FACTSHEET
Electoral Violence and Contestation
Local Election Nepal-Second Phase - Campaign Silence Period & Election Day, June 26 to 28, 2017

TOTAL INCIDENTS 93

VIOLENT 85

- CLASH / ATTACK 14
- ARSON 3
- VANDALISM 3
- EXPLOSIVE DEVICE 65

NON VIOLENT 8

- DEMONSTRATION 3
- STRIKE / BANDHA 3
- OTHER FORMS OF NON VIOLENT INCIDENTS 2

DEATH 1
INJURIES 20
BUILDING DAMAGED 1
VEHICLES DAMAGED 4

7 INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE REMAINING 4 PROVINCES

1 PROVINCE 29 INCIDENTS
5 PROVINCE 27 INCIDENTS
7 PROVINCE 30 INCIDENTS

*Based on NepalMonitor.org’s preliminary data by June 29 noon

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In Tingla of Solukhumbu and Bhujhawa of Nawalparasi dissatisfaction over the local restructuring process led residents to boycott the elections. In Tingla of Necha Salyan rural municipality - 6, not one of the 2,476 registered voters cast a ballot. Villagers did not vote to protest the administrative center of the rural municipality being located in an inconvenient and distant place from them. They are further demanding that their village be made a part of Solududhkunda municipality. It was reported that three candidates had registered in the locality but then withdrew their candidacies. In Bhujhawa village of Nawalparasi only two votes were cast from among 502 voters registered there. Reportedly, people are demanding that their village be included in Ward No.7 of Sarawal rural municipality.
In the run-up to the second phase, the Communist Party of Nepal, led by Netra Bikram Chand ‘Biplav,’ announced a June 27 general strike in Lumbini, Rapti, Bheri, Seti and Mahakali zones in the western parts of Nepal, and Janakpur, Sagarmatha, Koshi and Mechi zones in the eastern parts. A general strike was announced for election day across Provinces 1, 5, and 7. The Federal Alliance led by Rashtriya Janta Party - Nepal also announced a bandha in Madhes-Tharuhat-Limbuwan for election day, but said it would not resort to violence, despite earlier claims made that the party would obstruct the elections. The Nepal Police also preventatively arrested a number of CPN cadres for unspecified 'anti-election activities'. Following the postponement of election in Province 2, protests or calls for boycott (other than in the cases mentioned in the box above) appeared to have had negligible impact on voter turnout in general.

**Announced Protest of Polls**

Improvised explosive devices (IED) and hoax bombs were planted and in some instances detonated in several places across Province 1, 5 and 7. 65 incidents involving IEDs were recorded between June 26–28, a clear increase over the 26 incidents recorded during the first phase of polls. On June 26, a CPN party cadre died while trying to set off a bomb in Dhangadi Sub Metropolis of Kailali district. The same day a bomb exploded at the house of the Communist Party of Nepal - Unified Marxist-Leninist (CPN-UML) mayoral candidate in Dharan of Sunsari. On June 27, a bomb exploded and partially damaged a house of a Nepali Congress candidate who was running for a ward chairperson position in Bhojpur district. Another bomb was defused at the same location. On June 28, three IEDs exploded in Butwal bazar of Rupandehi. On the same day, a bomb planted near a polling center in Ilam district exploded while voters were casting their votes. There were no injuries. IED’s were also found in multiple other locations in Dang, Saptari, Baitadi, Kanchanpur, Arghakhanchi, Morang, Bardia, Banke, Bajura, Achham, Bajhang, Rupandehi, Bhojpur, Gulmi, Dhanusha, Kailali, Rolpa, Parsa, Baitadi, Morang, Ilam, Jhapa, Rukum, Sunsari, Parsa, Khotang, Rautahat and Pyuthan districts, some of them were defused and no injuries reported.

**Increase in Incidents Involving IEDs**

**Clash Between Political Parties**

Between June 26 and 28, clashes involving cadres and supporters of major political parties were reported in Arghakhanchi, Achham, Bajhang, Bhojpur, Darchula, and Rukum. In addition assaults were reported in Dang, Gulmi, Kanchanpur, Rautahat, Sunsari. In total 14 clashes and assaults were reported. On June 28, five people were injured in a clash between Tarun Dal affiliated to Nepali Congress and the Young Communist League (YCL) affiliated to the Maoist Center in Sisne ward No.5 of Rukum. Five more individuals were injured in a clash between CPN-UML and Maoist Center in Jaya Prithvi municipality in Bajhang. Voting was temporarily suspended in Mellekh rural municipality ward No.6 in Achham when a clash broke out between the cadres of CPN-UML and CPN (Maoist Center). In Rolpa municipality ward No.10 of Rolpa district, voting was halted for a few minutes after a voter poured acid into a ballot box. Notably, of the violent incidents recorded, Madhes-based parties were only recorded as causing one minor incident of vandalism during the bandha.

For an updated list of election related incidents in June, please click here.
Incidents During Local Election, Second Phase
June 26-28, 2017

Provincial Incidents:

**Province 7**
- Jun 26: CPN cadre dies after bomb explodes prematurely in Kailali
- Jun 26: Cadres of Congress and UML clash in Achham
- Jun 27: Four NC cadres arrested for attempting attack on UML candidate in Darchula
- Jun 28: Khukuri attack in the polling booth in Kanchanpur
- Jun 28: Two injured in Bajhang clash
- Jun 28: UML supporter beats an old aged man close to NC in Achham

**Province 1**
- Jun 26: CPN-UML cadre attacked by NC cadres in Sunsari

**Province 5**
- Jun 26: Tarun Dal, YCL cadres clash in Rukum, 5 injured
- Jun 28: UML cadres attacked Maoist cadre in Dang
- Jun 28: Maoist Center cadre injured as UML cadres resort to attack in Arghakhanchi

**Province 2**
- Jun 26: NC candidate accused of beating local for not supporting him in election in Gaur

Legend:
- Group Clash/Attack
- IED/Explosive Device
- Other violent forms

Number of Incidents:
- 0
- 1 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 13

*Only incidents with deaths and injuries reported are recorded*