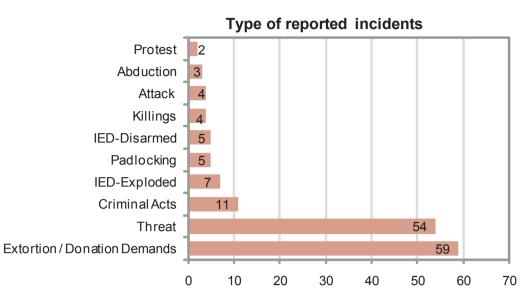
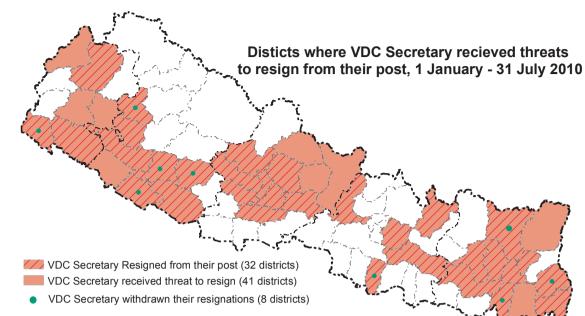
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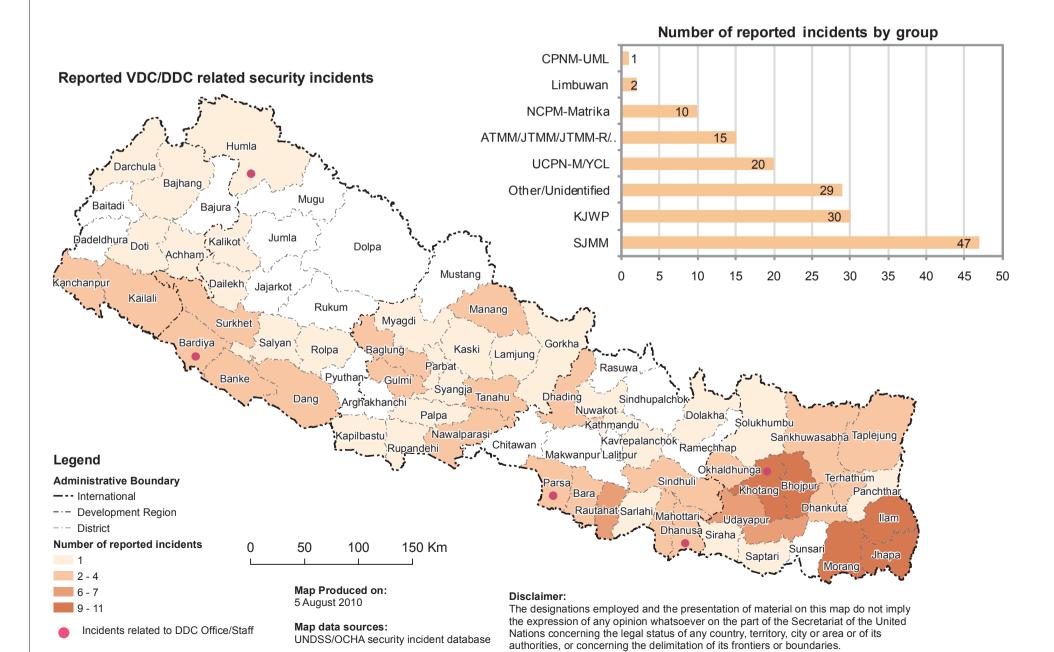


IEDs damaged VDC Offices in Mohammadpur VDC of Rautahat and Hasposa VDC of Sunsari. Similarly, IEDs were exploded at the homes of DDC/VDC staff in Guleria of Bardiya, Laxminia VDC of Rautahat, and Germi VDC of Nawalparasi. While Naubise VDC of Dhading, Diktel HQ of Khotangt, DDC office located at Birgunj in Parsa, and at residence of Sirse VDC secretary of Udaypur district were targeted but the IEDs were later defused. In separate incidents in Saptari, IED was exploded in Goiti VDC office where 3 persons including 2 children were injured. An IED was exploded in Bidur Municipality of Nuwakot district as a threat to VDC secretaries to resign.

The majority of reported incidents were related to donation demands and threats. The majority of threats were attributed to SJMM (in 41 districts). The donation demands reported were mainly related to KJWP (22), UCPN-M (14), NCPM-Matrika (10), and JTMM groups (14).





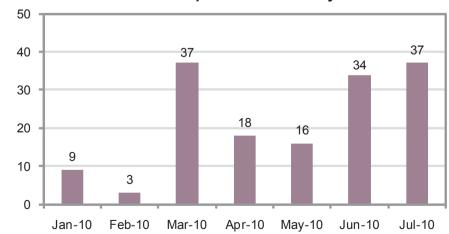


Resignations:

In June - July 2010, VDC Secretaries in 41 districts have reportedly received written or verbal threats from SJMM to resign from their post. From 1-31 July, there are 14 districts received threats from SJMM and these include: Kanchanpur, Salyan, Surkhet, Taplejung, Udaypur, Sunsari, Dhankuta, Bhojpur, Bajhang, Darchula, Morang, Khotang, Sankhuwasabha, and Jhapa. Of 41 districts, VDC Secretaries in 32 districts submitted their resignation citing insecurity. Subsequently, VDC secretaries in 9 districts have withdrawn their resignation in Rolpa, Kalikot, Kanchanpur, Rautahat, Sunsari, Salyan, Sankhuwasabha, Banke, and Ilam.

On 1 July, the three main political parties urged VDC secretaries to return to work stating that the development work is being affected following their resignations at the end of the fiscal year.

Number of reported incidents by month



Incidents by Month:

In March 2010, the majority of incidents are attributed to "Extortion/Donation" demands made by JTMM, NCPM-Matrika, KJWP and UCPN-M. The second peak in incidents, June-July 2010, is due to threats made by SJMM to VDC Secretary to resign from their post and various other security incidents attributed to different groups.