

Situation Report - 1

Manipur Violence

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Background:

On 3rd May 2023 violence broke out between the Kuki and Meitei communities at various places in Manipur during the course of a 'Tribal Solidarity March' by the All Tribal Students' Union of Manipur (ATSUM) to oppose the longstanding demand that the Meitei community be included in the list of the state's Scheduled Tribes (ST), which received a boost from an order of the Manipur High Court last month. The Army and Assam Rifles carried out flag marches in the areas hit by the violence.

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- **Over 13,000** People Affected with many taking Refuge in Army Camps.
- Hundreds of houses, churches, temples and vehicles were destroyed or burnt in five districts of Imphal, Churachandpur, Bishnupur, Kangpokpi and Tengnoupal.
- Curfew was imposed in non-tribal-dominated Imphal West, Kakching, Thoubal, Jiribam and Bishnupur districts and tribal-dominated Churachandpur, Kangpokpi, and Tengnoupal districts.
- **At least 13 lives** have been lost in two days of mob violence.
- Three-time MLA and former tribal minister Mr. Vungsagin Valte was attacked by a mob in Imphal.
- The Manipur government on May 4 issued a **shoot-at-sight** order in "extreme cases", as escalating ethnic violence
- The state has shut down internet services across Manipur for five days
- The Northeast Frontier Railway has stopped all Manipur-bound trains.

SITUATION UPDATES



Affected population - 13000



Affected Districts - 8



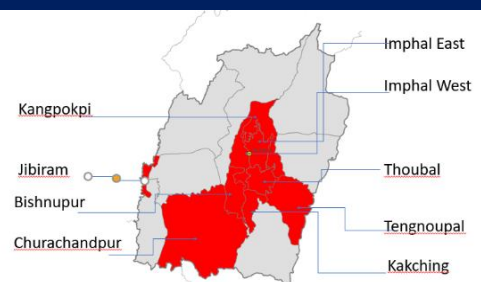
Human Lives Lost - 13



Injured peoples - 100



No. of persons evacuated - 9000



- On May 4, around 500 people from the Kuki community gathered outside the Manipur Bhavan in New Delhi demanding the resignation of Chief Minister and imposition of President's rule in the state.
- Members of the Kuki and Meithei communities clashed on May 4 in Nongrim Hills near Mizo Modern School in the Meghalaya capital. The police acted swiftly and arrested 16 people from both communities.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government Response



Response

- Following the outbreak of violence, army, and Assam Rifles personnel were deployed in several districts of Manipur.
- More than 13,000 people have been evacuated from various districts and kept in separate camps. About 5,000 people were shifted to Churachandpur, 2,000 to Imphal Valley and 2,000 to the border town of Moreh.
- Govt of Manipur has opened a helpline center to provide help and assistance to the persons affected
- Former CRPF chief Kuldeep Singh has been appointed security adviser for Manipur and senior IPS officer Ashutosh Sinha has been made the overall commander overseeing peace restoration operations in the state.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) will deploy the air force from Guwahati and Tezpur in Assam.
- The Meghalaya Chief Minister has directed the officials to evacuate the students of his state studying in various schools and colleges in Manipur.
- 14 columns of the army and paramilitary forces are kept ready for deployment at short notice



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