

# Situation Report - 05

## Manipur Violence

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### Background

Ethnic violence in the Indian state of Manipur has killed more than 70 people, hospitalised hundreds, and displaced over 30,000. But since the situation has come under control, authorities in Manipur have been gradually relaxing the curfew restrictions over the past week. Relief and response efforts are ongoing in Manipur and neighbouring states under the supervision of the government and humanitarian agencies.

## SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- For seven days now, authorities have been relaxing curfew restrictions and continuously improving the hours they allow. On May 16, authorities relaxed the curfew in the Imphal area from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- So far, 73 people have been killed, 236 injured, over 30,000 displaced, and more than 1,700 houses, including places of worship, burned down in the communal riots.
- While Imphal East, Imphal West, Chandel, Churachandpur, and Bishnupur are mostly affected by violence, violence has also affected the districts of Thoubal, Tengnoupal, Kakching, Jiribam, Ukhrul, and Kangpokpi.
- Food and medicine shortages are acute in the camps, and the internet is still not restored in the state. Also, rains are currently affecting relief efforts in the state.
- The Manipur Chief Minister rubbished speculations about a review of the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement signed between the central government, the Manipur government, and Kuki rebel groups on Monday.

### SITUATION UPDATES



Affected population  
- 36655



Affected Districts  
- 11



Human Lives Lost  
- 73



Injured peoples  
- 236



No. of persons  
Displaced - 30000



No. of Fully damaged  
buildings - 1794



No. of Relief Camps -  
200 Approx.

- Chief Minister also rejected the demand of MLAs, including seven members of the ruling BJP, for a special administration for Kuki-dominated districts in the state.
- More than 7,900 people have fled to the two northeastern states following the conflict, officials said. 6,520 people from Manipur, mainly from Chin, Kuki, and Mizo communities, have taken refuge in Mizoram, while 1,400 people have camped in Cachar in Assam.
- As of May 15, the Mizoram government's official figures show a maximum of 2,238 people have taken refuge in Saitual district, followed by 2,117 in Aizawl, 1,993 in Kolasib, 141 in Champhai, 17 in Khawzawl, and 14 in Serchhip district.
- A number of people, including prominent religious leaders, participated in the sit-in protest by the Vice President of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind at Delhi's Jantar Mantar against the brutal violence in Manipur and heinous attacks on places of worship.

## 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
- 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
- The Assam Rifles on Monday rescued 96 people trapped in violence in Manipur, near the India-Myanmar border, in an air force evacuation operation.
- In this adverse situation in Manipur, Government of Assam has deployed Sanjeevani Village Health Outreach Program (VHOP) to organize relief clinics in the border areas between Assam and Manipur and provide essential medical care to the citizens of Manipur.
- Assam Rifles rescued 45 visually impaired students and supporting staff of the Mission Blind School in Kaking during clashes in Manipur in the first week of May.
- 40 MT rice issued from FSD Sawombung for Imphal East and West districts and 7.5 MT Rice issued from FSD Tamenglong for Tamenglong district
- The Center government has asked the state government to start mega outreach programs with all ethnic groups



## Stakeholder's Preparedness and Response

- Humanitarian Aid International, with its local members, is trying to extend the necessary support to the people affected and displaced by the Manipur violence and currently staying in relief camps.
- Oasis India under their projects in Churachandpur and Assam is fundraising for emergency relief in Manipur and Assam.
- The Indian Red Cross Society distributed relief materials in Monkot Chepu and Litan Saraikhong in Manipur's Ukhrul District on May 9.
- The Young Chori Association relief team visited the refugee camps and donated a small amount to the relief fund for their food and essentials.
- Volunteers of Masaikon Charitable Trust and All Manipur Thanga People's Welfare Association provided relief materials to facilitate the displaced brothers and sisters camping in 14 different relief camps opened in Thanga AC.
- Inter Agency Groups (IAG) – Manipur and Sphere India are closely monitoring the situation



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Source: Media*



*Assam Rifles guarding during curfew at Oinam Bazaar of Bishnupur  
Source: Media*

## Emerging Needs

- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene items including sanitary napkins, washing, and bathing soaps
- Food and Non-food items including dignity kits, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, mattresses, bed sheets, blankets, etc. are also needed for every camp.
- Health actions like nutrition supplies and immediate support especially for children, lactating mothers, pregnant ladies, etc.
- Emergency medications for diabetics, persons with high blood pressure, cancer patients, etc. in accordance with the recommendation of their physician
- Psychosocial support for long term recovery



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