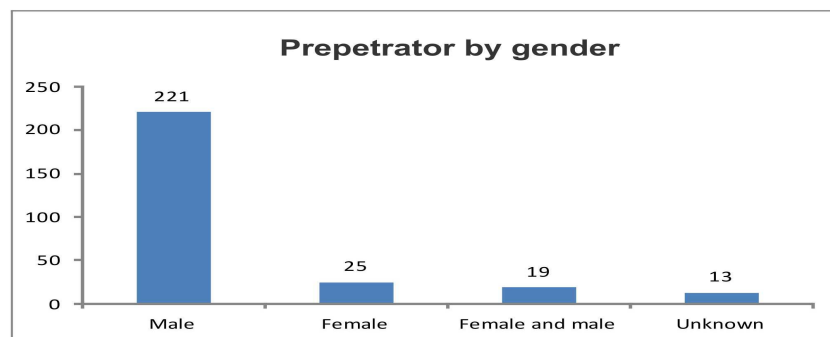
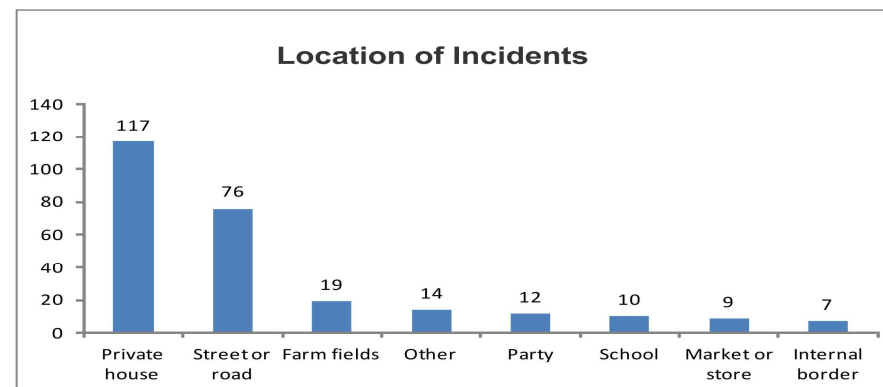
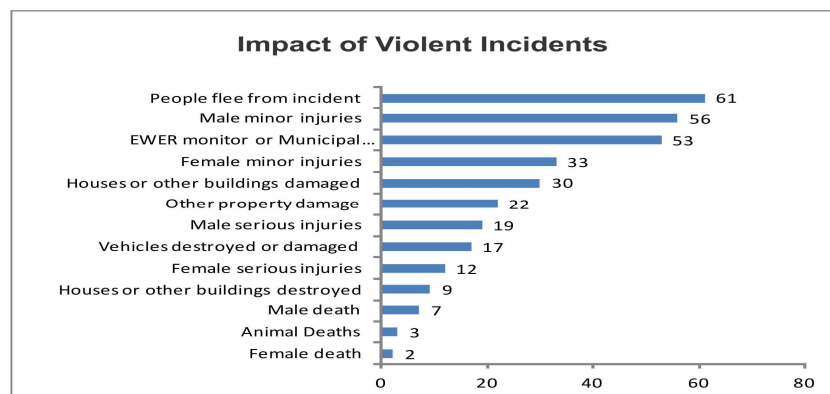
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In 2017, the Government promulgated law 05/2017 concerning the use of Rama Ambon and Brankas Weapons, and former martial arts groups. The aim of the law was to reduce the number of violent incidents in 2017-2018. Violent incidents linked to former MAGS and GAR in June-July occurred in the municipality of Baucau, Dili and Ermera 5 times each, 3 times in Bobonaro and once in Covalima .

NUMBER OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS INCREASED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DILI IN JULY 2018

Belun through its EWER system Belun in June-July 2018 data collection of violent incidents totaled 278 and of these 113 (40.65%) violent incidents occurred in Dili . The number is considered to have risen significantly in the last 4-months; February-March recorded 65 (39.91%) violent incidents in Dili, April-May 60 (30.77%) . Of the incidents in June and July, most occurred in July with 65 incidents of violence. This is the highest number this year with January 47, February 36, March 29, April 33, May 27and June 48 65 Violent incidents occurred in the municipality of Dili in July 2018 with the most significant category being hate revenge from past problems (including problems between members of the former MAGs, land etc.), due to alcohol, land disputes, adultery and attack by unknown persons. Most persons who initiated violence were family members living in the same house and live in a separate, 27 violent incidents, and those without work 25, violence from neighbors 12, attack by unknown persons together 10. Violent incidents in July 2018 in Dili occurred in the administrative post of Dom Aleixo, Nain Feto 24 16, Cristo Rei 12, Vera Crus 9 and Atauro and Metinaro 2 times each.





CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

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

- On 16 June 2018, Belun's Community Policing Support program conducted training for three days in the village of Sabuli, Metinaro Posts, municipality of Dili under the theme: "manage and establish Community Policing Council (CPC). This activity had maximum participation of village Council members Sabuli, OPS, veterans, teachers and leaders. The total participants were 36 (9 Female and 27 male). This activity held with the generous support from the New Zealand Government through the Asia Foundation partner.

Conflict Prevention activities implemented by the Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) system

- Trimester Meetings April period until June 2018 through Conflict prevention and response Network in 3 municipalities; Bauaku, Covalima and RAEOA. The meeting was held to dividing monitoring data in the CPRN 8 posts members were held in June-July 2018 and the administrative post of Vemassee are not realice and held back in August 2018. Bauacu this meeting held in administrative posts Baucau, on 24 July 2018, with a total of participated 24 people (11 Female: 11 and 13 Male). In 26 July 2018 the meeting implemented in Laga posts administration with total of 21 people (12 Female and 9 male), meetings held in Laga posts administration.



Foto Ekipa Feto Paz no Siguransa fasilita enkontru trimestral iha Post. Suai

In Covalima a meeting was held in the administration of Tilomar on July 16. The total number of participants were 16 (Female: 10 and male: 6). In Suai a meeting was held on the 17 July in the administration post and a total of 20 people participated (10 Female and 10 Male).

In Zumalai a meeting was held on July 18, in the administration post. The total of participants was 16 people (2 Female and 15 Male). RAEOA had a meeting in 4 administrative posts of Pante Makasar, Oesilo, Passabe and Nitibe on 7 July. The total number that participated was 60 people. These meetings occurred between July 7-10 in 2018. All occurred in the administration of the administrative posts.

- Meetings with partners in Covalima and presentation of online data for partners, on 4th of July 2018. The 5th July 2018 meetings continue with women's organizations in Suai posts administration Suia with Mr. Laorentino de Jesus, focal points of GBV, MSS, through the Department of Social Cohesion, peace building PNTL unit investigation into Human Rights and GBV and continued meetings with the municipality Administrators Covalima Mr. Afonso Nogueira Nahak.

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

- On the 25 July 2018, Belun through the access to justice program Clinics working with the public defenders Office and the regional municipality of Baucau and UNDP Judicial held a campaign of public information about the role of access to justice Clinics and the role of the public defender's Office Timor-Leste to community leaders and communities in Iliomar, Lautem Municipal Administrative Posts. Total participants together 54 (5 Female and 49 Male) composed of local leaders and communities. Present at this Campaign; The Commander of PNTL Station Iliomar, M&E Team from UNDP and the Secretary of the public defender and the regional Judicial Baucau;
- Facilitated training on Alternative dispute resolution and mediation of village councils In Iliomar, Lautem Municipalities Administrative Posts. Participants in this training; Village Council members 21 (10 female and 11 Male). Training was held for two days, from 26-27 July 2018, at the Administrative post of Iliomar;
- On the 19 July 2018, facilitated mediation on part 2 of a dispute concerning farming land located in Kabuar Above, the three Administrative Posts Dato Fohorem, Covalima Municipalities. Mediation involved 4 persons (2 Female and 2 male). The results of this Mediation; both sides remain unresolved due to absences on both sides and postponed until the 23rd of July 2018 in Building Clinics access to justice Covalima;
- Facilitated mediation three times (last), the disputants were 2 that arose over land located Sima Irabin de Suco, municipality of the administrative post of Uatucarbau Vikeké. Mediation was held on July 16, 2018 at the building Clinics access to justice in the municipality of Baucau.



Foto ekipa Belun (Programa KAJ) fasilita mediasaun ba disputante nain 2 iha Munisipiu Baukau

- Total participants three men (3), all men. The result of the Mediation is; The disputing parties maintain their arguments/position and failed to reach agreement, these two disputants want to continue the legal process (Court) to seek the truth;

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

On 13 July 2018, Belun through its policy research and development pillar presented the results of the research titled "Timor Leste, Leaving no young person behind" at the National University of Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL). The objective of this seminar was to understand the situation in Timor-Leste of 5 groups of young people: Young people with disabilities; Young people who are not in work, not in Education or training; LGBTI Youth; Young Migrants in the city of Dili and Young Women Farmers. Belun hopes that an outcome of this seminar will increase the level of awareness of the University to the situation of young people in Timor-Leste and better influence youth policy development in Timor-Leste.

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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