

Situation Report - 3

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

- A total curfew imposed in Manipur following violence that claimed 60 lives was partially relaxed in **11 districts** on Monday. People came out of their homes to buy food, medicine, and other essentials
- At least **60 people**, including women, have been killed and **231 people injured** while **1,700 houses have been burned down** in the ethnic violence in Manipur since May 3.
- **35,655 people, including 1,593 students**, were shifted to safer places during the violence.
- **About 20,000** stranded people have been rescued from various places in Manipur and around **10,000 people** are still stranded.
- Internet services have been suspended in the state till May 13
- The Supreme Court asked the state government to submit an updated status report on rescue and rehabilitation measures by **May 17**.

SITUATION UPDATES



Affected population
- 36655



Affected Districts -
11



Human Lives Lost
- 60



Injured peoples -
231

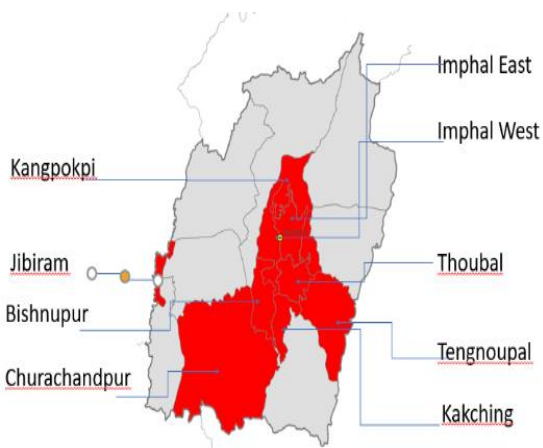


No. of persons
evacuated - 23000



No. of Fully damaged
houses - 1700

- The CM announced that a high-level inquiry would be held to determine the accountability of the individuals and groups who incited the violence and against government officials who did not fulfill their responsibility.
- The CM said that 1,041 weapons and 7,460 ammunitions were stolen from the security forces by the assailants and agitators and 214 weapons and 4,273 ammunitions have been recovered so far.
- The Supreme Court directed the Center and the Manipur government to ensure all suitable arrangements and medical facilities in the relief camps for the affected people.
- A defense spokesperson said the Army has significantly increased aerial surveillance by redeploying helicopters and UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) inside the Imphal Valley.
- Officials said **596 people** fled to Mizoram from violent Manipur and sought shelter in the state.
- Most of the displaced people live in makeshift camps in several villages, while others are housed by their local relatives.
- Air fares from Imphal, the capital of Manipur, to Kolkata have increased by six to eight times the normal rate.
- According to the data from the field, more than **12000 people live in 2-3 camps in Imphal**. Campers only get **2 meals a day**. **Cloth, sanitary items and medicines** are urgently needed for the camp.



Manipur, May 05: Army and Assam Rifles personnel conduct a flag march in an area following violence that broke out in the Torbung area of Churachandpur after the Meiteis, who dominate the Imphal Valley demanded Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. ANI

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government Response



Response

- To restore normalcy, army personnel and Assam Rifles conducted flag marches. Reports indicate that around 10,000 security personnel have been deployed across the state since the riots began on Wednesday.
- The central government has sent 50 companies of central forces to help 105 ranks of the Army and Assam Rifles to tackle the violence
- The Manipur government on Sunday appointed Mr. Vineet Joshi as the new Chief Secretary of the state
- The Chief Minister has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased, Rs 2 lakh to those seriously injured and Rs 25,000 to those with minor injuries, appealing for peace.
- Army has relocated 23,000 people from various districts. About 10,000 were displaced from the Kuki community, 9,500 from the Meitei community and the rest from other communities.
- Several state governments, including the northeastern states, are working on plans to evacuate their citizens from violence-hit Manipur.
- The Nagaland government brought back 676 people from violence-hit Manipur on Sunday, officials said.
- The governments of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Uttarakhand have been rushing to get their residents out of Manipur as soon as possible as violence continues to engulf the state. Most states have arranged special flights to get the residents, mostly students, out. Maharashtra students studying in Manipur will arrive in a special plane arranged by state government at 6.30 pm today



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