

NEPAL - Reported Security Incidents Involving VDC and DDC Staff

Period Covered: 1 January - 7 July 2010

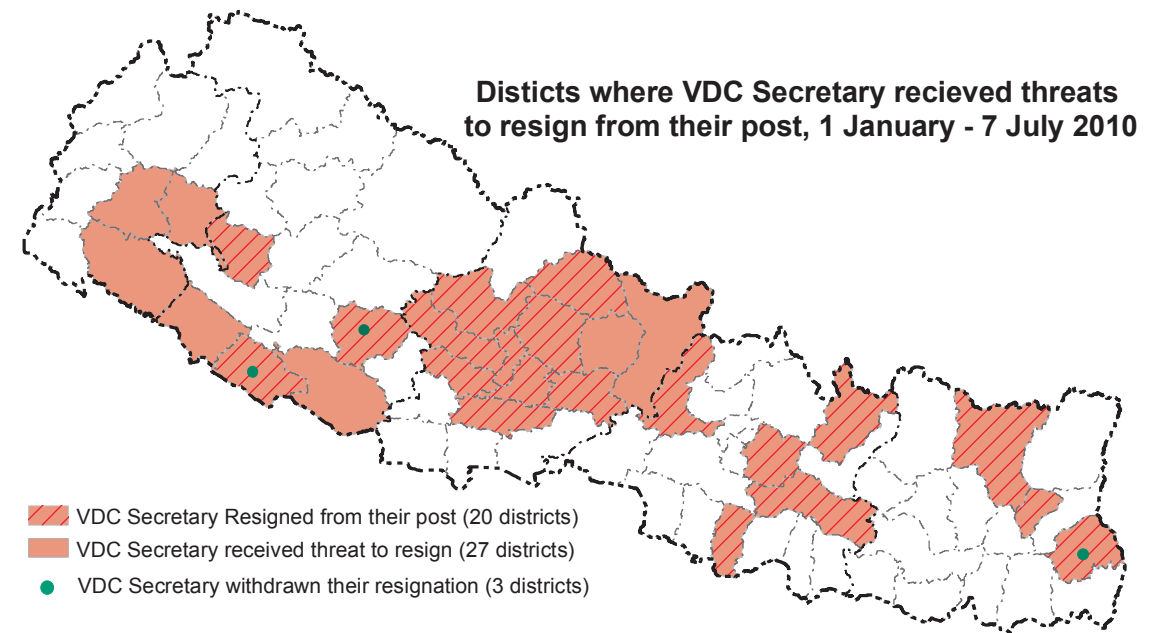
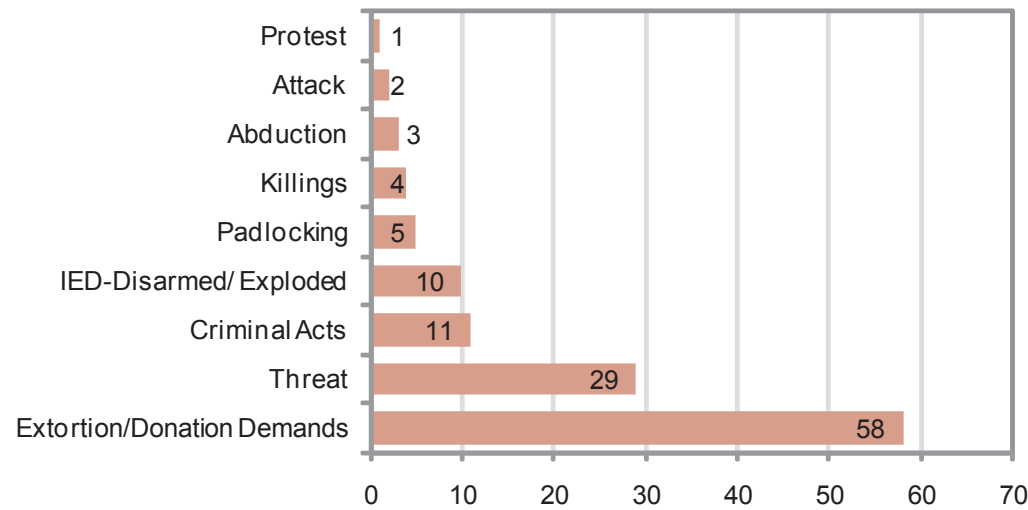
Incidents:

During the first six months of 2010, two VDC secretaries were killed (Sitapur VDC in Banke, and Babarjung VDC in Sarlahi). In separate incidents in Danusha, a DDC staff member was killed and a child was killed during an attempt on the life of VDC Secretary. Two VDC Secretaries from Bara and a DDC staff from Humla were abducted.

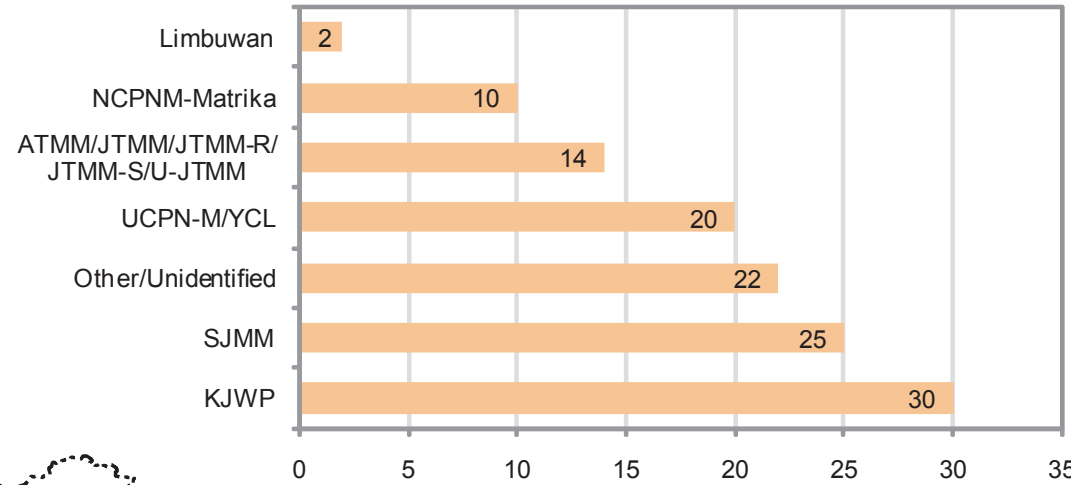
IEDs damaged VDC Offices in Mohammadpur VDC of Rautahat and Hasposa VDC of Sunsari. Similarly, IEDs were exploded at the homes of DDC/VDC staff in Guleria of Bardiya, Laxminia VDC of Rautahat, and Germi VDC of Nawalparasi. While Naubise VDC of Dhading, Diktel HQ of Khotangt, DDC office located at Birgunj in Parsa, and at residence of Sirse VDC secretary of Udaypur district were targeted but the IEDs were later defused.

The majority of reported incidents were related to donation demands and threats. The donation demands reported were mainly related to KJWP (22), UCPN-M (14), NCPM-Matrika (9), and JTMM (7). The majority of threats were attributed to SJMM (in 24 districts).

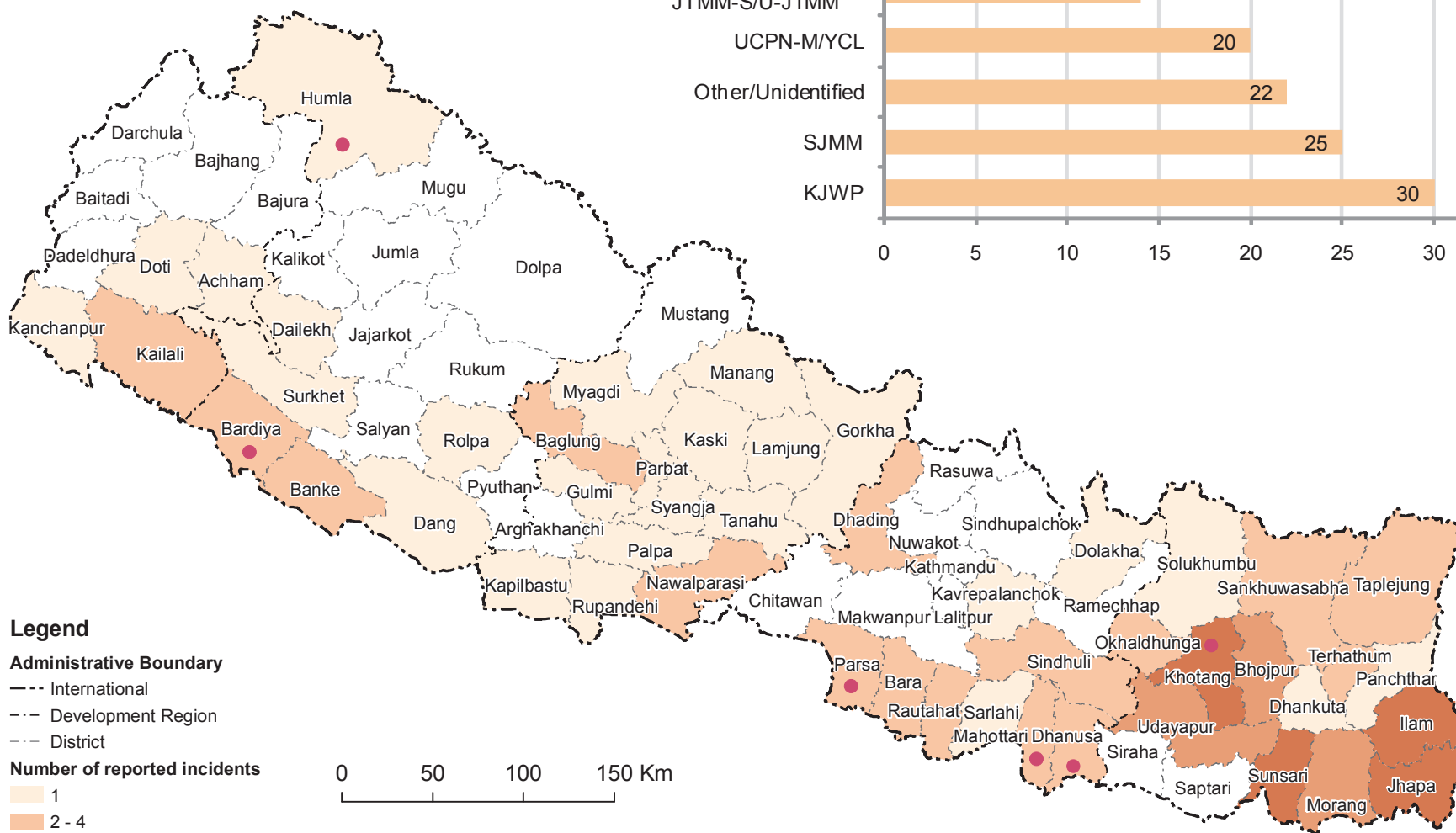
Type of reported incidents



Number of reported incidents by group



Reported VDC/DDC related security incidents



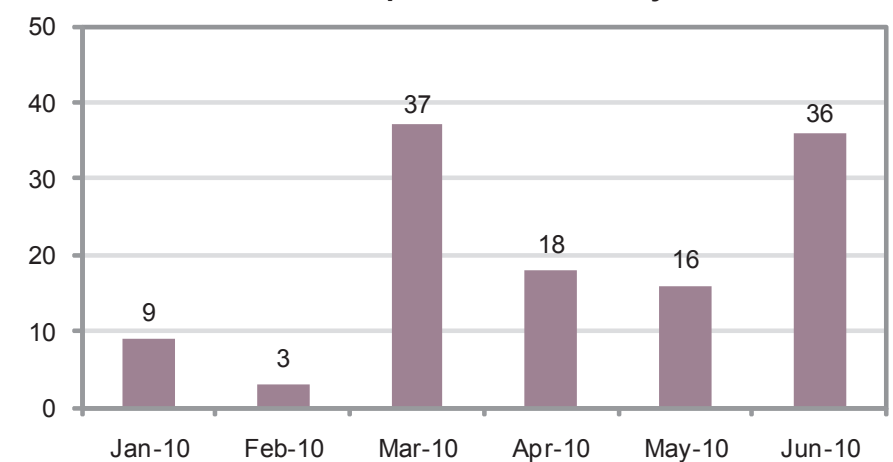
Resignations:

From 1 January to 7 July 2010, VDC Secretaries in 27 districts have reportedly received written or verbal threats to resign from their post. Of these, VDC Secretaries in 24 districts received "threats to resign" from SJMM alone since June 2010. Citing insecurity, VDC Secretaries in 20 districts submitted their resignation as of 7 July 2010. In only 3 districts have the resignations been withdrawn (Rolpa, Banke, 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.

At the time of this report, on 8 July police in Nawalparasi reportedly arrested Kul Prasad Bhattarai 'Kushum', district in-charge of SJMM on the charge of issuing threats to VDC Secretaries.

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 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.