

# Factsheet: Electoral Violence and Contestation

## Local Election- First Phase, May 12 – 14, 2017 \*

Total  
Incidents:

81

Violent:

66

Non-  
violent:

15

Deaths

3

Injuries

43

Buildings  
Damaged

3

Vehicle  
Damaged

13

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## Forms of Incidents



10 incidents occurred in the remaining 4 provinces

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## Actors Involved in violent incidents

Major Political Parties

- 27

CPN (Chand)

- 15

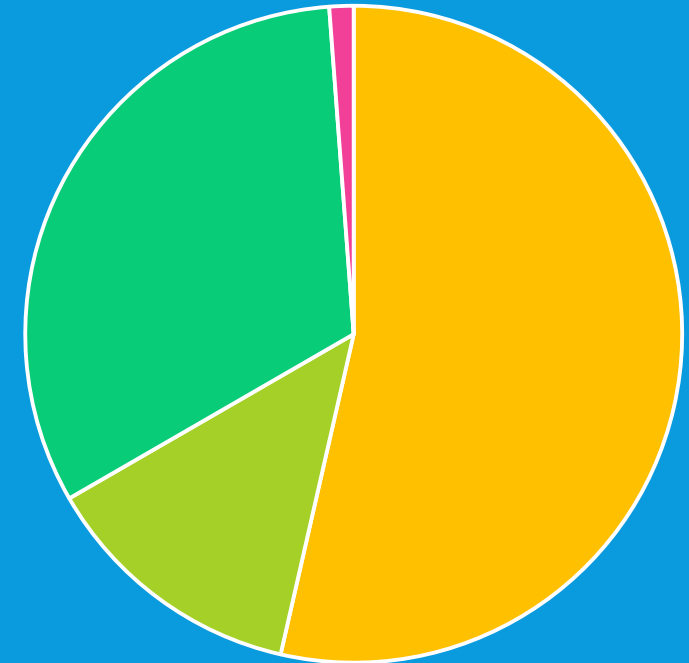
Unclear (suspected CPN)

- 25

Security Forces

- At least 6

Which election related issues led to most incidents?



■ Contestation regarding implementation and legitimacy of election

■ Contestation related to Code of Conduct Violation

■ Contestations between rival parties

■ Intraparty competition

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## Incidents related to Communist Party of Nepal

In Kalikot, cadres of Communist Party of Nepal (CPN), led by Netra Bikram Chand, tried to actively disrupt elections by attempting to seize and destroy ballot boxes in Naraharinath rural municipality on May 14. Reportedly, eight police personnel were injured in the incident and one person died and three were injured as a result of police firing.

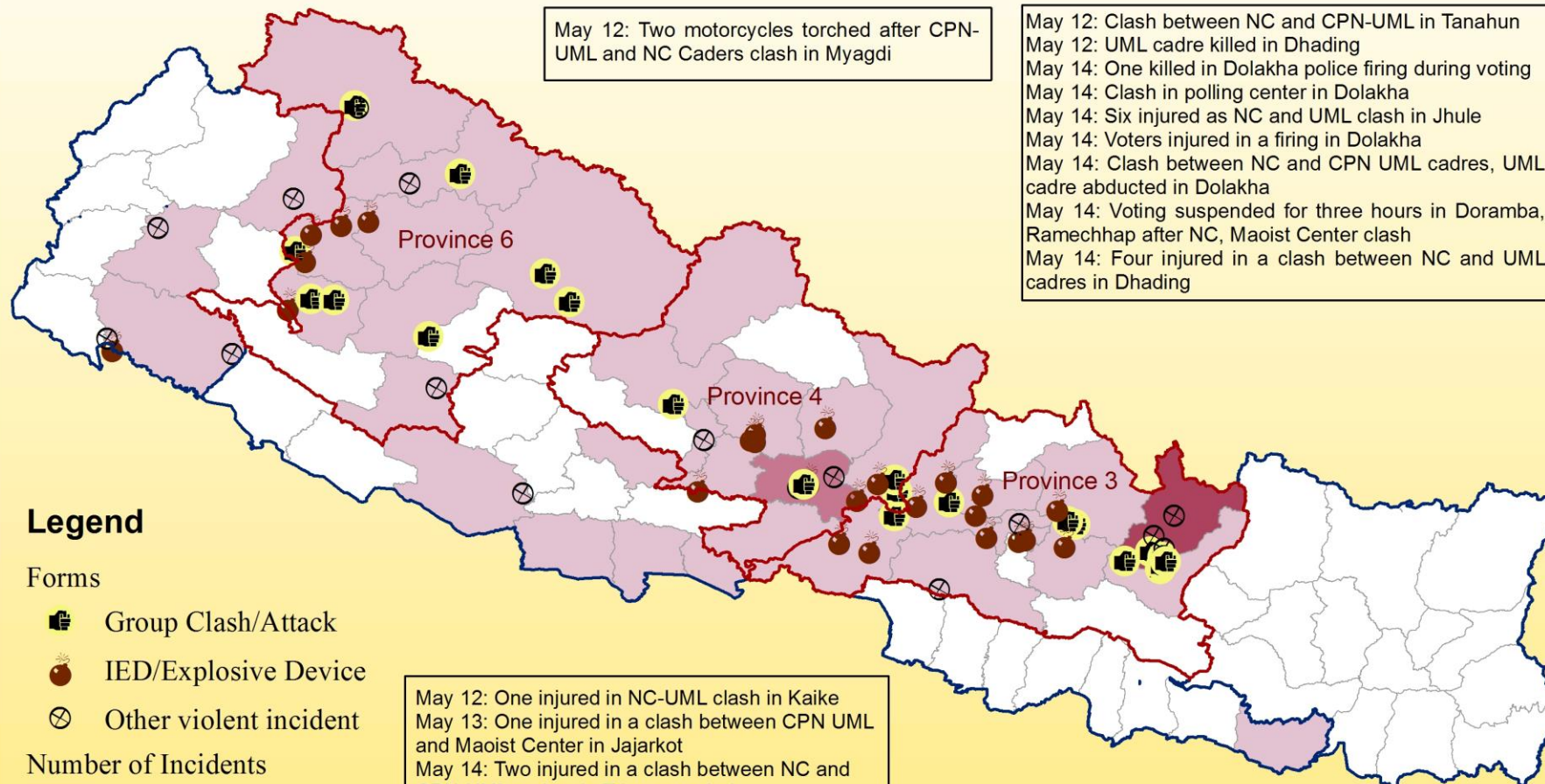
The previous day, on May 13, the CPN had announced a Nepal Bandh to disrupt the elections. The bandh was reported effective in several districts in Western Nepal. During the bandh, a number of socket bombs, IEDs, and suspicious objects were found throughout the country's roadside, or near candidates' homes and polling centers. Minor blasts occurred in Kaski, Nuwakot, Kalikot, Rupandehi and Jumla. Bombs were found, and later defused, in Dhangadi, Kaski, Chitwan, Myagdi, Gorkha, Tanahun, Dhading and Sindhupalchowk districts. In Bajura, Parbat and Kailali, vehicles were vandalized and in Mugu, cadres of CPN seized and destroyed election materials in Shobha Gaun of Rara Chhaya Nath Municipality. On the morning of election day, explosive devices were found and neutralized in Bhaktapur, Kathmandu, Kavre and Dailekh. A minor explosion was recorded in Nuwakot. These devices appear to have been aimed at scaring voters and no casualties were reported. A candidate in Chitwan and Makwanpur each were allegedly abducted by CPN cadres, although reports have not been confirmed yet.



## Electoral Violence in Dolakha

In Dolakha, a district that had seen electoral violence during the 2013 CA election, the situation was tense in several polling stations since the morning and incidents were reported throughout the election day. An individual was killed and 20 were injured in a police firing to control the mob trying to disrupt the election process in Melung rural municipality. In Tamakoshi rural municipality, a clash between NC and CPN-UML caused six injuries. In the same rural municipality, police fired warning shots at a polling center after Maoist Center and NC cadres attempted to seize remaining ballot papers. The previous day in another ward of Tamakoshi, the husband of a UML candidate was temporarily abducted by the cadres of Nepal Congress (NC) during a clash. He was released the same day. Some voters were injured when an unidentified person opened fire in Baiteswor rural municipality polling center.

# Incidents During Local Election, First Phase May 12-14, 2017






May 12: Two motorcycles torched after CPN-UML and NC Cadres clash in Myagdi





May 12: Clash between NC and CPN-UML in Tanahun  
 May 12: UML cadre killed in Dhading  
 May 14: One killed in Dolakha police firing during voting  
 May 14: Clash in polling center in Dolakha  
 May 14: Six injured as NC and UML clash in Jhule  
 May 14: Voters injured in a firing in Dolakha  
 May 14: Clash between NC and CPN UML cadres, UML cadre abducted in Dolakha  
 May 14: Voting suspended for three hours in Doramba, Ramechhap after NC, Maoist Center clash  
 May 14: Four injured in a clash between NC and UML cadres in Dhading

## Legend

### Forms

-  Group Clash/Attack
-  IED/Explosive Device
-  Other violent incident

### Number of Incidents

-  0
-  1 - 5
-  6 - 10
-  11 - 15

May 12: One injured in NC-UML clash in Kaike  
 May 13: One injured in a clash between CPN UML and Maoist Center in Jajarkot  
 May 14: Two injured in a clash between NC and CPN-UML cadres in Tripurasundari  
 May 14: Chand's cadres try to disrupt voting in Kharpunath, Humla  
 May 14: One injured in police firing died in Kalikot  
 May 14: Clash in one of the voting booths in Mugu  
 May 14: Clash erupts in Narayani Municipality, one injured in Dailekh