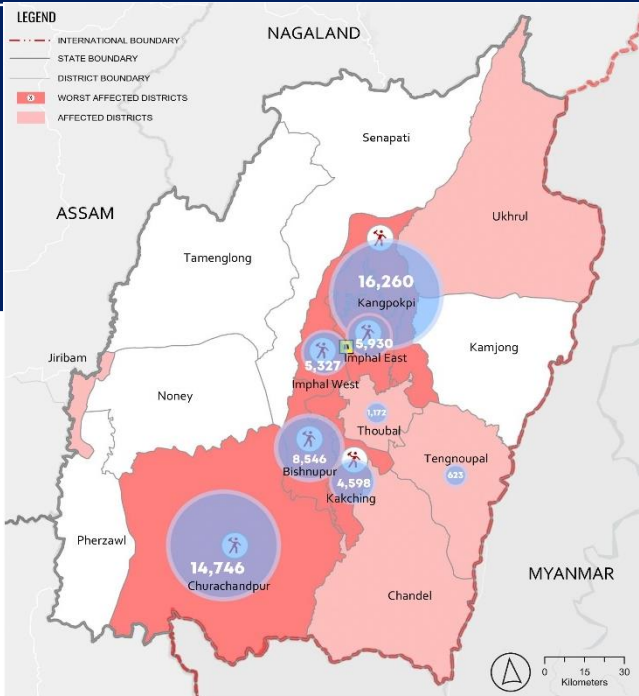


Situation Report - 11 Manipur Violence

Date: 31st August 2023

Time: 09:00 AM

The state of Manipur remains embroiled in a deeply concerning situation characterized by persistent ethnic violence. Since its eruption on May 3, the conflict has led to the loss of around 193 lives and injuries sustained by over 6000 individuals. Amidst this turmoil, the Manipur government has undertaken measures such as lifting bans on mobile internet and attempting to convene an Assembly session. The Supreme Court's involvement in overseeing pre-trial processes and transferring cases to the CBI further underscores the gravity of the situation. The state's efforts for unity and healing, along with insights from a US-based think tank, highlight the complex interplay of historical divisions and grievances that continue to fuel this ethnic conflict.



District	Last updated	Total	No. of Camps
Kangpokpi	29-August-2023	16,260	58
Bishnupur		8,546	49
Imphal East		5,930	36
Imphal West	30-August-2023	5,327	32
Churachandpur		14,746	102
Thoubal		1,172	04
Kakching	31-August-2023	4,598	38
Tengnoupal		623	09

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- In a fresh round of violence in ethnic strife-torn Manipur, mutilated bodies of three youths were found following heavy gunfire at Kuki Thowai village in Ukhrul district on 18th August.
- Two persons, including a village defense volunteer (VDV), were killed while seven others were injured in heavy firing on 29th August in the border area of Churachandpur and Bishnupur districts. Apart from this, there has been another incident where it is claimed that a farmer was shot by militants from the foothills.
- On August 27, mob set fire to five houses in the New Checkon area of Imphal. This area is predominantly inhabited by the Kuki community, though the torched houses belonged to both the Kuki and Meitei communities. Security was heightened in response to the situation.
- Recent search operations carried out by security forces in Manipur's vulnerable areas led to the arrest of 4 insurgents in search operations in Manipur and recovery of 7 arms, 5 ammunition, and 2 explosives on 29th August. Search operations were conducted in the fringe and vulnerable areas of districts such as Bishnupur, Kakching, Thoubal, Churachandpur, and Imphal West.
- A total of 127 checkpoints were established in various districts of Manipur, both in the hill and valley regions. The police detained 1405 individuals in connection with violations across different districts of the state.

Statistical Overview



Affected population - 01 lakh+



Affected Districts - 11



Human Lives Lost – 193



Injured people (approx.) - 6000



No. of persons Displaced - 60,000



No. of Fully damaged buildings – 4500



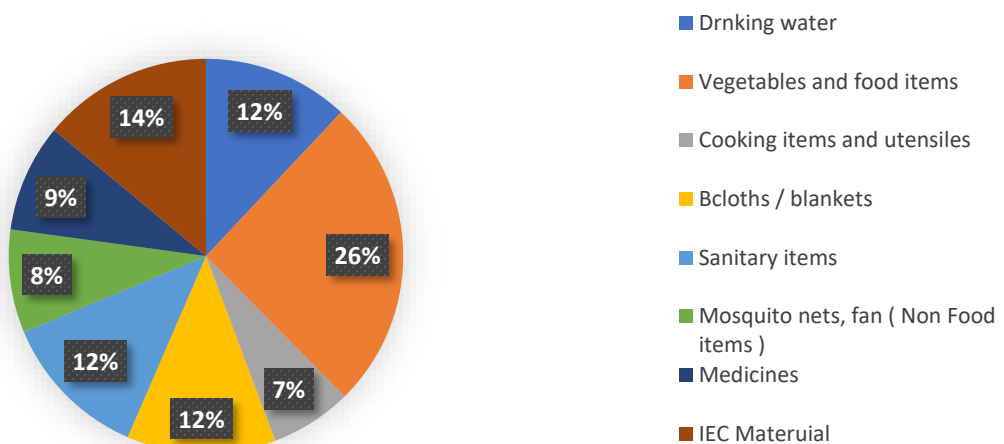
No. of Relief Camps – 360



People staying in camps – 56,000

- The Committee on Tribal Unity has reintroduced road blockades on NH 2 in Kangpokpi and NH 37 in the Tamenglong district, aiming to secure essential supplies for the Kuki-Zo communities.
- Expressing strong discontent, the Naga People's Organization Kangpokpi District (NPOK) criticized a memo dated August 16, 2023, submitted by ten Kuki-Zo MLAs to the Prime Minister of India. The memo urged the immediate appointment of a separate Chief Secretary and DGP for five hill districts, along with a release of Rs 500 crores from the PM's Relief Fund for the rehabilitation of internally displaced Kuki-Zo individuals.
- On August 28, the Manipur government took the step to lift the ban on mobile internet in the second-phase whitelisting of mobile numbers for internet access, though uncertainties persist concerning relaxation for civilians and the media.
- Amid rising ethnic violence, the Supreme Court instructed the Guwahati High Court Chief to appoint judicial officers to oversee pre-trial processes in 27 Manipur ethnic violence cases. These cases, including crimes against women and children, were transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). On August 25, the SC shifted CBI cases to Assam and mandated reliable internet services for online hearings in the Guwahati court.
- August 29th saw a pivotal one-day Assembly session, marking the first such session since ethnic violence emerged in May. However, the session was abruptly adjourned sine die shortly after its commencement, due to disruptions arising from the ongoing violence. Despite high expectations for discussion surrounding the violence that has persisted for nearly four months, most Kuki MLAs, regardless of their party affiliations, abstained from attending the session out of safety concerns.
- Against the backdrop of the ongoing ethnic violence, the Manipur assembly adopted a resolution, affirming their commitment to unity during these trying times. The resolution aims to heal wounds, foster unity, and create a brighter future for all residents, reflecting the collective determination to overcome challenges.
- A recent report from the US-based think tank - Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) - rebuts claims of religious violence in Manipur. The report acknowledges factors such as historical baggage, inter-tribal distrust, fear of economic repercussions, drugs, and insurgency. However, the report emphasizes that despite the existence of religious polarization among tribes, no evidence of religious violence was found. Instead, the conflict appears rooted in an ethnic divide, historical distrust, and rivalry between tribes. <http://www.fiids-usa.org/facts-on-violence-in-manipur/>

Emerging Needs Based on the Camp Dashboard:



Districts covered: Kangpokpi, Bishnupur, Churachandpur, Imphal East and Imphal West

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- Starting from August 28, the Manipur government with security forces, has planned to transport essential commodities to the Churachandpur. The Health Department ensures medical supplies' delivery to the district through aerial supply via the Border Security Force (BSF), Assam Rifles, and Manipur Police.
- To address the impact of the violence, Manipur's CM provided temporary prefabricated shelter homes to more than 300 affected families on August 23.
- SBI Extends Relief to Manipur Loan Borrowers Amidst Unrest: Offers 12-month Moratorium on EMIs and Interest Payments
- MaolKeki Foundation is reaching out to 1200 Children more with school kits and nutritional supplements with the support of PNB.
- IAG Manipur and other National and local humanitarian agencies, including CRS, CASA, CARITAS INDIA, RedCross, Oasis, HAI, NEICORD, ADRA India, EHA, Tanyak, ActionAid Association, and Doctors For You, are actively engaged in relief efforts and maintains vigilant monitoring of the prevailing situation.
- Among the 100 organizations, 32, including LIYIA, GOGOU HAOKIP, MOUVA, KSO, IRMA, EFI, and more, are primarily focused on aiding Kangpokpi district. In Churachandpur district, 24 organizations such as EAC, NEST, ZOREC, EFI, and others are actively engaged in relief activities.
- Extending their support to both camps and violence-affected villages, NEEDS, REACH M, RNBA, and the Centre for Women and Girls are dedicated to response efforts in Chandel and Tengnoupal districts response initiatives. Furthermore, 12 local organizations, including PINE, WASDO, are actively contributing to relief work in Imphal valley. Additionally, 57 local organizations like ISCO, KIYDO Club, KYDA Club, FANCA Club, PRDA, and more are providing assistance in Bishnupur district.

URS MATRIX AND CAMP DASHBOARD



The Unified Response System maps out more than 120 responding agencies and also enlightens Real-Time Relief Camp Dashboard

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JOINT RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JRNA)



Initial Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA) Report was released on 2nd June 2023.

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MHPSS TRAININGS IN 6 DISTRICTS



District-level training on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in six districts.

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COORDINATION MEETINGS



GO-NGO coordination mechanism established with DC Offices & district-level IAGs were formulated.

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