



SITUATION REPORT - 3: DELHI VIOLENCE

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A. CURRENT SITUATION

Violence in India's capital in the last week of February has left 53 dead and hundreds injured and caused extreme damage to properties. Since fortnight now to one of the most outrageous violence Delhi has ever witnessed the situation is gradually going back to normal but the fear and trauma continues. Authorities have yet to provide an official account of what sparked the 72-hour clash that left 53 people dead and hundreds wounded, though tensions between Hindus and Muslims have been building for months over a new citizenship law.

Amidst appealing for peace, Delhi Government also announced compensation of Rs 10 lakh for the families of those killed in the communal riots in Delhi, and listed several peace and rehabilitation measures for the city. In addition to this, several other compensation was announced. Delhi government will bear the cost of treatment of those injured in the violence and those admitted to private hospitals. The families who lost any minor member would get Rs 5 lakh as ex gratia, while those seriously injured will get Rs 2 lakh.

Currently, the government has set up a coordination system to oversee the relief work as well as proper camp management. Further, government has also appointed 12 SDMs (Sub District Magistrate) and 4 night Magistrates in addition to existing one in North East district to assess the situation, review condition of relief camps and immediate disbursal of claim amount to the victims. Civil societies are also coming up to provide a helping hand to Delhi Government in reaching out to the victims. The situation looks under control with various stakeholders involved now, however, in many areas like Chand Bagh and Shiv Vihar the condition is still grim. Fear has gripped the victims and the local residents and with random rumour circulation, this often gets aggravated.

B. IMPACT OF THE SITUATION

Districts affected	North East and Shahdra districts of Delhi
Area reported as affected:	Yamuna Vihar, Jaffrabad, Maujpur-Baburpur, Gokulpuri, Johri enclave, Shiv Vihar, Maujpur, Jafrabad, Chand Bagh, Karawal Nagar, Khajuri Khas, Kardampuri, Gorakh Park, Seelampur, Chajjupur, Brahmpuri localities.
Lives lost Injuries Damages	53 lives lost nearly 900 injured. Damage assessment under process
Hospitals where patients are being treated	Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, Maulana Azad Hospital, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Al- Hind Hospital and few other small nursing home in the adjoining areas.
Emerging Needs	While emerging needs are being addressed through relief coordination system set up at District HQ in Nand Nagri, attention is needed to following priorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WASH issues at Idgah camps. 2. Status Reports on Compensation forms filled and claims paid. 3. Comprehensive Livelihood assessment



	4. Psycho social support especially for women at Idgah camp, children, youth, women and others in affected areas.
Relief Camps opened	08 - Lal Bagh Jhuggi Mansarovar Park, Panchsheel Park Camp, Kabool Nagar camp in Shahdra, Shahstri park camp, Pustam Usmanpur camp, EDMC community centre, Al Hind Hospital Camp, Eidgah camp in Shiv Vihar Al Hind Camp which was housing some 40 families has been closed yesterday. Many of them have moved in Idgah camp leading to more crowding there.
Priority Issues	WASH at Idgah Camp: Only eight toilets seats are there in mobile toilet vans placed in narrow lane outside the Idgah camp in Mustaffabad with approx. 1600 + inmates. The area don't have a functional sewage system, open drains are choked and there is not enough space for equipment for desludging to operate in the lanes. The lack of solid waste management, garbage disposal and overflowing drains are posing serious WASH concerns in the camp and neighbourhood. Corona Virus and other communicable diseases: The nature of WASH facilities varies in slum and non-slum localities in affected areas. The crowding and impact on WASH amid rising threat of corona virus and other communicable diseases is a concern of this complex humanitarian situation. Livelihood and food security: Livelihood of the people are badly affected in the area. Approx. 40% of street vendors, petty businesses, home based workers, daily wage workers have gone unemployed. There is no assessment yet on numbers of daily wagers and invisibles who were dependent on the markets that have collapsed due to violence and post violence restrictions.

C. HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government response

- Central Government has given a date after Holi to discuss Delhi violence issue in the ongoing session of the parliament.
- AAP government launched a two-day mega drive to verify the claims of riot victims for compensation, as the police said it has so far registered over 600 cases in connection with the deadly communal violence in northeast Delhi.
- The verification process, is headed by six senior IAS officers. It is an important exercise to determine the claimants. The government is facing the issue of duplication of claim forms.
- Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Environment Minister Gopal Rai visited the Eidgah in Mustafabad and interacted with locals besides taking stock of facilities being provided by the government at relief camps.
- Administration has section 144 removed from various places bringing situation back to normal. However, heavy police personnel is still deployed at riot-hit places for security reasons.
- The Delhi Police said out of 683 cases registered, 48 were related to the Arms Act.
- According to CBSE, more than 98% students appeared for Class XII exam in riot-hit northeast Delhi on Friday.

NGO / Civil Society Response

- GO-NGO coordination has been established as district HQ with daily planning meeting in the morning and debriefing meeting in the evening.



- Delhi Waqf Board on Friday released Rs 50 lakh for repair and renovation of houses and shops of violence-affected people.
- The Construction Committee of Delhi Waqf Board has already undertaken repair work from Saturday. The houses and shops of affected people, no matter which religion they belong to will be repaired by the Waqf Board and an amount of Rs 50 lakh was released for the same.
- Through collective effort of government and civil society many shelter camps have been activated in the areas.
- Children needs at Idgah camp and other locations are being addressed by civil society organisations under leadership of DCPCR.
- Camp coordination at Idgah camp is collectively being run and managed by Waqf board with support from civil society organizations including members of Sphere India. Sphere India is supplementing camp level and GO-NGO coordination.
- The agencies already responding / planning to respond are updating their information in Sphere India URS matrix for mapping of who is doing what and where. The link to matrix can be found below: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LHiNM3mDaDck4OEKBsKQLHROlrVWuGmMsUhzxFV-Zfs/edit#gid=0>
- Sphere India WASH Committee had a meeting on 9th March over concerns regarding number of toilets in Eidgah camp. A technical WASH team made a visit to Eidgah camp and is working on a report to suggest solutions to numbers and kind of toilets feasible in and around Idgah camp. The need for separate urinals, bathing station, wash basins was also figured during the visit. The report will also look in other WASH issues in and around the camp and make recommendations.
- Coordination meetings of Sphere India protection, education, shelter and livelihoods committee are also being planned. Sphere India is already in touch with its member organisation sector leads over facilitation of such coordination meetings. Advocacy for Delhi Govt officials for each sector to chair / lead this meeting was done in GO-NGO meeting. It was assured that such meetings will be hosted by respective officer in Delhi Secretariat from next week.
- The peace building efforts are gaining momentum. The Indian Youth Congress held a peace march in Delhi on Friday to restore communal harmony in the city. The march, 'Sadhbhavana Tiranga Yatra', started from Rajendra Prasad Road and concluded at Tees January Marg. IYC president Srinivas B V led the march. Volunteers for Peace also organised peace marches in the area.

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