

SITUATION REVIEW JULY 2014

Issues to watch – July 2014

- ▶ **Young man killed in revenge attack at football match**
- ▶ **Husband wounds his wife and himself**
- ▶ **Drunk man stabs his younger brother**

YOUNG MAN KILLED IN REVENGE ATTACK AT FOOTBALL MATCH

On 29 July, in Sabuli Aldeia (hamlet), Sabuli Suku (village), Metinaro Sub-District, a group of young men killed a young man at a friendly football match between Sabuli Suku and Behau Aldeia (hamlet). The group of young men, who had been drinking alcohol, entered the field carrying bladed weapons, including spears, knives, and swords and assaulted the two teams of young men that were playing football. The two teams ran away from the field in fear, but one young man who was watching the match confronted the drunken group of men, who then stabbed him in the stomach, chest, and the left ribs and cut his throat with the sword. Police intervened and arrested thirteen young men who were the suspected perpetrators and put them in preventative detention. The victim was brought to Guido Valadares Hospital for autopsy.

Belun has confirmed that the incident was a revenge attack, which resulted from a previous incident. The younger brother of one of the young men who was involved in the murder had previously been assaulted by one of the football players. After finding out about his younger brothers' assault, the young man went to find the perpetrator and was verbally assaulted by the football player

Total Number of Incidents by district in July 2014	
District	Incidents
Aileu	4
Ainaro	5
Baucau	9
Bobonaro	4
Covalima	2
Dili	14
Ermera	6
Lautein	3
Likisá	8
Manatuto	6
Manufahi	2
Oekusi	6
Vikeké	6
Total	75

and his friends. This earlier incident then resulted in the young man appearing at the football match with his friends to seek revenge, which led to the murder. As a result of the incident 183 people from Behau Aldeia and Sabuli Aldeia took refuge at Metinaro church. The incident remained unresolved and revenge-related incidents continued in August.

HUSBAND WOUNDS HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF

On 25 July, in Riheu Suku, Ermera Sub-District, a man wounded his wife with a machete. The man had asked his wife to retrieve money that they had lent to others, but she ignored him and went to collect coffee in the coffee plantation. Angry, the man took his machete and followed his wife to the coffee plantation, where he cut her deeply in the left shoulder and the back. The man then wounded his own throat with the machete out of grief at having injured his wife. A community member responded to the incident and informed the police, who arrived quickly and contacted an ambulance to transport both parties to Guido Valadares Hospital in Dili for treatment. Both husband and wife have now left the hospital, and while the relationship between them is fine, the incident has not fully been resolved as the wife still feels traumatized by the incident.

DRUNK MAN STABS HIS YOUNGER BROTHER

On 13 July, in Lakonak Aldeia, Debos Suku, Suai Sub-district, a drunk young man stabbed his younger brother in the back. The brothers had been drinking wine together and, as they got drunk, they started quarrelling. The elder brother grew angry towards his younger brother, who had verbally assaulted him, and took a knife and stabbed his brother's back, causing serious injury. The family brought the victim to the hospital for medical treatment. On 19 July, Police and the local authorities approached both parties to resolve the incident and the relationship between the brothers was restored.

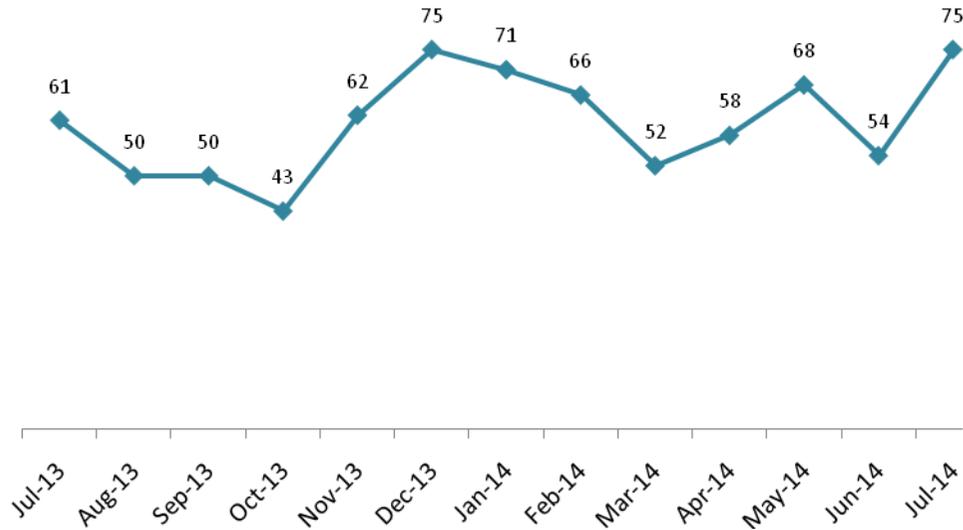


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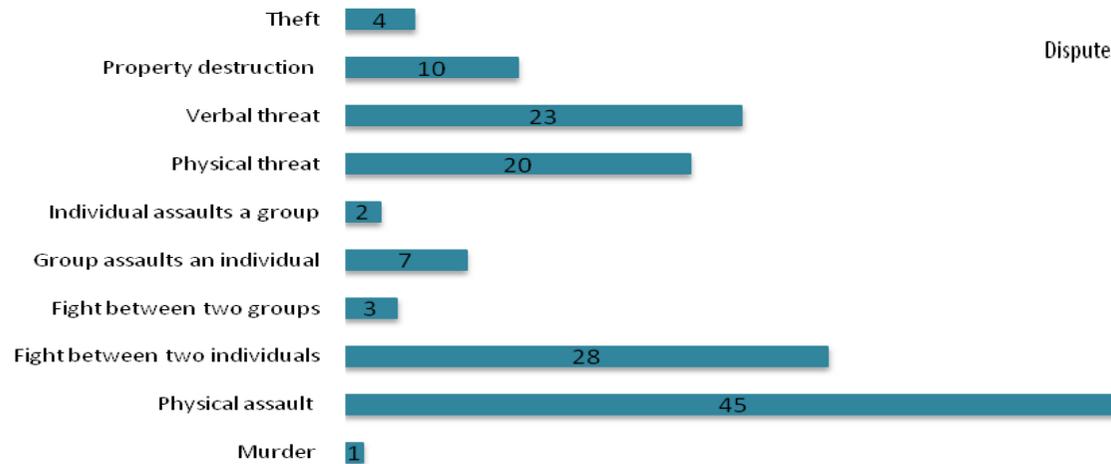


INCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Total Incidents Reported: July'13 - July'14



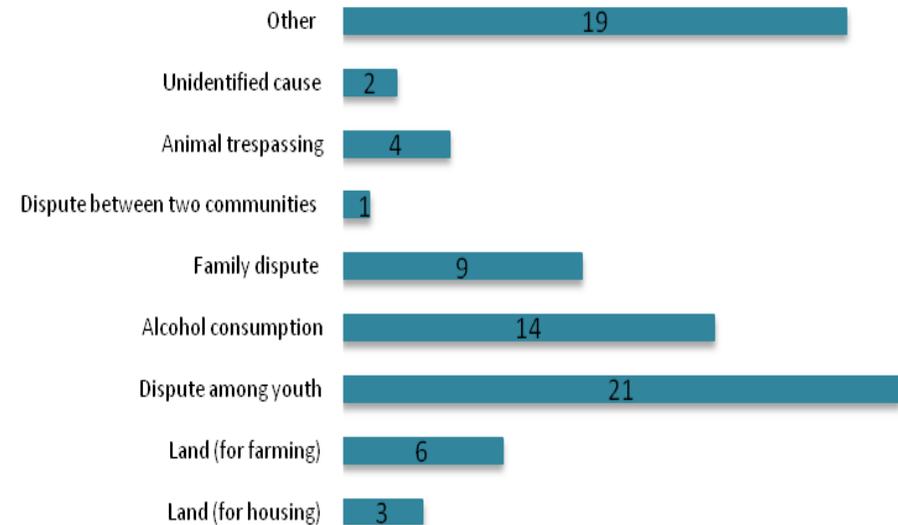
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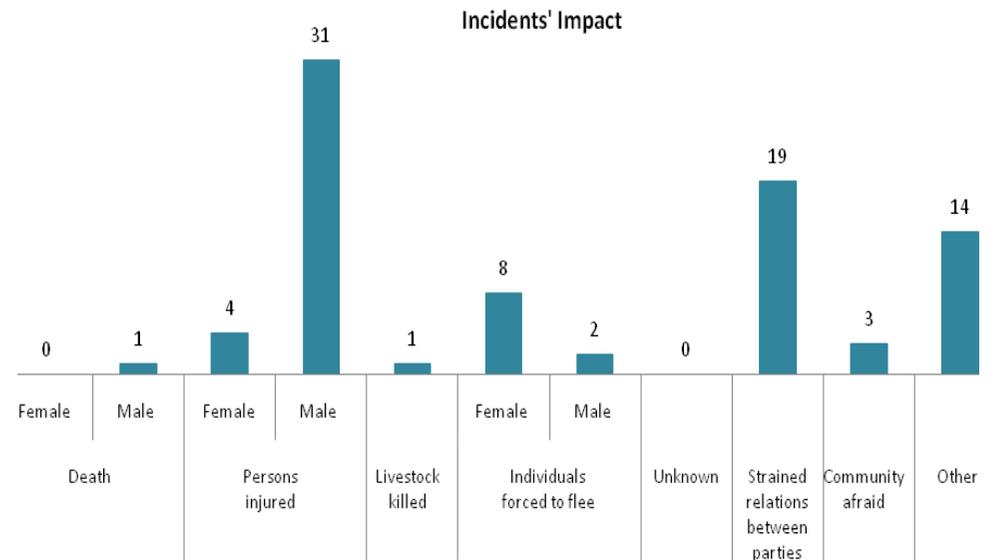
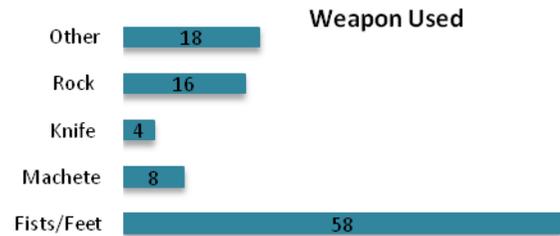
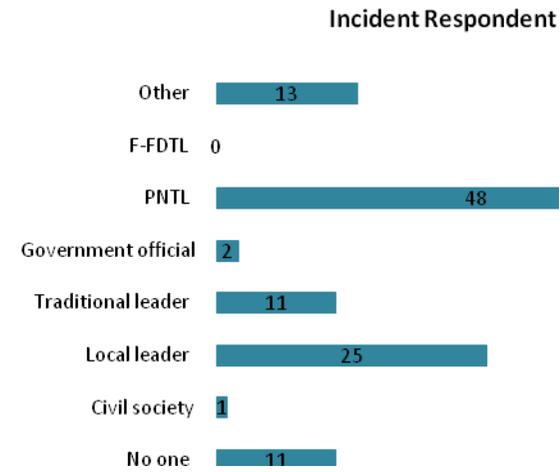
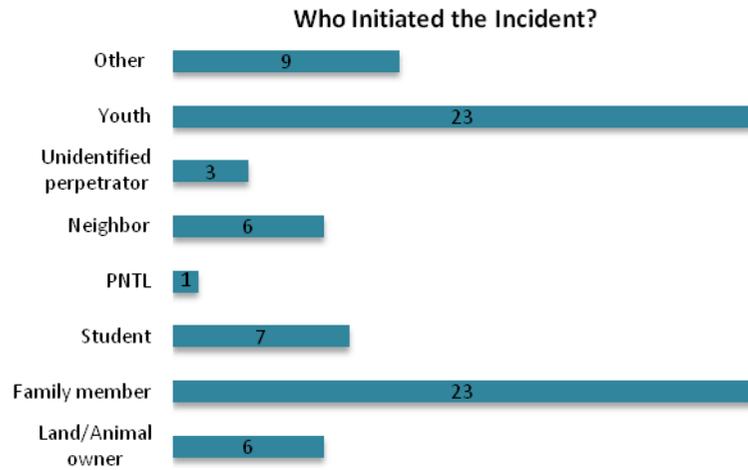


Incident Location



Underlying Cause of Incident





CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

By the Democracy and Development in Action through Media and Empowerment (DAME) team

- ▶ On 7 July, the Vemasse Sub-district Conflict Prevention and Response Network (CPRN) conducted a Tara bandu traditional ceremony, entitled 'Protecting Environment as a Legacy for the Next Generation'. The speakers at the event were the Baucau District Administrator and Vemasse Sub-District Administrator.

By the Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) team

- ▶ On 9 July, the Vikeke Sub-district CPRN conducted a Tara Bandu traditional ceremony entitled "Protect Resources and Minimize Conflicts within the Community". Participants came from Uma Ki'ik Suku and 8 Aldeias. Speakers included the Secretary of State for Environment, the Belun Director, Vikeke District Administrator, and other speakers.

By the Land Mediation and Dispute Resolution (LMDR) team

- ▶ On 4 July in Malarahou Aldeia (hamlet), Ailili Suku, Manatuto Sub-district, the LMDR team mediated a dispute over private land. As a result of the mediation, the dispute was resolved and a dispute resolution agreement was signed.
- ▶ On 10 July in Solubolo Aldeia, Holsa Suku, Maliana Sub-district, the LMDR team mediated a land dispute, but no agreement was reached and the disputants decided to proceed through the court system.

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 during July 2014. 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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