

ISSUES TO WATCH

- ▶ Youth violence in Manatuto
- ▶ Public Order Battalion (BOP) and Task Force police members clash in Dili
- ▶ Drunk men fight while gambling in Bobonaro

Youth violence in Manatuto

An incident of youth violence occurred on the evening of 12 June 2014, in Sau Aldeia, Sau Village, Manatuto Sub-district, Manatuto District. A group of young men from Obrato Aldeia were returning from Church when a group of young men from Saulidun Aldeia, who were sitting on the street, provoked and began beating them. The young men from Obrato did not retaliate. However, on 13 June 2014, the same young men from Obrato were returning from a cultural ceremony when a group of young males from Saulidun Aldeia again assaulted them. In response, the young men from Obrato seized machetes from nearby market stalls and pursued and threatened the young men from Saulidun. Police responded by firing three shots into the air to disperse the groups. As a result, community members returning from Holy Mass and merchants fled the streets and market place.

Belun has verified that the incident was mediated by the Obrato Aldeia Chief, along with youth leaders from the villages, however a resolution has not been reached between the two parties and the relationships between the youth remains strained.

Incidents by district June 2014	
District	Incidents
Aileu	1
Ainaro	0
Baucau	3
Bobonaro	3
Covalima	2
Dili	20
Ermera	4
Lautein	0
Likisá	3
Manatuto	4
Manufahi	6
Oekusi	5
Vikeké	3
Total	54

Public Order Battalion (BOP) and Task Force police members clash in Dili

A violent incident involving the PNTL occurred on 27 June 2014, at Rosario Aldeia, Comoro village, Dom Aleixo Sub-district in Dili. Prior to the incident, on 24 June, a policeman with the Public Order Battalion (BOP) post stationed near the airport attempted to warn a male taxi driver for not obeying a stop traffic sign. He told the driver to stop but the driver ignored him and fled the scene. On 27 June 2014, the same male taxi driver again did not obey the same stop-sign near the BOP post. He was then physically assaulted by the BOP policeman who had previously warned him. Following the incident, the taxi driver phoned his boss, a member of the PNTL Task Force unit, who came to the BOP post and slapped the BOP policeman. The BOP policeman who had been slapped then contacted the BOP Headquarters, and along with a group of BOP policemen went to the Comoro PNTL Squadron and assaulted the Task Force policeman who had slapped him. The Task Force policeman's arm was injured in the incident.

Both BOP and Task Force Commanders responded to the incident, placing all those involved under disciplinary investigation. The investigation is continuing and, according to due process, has been sent to the Public Prosecutor's Office for action.

Drunk men fight while gambling in Bobonaro

On 7 June 2014, an incident related to alcohol consumption and gambling occurred in Balibo Aldeia, Balibo village, Balibo Sub-district, Bobonaro District. The incident occurred when four adult men were drinking and playing poker. Having lost an amount of money, one of the men verbally assaulted another man, and the incident escalated into a brawl, in which two men sustained injuries to the head and face. Balibo Squadron Police responded to the incident, and two men were kept in police custody for 24 hours. The following day, Police convened both parties together with the Suco Chief and their families, and the relationship between the two parties was restored.

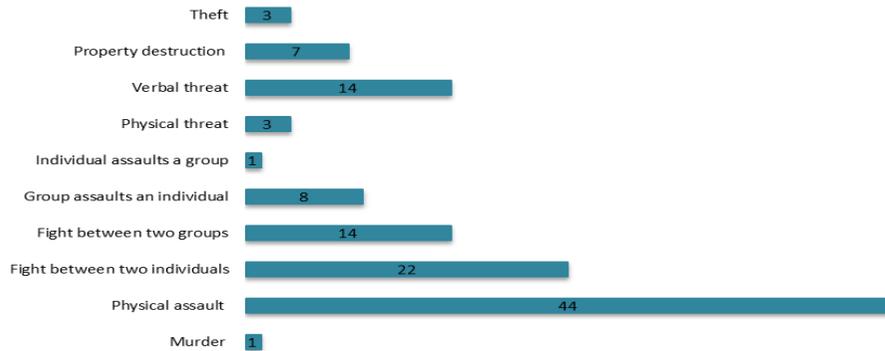


INCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS

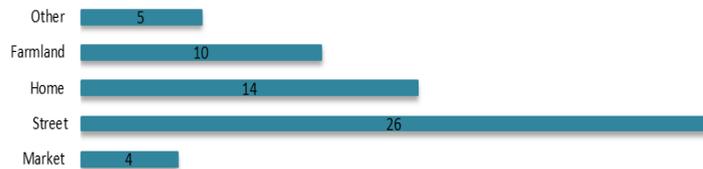
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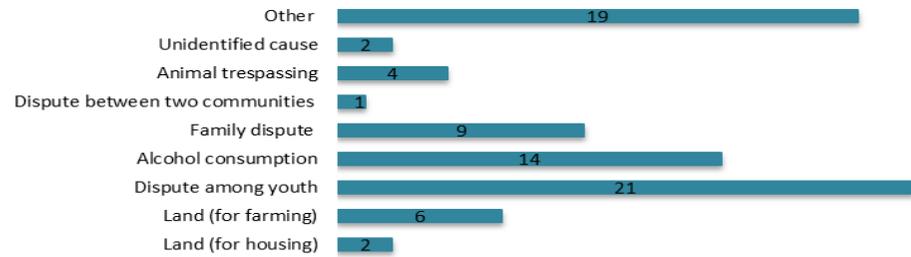
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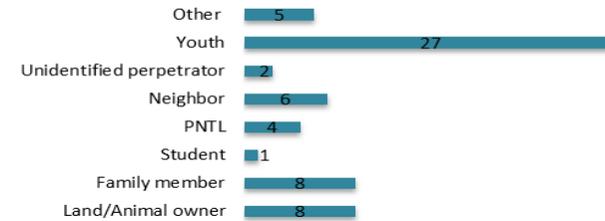
Incident Location



Underlying Cause of Incident



Who Initiated the Incident?



Weapon Used



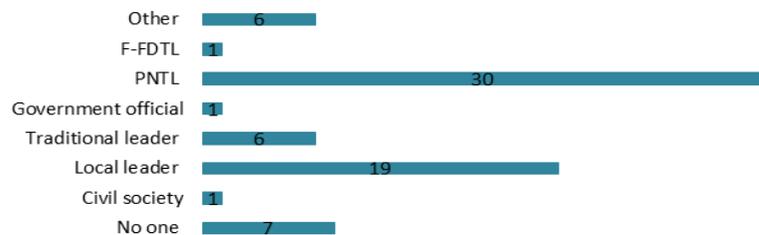
Gender of Initiator



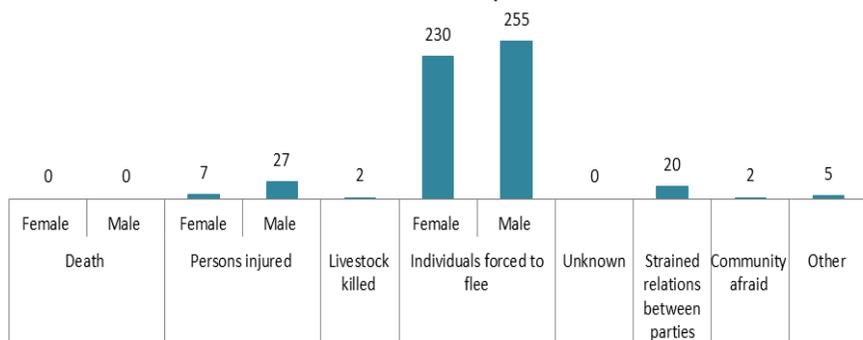
Gender of Victim



Incident Respondent



Incidents' Impact



CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

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

- ▶ From 26 to 27 June, in Passabe Sub-district, Oekusi District, training in proposal writing and leadership was delivered to members of the Passabe Conflict Prevention and Response Network (CPRN).

- ▶ From 26 to 27 June, in Lospalos sub-district, training in proposal writing and leadership was delivered to members of the Lospalos, Lautein, and Tutuala Sub-District CPRNs.

By the Early Warning, Early Response (EWER) Team

- ▶ From 2 to 4 June, Belun held an orientation over 3 days for 10 newly-recruited EWER monitors (8 females, 2 males) from 5 districts.
- ▶ From 23 to 27 June, Belun provided Conflict Transformation training over 5 days to 15 monitors (9 females and 6 males) from 8 districts.
- ▶ On 30 June, the CPRN in Laclo Sub-District, Manatuto District held a seminar and public dialogue in Hohorai village on the prevention of land disputes and domestic violence.

By the Land Mediation and Dispute Resolution (LMDR) team

- ▶ On 10 June, the LMDR team met with local authorities and community leaders in Baucau sub-district, to strengthen cooperation between Belun, the local authorities and community leaders, and to support land dispute resolution in Baucau District.
- ▶ On 20 June, the LMDR team met with the Bobonaro District Directorate of Land, Property and Cadastral Services, local leaders and community in Maliana Sub-District, to disseminate information on land dispute resolution and encourage disputants to resolve land problems through mediation.

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 June 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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