

Situation Report - 4

Manipur Violence

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Background:

For the past four days, authorities in Manipur have gradually eased the curfew restrictions that were put in place on May 3rd following violent clashes between the Meitei and Kuki communities. As relief and response efforts continue in Manipur and neighboring states, the government is also conducting a search for missing persons, with the assistance of local residents and the army. With the combined efforts of the government, the army, and the local community, it is hoped that normalcy will soon be restored in Manipur.

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- For four days now, authorities have relaxed curfew restrictions in the morning.
- The death toll from communal violence in Manipur has risen to **68**, injuries to **236**, and **1,794 structures**, including houses and places of worship, have been damaged in the violence.
- **About 4,000** affected people are currently sheltered in relief camps and receiving regular health check-ups and psychological counseling, while **26,000 have been displaced**, the Information and Public Relations Minister said.
- The Manipur government informed the home ministry that **41 of the 66 deaths reported** since the outbreak of violence on May 3 were violence-related.
- A policeman was killed and four others injured in a firing incident near Tera Khongphangbi in Bishnupur district on Thursday.

SITUATION UPDATES



Affected population
- 36655



Affected Districts
- 11



Human Lives Lost
- 68



Injured peoples
- 236



No. of persons
Displaced - 26000



No. of Fully damaged
buildings - 1794

- On Friday, across Imphal, all shops remained closed except for a few pharmacies. There are reports of cash shortages at ATMs and fuel shortages at pumps.
- Manipur Police has registered 321 FIRs and has already started to identify and arrest the perpetrators and conduct raids.
- The biggest makeshift camp is located in Imphal with around 6-8 thousand people. And several other camps are there with around 1-3 thousand people across the state mainly in Tengnoupal (Moreh Town), Churachandpur, and Bishnupur Districts.
- Although two meals a day are served in these camps, water and medical aid are not available to meet the needs of the victims.
- **More than 5,600 people** from violence-hit Manipur have taken refuge in Assam and Mizoram
- Around **600 people** in Manipur returned to their homes while **2,300 more** took shelter in eight government-sponsored camps in south Assam's Cachar district following the violence in Manipur.
- Officials said **4409 people fled Manipur to Mizoram** after communal riots broke out last week. These people were housed in temporary relief camps across six districts of Mizoram and many were sheltered by their relatives.
- According to government reports from Mizoram, 1,362 people sought shelter in camps in Kolasib district, 1,523 in Saitual district, 1427 in Aizawl district and the remaining 97 in Champhai, Serchhip, and Khawzawl districts.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government Response

Response

- A total of 128 columns of the Indian Army and Assam Rifles are continuing flag march in the affected areas
- Security personnel managed to secure National Highway 37 completely to ensure the movement of trucks loaded with essential goods.
- The Indian Army and Assam Rifles have significantly rebuilt the security architecture and infused many resources in Manipur, said a statement issued by Defense PRO.
- Round-the-clock surveillance by special-duty unmanned aerial vehicles, Mi-17 and Cheetah helicopters of the Indian Air Force and Army, numerous foot patrols and flag marches are being resorted to restore the confidence of local residents, a defense statement said





- Security officials have now enlisted church leaders, tribal chiefs and other community leaders to contact the missing families and convince them to either return to their villages or paramilitary camps.
- Manipur Governor Anusuya Uyke directed Manipur Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi and concerned officials to form a state-level peace committee to restore peace and harmony in Manipur.
- The Governor visited the relief camps at Khuman Lampak in Imphal on Wednesday and interacted with the victims of communal violence and the stranded people who were evacuated from Churachandpur and More.



A girl evacuated by the Indian army during the ethnic riots in Manipur state embraces with her mother (2R) after reuniting at a temporary shelter at the Leimakhong Army Cantonment.(AFP)

Stakeholders Preparedness and Response

- Humanitarian Aid International, together with NEADS (North East Affected Area Development Society) and a local organization REDI, provided essential relief items to the people displaced by Manipur Violence, staying in camps in Cachher district, Assam.
- Doctors For You's Manipur team is planning and preparing for responding to the situation.
- North East Students Forum TISS and Student Fraternity of North East from TISS launched a fundraising campaign for victims of violence in Manipur
- Evangelical Fellowship of India is providing temporary accommodation with basic amenities in its center in Delhi for the violence-affected people of Manipur.
- Sphere India called for an emergency meeting of the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee on 8th May 2023 to take stock of the situation and plan the course of action. Sphere India Secretariat is also regularly monitoring the situation in close coordination with IAG Manipur.



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