



## **Incidents After the June 28 Elections Vote Counting Period**

Analysis Update – 10

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After the vote counting for the June 28 elections officially concluded on July 11, there was one election-related incident recorded by Nepal Monitor between July 12 and August 2. This is the lowest number of election-related incidents recorded during any equivalent time period since the announcement of local elections on February 20. An additional incident related to dissatisfaction over local body restructuring was also recorded during this period. The significant decline in incidents can mostly be attributed to the absence of political party activity across the country with more than five weeks before the third phase of local elections are scheduled to take place.<sup>1</sup>

Although Rashtriya Janta Party Nepal (RJPN) formally registered as a party at the Election Commission of Nepal (ECN) on July 7, the party continued to insist that the amendment to constitution was a necessary precondition for them to participate in the elections. While there had been a series of dialogue between the major parties in ruling coalition and the agitating RJPN, they were yet to reach a breakthrough as of August 2.

There were a significant number of incidents recorded during the first and second phase of local elections. It is anticipated that the number of election-related incidents will increase with the resumption of campaigns for and against elections as the election date draws nearer in Province 2.

### **Overview of incidents:**

#### **Election-Related Incident**

- On July 17, Communist Party of Nepal - Unified Marxist-Leninist (CPN-UML) cadres reportedly attacked a Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Center) [CPN-MC] cadre in Jumrikandha of Pyuthan Municipality in Pyuthan district after a dispute over the local elections. The Young Communist League (YCL), a sister organization of CPN-MC, released a statement denouncing CPN-UML for allegedly protecting strongmen in the district.

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<sup>1</sup> The third phase of local elections is scheduled for September 18, 2017 in Province 2. Candidate nomination will begin on September 6.

## **Local Body Restructuring-Related Incident**

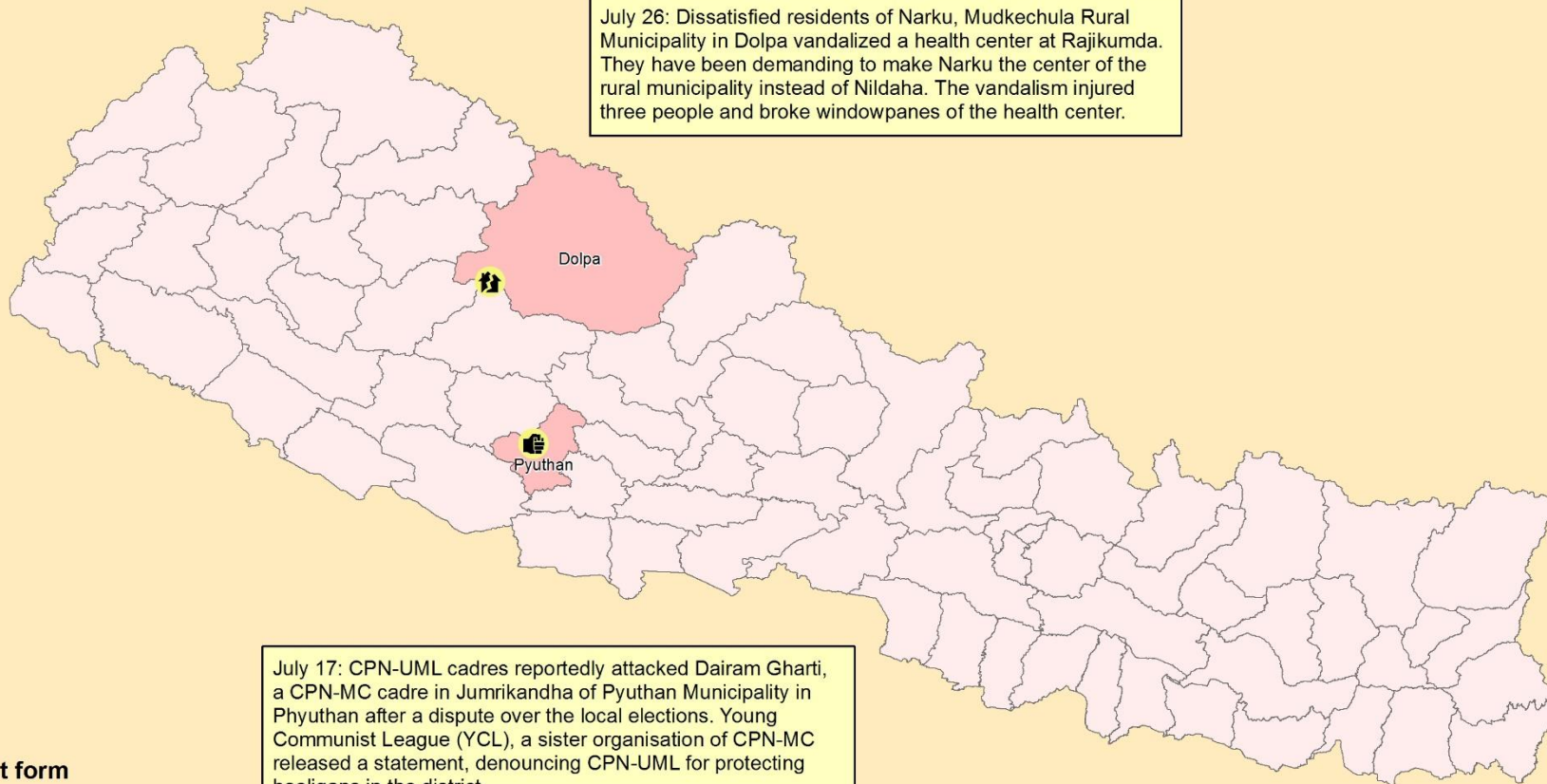
- On July 26, dissatisfied residents in Narku of Mudkechula Rural Municipality in Dolpa vandalized a health center at Rajikumda. They were demanding that Narku be made the center of the rural municipality instead of Nildaha. The incident led to the three people being injured as some people were inside the health center while the vandalism took place, and the windows of the health center were also broken.

*Note: Please scroll down to see the map of incidents enlisted in the report.*

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## Election Related Incidents, Jul 12 - Aug 2, 2017





July 26: Dissatisfied residents of Narku, Mudkechula Rural Municipality in Dolpa vandalized a health center at Rajikumda. They have been demanding to make Narku the center of the rural municipality instead of Nildaha. The vandalism injured three people and broke windowpanes of the health center.

July 17: CPN-UML cadres reportedly attacked Dairam Gharti, a CPN-MC cadre in Jumrikandha of Pyuthan Municipality in Phyuthan after a dispute over the local elections. Young Communist League (YCL), a sister organisation of CPN-MC released a statement, denouncing CPN-UML for protecting hooligans in the district.

### Event form

-  Group Clash/Assault
-  Vandalism

### Total number of incidents

-  0
-  1 - 2