

Situation Report - 08

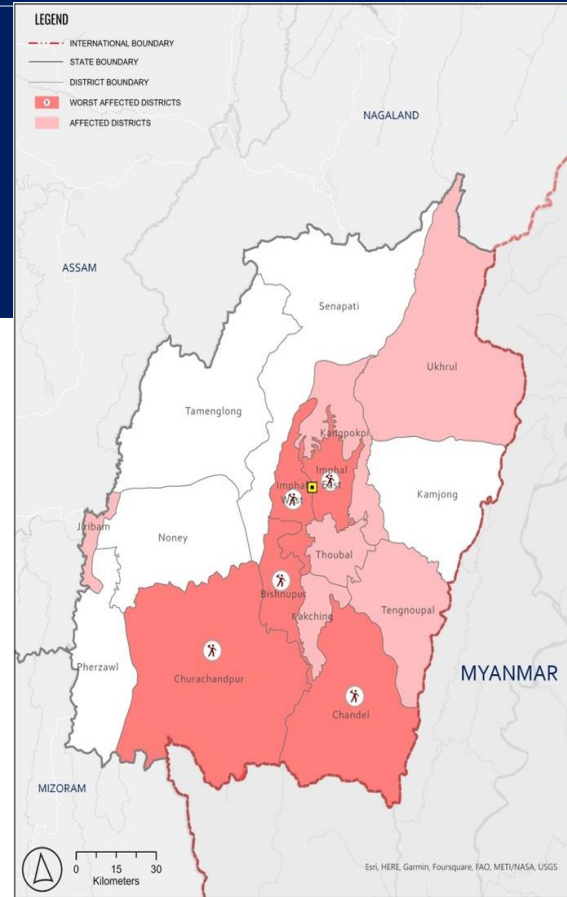
Manipur Violence

Date: 17th June 2023

Time: 11:00 AM

Background

Manipur has been experiencing clashes between the Meitei and Kuki communities, stemming from their demand for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) category. The state has been witnessing an ongoing outbreak of ethnic violence between these two groups, leading to a significant loss of life. Over the past month, more than 100 people have lost their lives in these clashes. The violence, which began on May 3, has resulted in the death of 120 people and the injury of 6,000 others. In the most recent incident, eleven individuals were fatally shot, and fourteen others sustained injuries. The situation remains volatile and calls for immediate attention and resolution.



SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- Over 70,000 people have been internally displaced due to the ongoing violence, with nearly 3 million people being largely cut off from the rest of the country. The government has implemented measures to contain the violence, including blocking internet services and restricting travel. As a result, essential supplies, including baby food and medicines, have been affected in various areas.
- Several incidents of mob building, vandalism and arson targeting government officials and property were reported afresh. A joint team of Army, Assam Rifles, Rapid Action Force and Police conducted a flag march till midnight in Imphal East to resolve the situation.
- The prevailing law and order situation has led to the prolongation of the summer vacation for schools in Manipur until June 19th. The situation has disrupted normal academic activities.
- The government has opened a total of 349 relief camps and provided assistance to over 50,000 affected individuals.

SITUATION UPDATES



Affected population – 01 lakh+



Affected Districts - 11



Human Lives Lost – 120+



Injured people (approx.) - 310



No. of persons Displaced - 70000



No. of Fully damaged buildings - 4500



No. of Relief Camps - 349



People staying in camps – 50000+

- On June 10, the central government established a peace committee in Manipur, headed by the governor. The committee aims to facilitate a peace-making process and initiate dialogues among conflicting ethnic groups. However, several civil society groups have declined to participate in the committee for various reasons.
- Both tribal groups and women-led vigilante groups have initiated blockades on key roads, including the National Highway and several arterial roads. These blockades have posed significant challenges for the Assam Rifles and the Army, leading to disruptions in the transportation of essential supplies and delayed response times.
- According to reports from Mizoram, 11,503 people have been internally displaced from Manipur to Mizoram. Of these, 8,634 individuals are residing outside of relief camps, while 2,869 people have sought shelter in 35 government and village camps.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government Response



Response

- In response to the escalating violence, the government has deployed significant forces to maintain law and order in Manipur. This includes approximately eight battalions of central paramilitary forces, 80 columns of the Army, and 67 columns of the Assam Rifles. The Army's 3 Corps based in Dimapur has stated that enhanced area domination operations are being carried out by the Army and Assam Rifles following the recent surge in violence.
- Around 30,000 central security force personnel, in addition to the state police, have been deployed in Manipur to maintain law and order and restore peace. This significant presence aims to ensure the safety and security of the affected areas
- The Mizoram state government has requested an immediate relief fund of ₹10 crores to provide assistance to those currently residing in shelters across different parts of Mizoram. This request aims to support the affected individuals and address their immediate needs.
- The central government, under the directive of Home Minister Amit Shah, has approved a relief package amounting to ₹101.75 crores for the displaced people. This relief package aims to provide support and assistance to those affected by the ongoing violence.



Humanitarian agencies providing Relief materials
Source: Media



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Stakeholder's Preparedness and Response

- IAG Manipur and National and local humanitarian agencies are] actively involved in the relief work and continuously monitoring the situation. The URS has been activated by Sphere India and can be accessed here :

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PHb06N5RWJxcKv8xmpGf_OQSoCkbFrfHVQLPclQj5I8/edit?usp=sharing

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Source of Information

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