



SITUATION REPORT -1: DELHI VIOLENCE

26th February 2020

A. CURRENT SITUATION

On 23rd of February, 2020, violence broke out in the North East region of Delhi which escalated over time. Section 144 of CrPC has been imposed on 10 locations in North East Delhi. As a result of the violence, 27 deaths have been confirmed so far, including the death of a police officer, with over 250 injured. Damage to property, especially shops, street-vendors and religious sites has been noted.

The Chief Minister of Delhi has requested the Union Home Minister for military intervention. Victims of violence have reported impediments in accessing emergency healthcare, owing to blockades. A two-judge bench of Delhi High court ordered DCP East to ensure safe passage of patients in AI-Hind Hospital to GTB and other hospitals. Incidents of violence against women and girls have also been reported.

Prime Minister has also appealed for calm and peace in Delhi. He said, “he had an extensive review on the situation prevailing in various parts of Delhi. Police and other agencies are working on the ground to ensure peace and normalcy.” He further added, “Peace and harmony are central to our ethos. I appeal to maintain peace and brotherhood at all times. It is important that there is calm and normalcy is restored at the earliest.”

B. IMPACT OF THE SITUATION

No. of districts affected	02 - North & North East 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.
Human lives lost	27
No. of injured	Nearly 250
Infrastructure damage	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, AI- Hind Hospital
Emerging Needs	Poor and vulnerable segments of the society are severely affected and will need definite humanitarian assistance with Health, WASH, Protection, Shelter and livelihoods support to bring normalcy in their lives.



C. HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government response

- Home minister Amit Shah held a long meeting that lasted for almost 3 hours with Delhi Police & home ministry officials. Newly appointed special commissioner of police SN Srivastava also attended the meeting. It was the 3rd meeting chaired by him in less than 24 hours (ANI)
- NSA Ajit Doval visits violence hit areas of Jafarabad and Maujpur to take stock of the situation. He also met with top cops and interacted with locals in the areas.
- IPS officer SN Shrivastava has been appointed as the new Delhi Police Special Commissioner (Law and Order) after the Union home ministry repatriated him from the CRPF on Tuesday night to take control of the violence in the national capital.
- The Central Board of Secondary Education has rescheduled the Class 10 and 12 Board examinations in view of the current situation.
- Administration has imposed section 144. Police has made 106 arrests and registered 18 FIRs. Surveillance through drones and CCTV is being carried out.
- Haryana Police issued an advisory on law & order situation in the State especially for the districts adjoining Delhi in the wake of the recent violence
- Security personnel, including paramilitary forces, conducted flag marches in the riot-hit areas of Chand Bagh, Jafrabad, Bhajanpura, Yamuna Vihar and Maujpur on Wednesday as tension simmered in the wake of the communal strife.

NGO / Civil Society Response

- Citizens groups has been activated in JNU, Jamia and in some communities for collection of urgent need supplies.
- Harsh Mandar led Aman Biradari is also coordinating a group of concerned citizens to provide services for verification / dissemination of information, rescue efforts, medical aid, accommodation, food and legal support.
- Sphere India Inter Agency Coordination Committee coordination call was held at national level on 26th February 2020 to review overall situation and needs emerging in this complex crisis. NGOs are trying to assess the situation through partners and local organisations. Next meeting is proposed for 27th February 2020.

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