FACTSHEET
Electoral Violence and Contestation
Local Election Nepal - Third Phase - Campaign Silence Period & Election Day, September 16 to 18, 2017

TOTAL INCIDENTS
11

VIOLENT
10
- CLASH / ATTACK 7
- EXPLOSIVE DEVICE 3

NON VIOLENT
1
- ARREST 1

DEATH 0
INJURIES 13
BUILDING DAMAGED 0
VEHICLES DAMAGED 0

2 PROVINCE
11 INCIDENTS

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By 12:00 PM on September 19, NepalMonitor.org recorded eleven election-related incidents, ten of them being violent, and resulting in the injury of at least 13 people. Of the eleven incidents, four involved clashes between members of political parties; three involved attacks on polling centers, election officials or security personal; and three incidents involved Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) being detonated near polling centers. The last incident involved the arrest of eleven people, including nine activists of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) led by Netra Bikram Chand for unspecified anti-election activities in Dhanusha district.
Clashes Involving Political Parties

- On September 16, cadres of Nepali Congress and Communist Party of Nepal – Unified Marxist-Leninist (CPN-UML) clashed in Nagarain Municipality-8 of Dhanusha district after a dispute arose over the election.
- On September 16, the personal security guard of a member of parliament from Nepali Congress (NC) was accused of firing a gun during a dispute with the cadres from RJPN in Balara Municipality-3, Sarlahi district. No injuries or arrests were reported.
- On September 18, cadres of Rastriya Janata Party Nepal (RJPN) and Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP) clashed at Hanumannagar Kankalini Municipality-9 in Saptari district after a dispute arose during voting.
- On September 18, police fired shots in the air after cadres of the Communist Party of Nepal – Maoist Center (CPN-MC) and Federal Socialist Forum - Nepal clashed with the police over a dispute that arose when party representatives instructed voters on how to cast votes at Maulapur Municipality in Rautahat district.

Attack on Polling Center, Election Official, and Security Personnel

- On September 18, a person was injured when stones were thrown at Motipur polling center in Kaudena Rural Municipality in Sarlahi district.
- On September 18, two people were arrested at Dhangadi, Municipality-1 in Siraha district for beating a polling officer near the polling center.
- On September 18, a person was arrested for manhandling a police officer during a clash between cadres of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) and RJPN at Bardibas-10 in Mahottari district.

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Detonation

- On September 16, a girl was injured after an IED exploded at Balara Municipality-2 in Sarlahi district near the Indian border when the victim picked up the device, thinking it was a doll. Three more devices were disposed by the army bomb disposal squad.
- On September 17, an IED detonated at Birgunj Municipality-19 in Parsa district in the morning. No further details were available.
- On September 18, an unidentified group detonated an IED in Hariaun Municipality-1 in Sarlahi district. The incident took place when ballot boxes were transported from the voting center in Bilandi Basic School to the vote counting center. None of the ballot boxes were damaged.

Anti-Election Activity and Proxy Vote Arrests

- On September 16, 11 people were arrested from different parts of Dhanusha district including nine activists of the Netra Bikram Chand led CPN for unspecified alleged anti-election activities.
- On September 18, 48 people in total were arrested from various parts of Siraha, Sarlahi and Saptari district for trying to cast proxy votes.

For an updated list of election related incidents in September, please [click here](#).
Incidents During Local Elections, Third Phase
September 16-18, 2017

Forms of violence
- Group Clash/Attack
- IED/Explosive Device

Number of incidents
- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3

*Only incidents with injuries reported are mentioned

Province 2
Sep 18: Stone hurled in Motipur polling centre
Sep 18: Tension flares as firing goes in Rautahat, eight injured
Sep 17: Girl injured in Sarlahi explosion
Sep 17: Man arrested on the charge of beating polling staff in Siraha
Sep 16: NC and UML cadres clash in Dhanusha, two injured
Electoral Violence and Contestation - Overview

Feb. 20 to Sept. 18, 2017

**Trends in Electoral Incidents since February 20, 2017**

Election-related incidents in March and April were mainly related to the Madhes-based party protests that followed the announcement of election, and the Government of Nepal's response to these protests. During May and June, there was a marked increase in election-related incidents as the first and second phase of local elections occurred. During the first phase of elections 169 incidents (133 of those violent) were recorded. During the second phase of elections 163 (128 violent) were recorded. During the most recent third phase of local elections 29 incidents (27 violent) were recorded. Violent incidents during the first phase of local elections were mainly driven by clashes between candidates and supporters of major political parties, and to some extent the activities of CPN (Chand) trying to disrupt the elections. During the second phase of elections, there was significant increase in the use of IEDs, with 78 incidents related to IEDs being recorded. Third phase polls in Province 2 were the most peaceful in the period immediately around election day, and this is largely attributed to the Madhes-based parties agreeing to take part in the elections. However, 224 incidents were recorded in Province 2 since February 20 when local elections were first announced, making it the geographic area with the highest number of election-related incidents recorded over the full election period.
### Overview Electoral Incidents, by phase

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#### Incidents, by district:
- **Clash/Attack**: [Phase 1](#), [Phase 2](#), [Phase 3](#)
- **IED**: [Phase 1](#), [Phase 2](#), [Phase 3](#)
- **Vandalism/Arson**: [Phase 1](#), [Phase 2](#), [Phase 3](#)

#### Incidents, by form of Electoral Violence:
- **Death**: 4, 2, 0
- **Injuries**: 148, 123, 29
- **Abduction**: 2, 0, 0

#### Violent incidents:
- 133, 128, 27

#### Total no. of incidents:
- 169, 163, 29

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