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1st April, 2010

Situation Peaceful In Riot-hit Hyderabad Curfew Continues

Overview:

Barring minor incidents, the situation in riot-hit parts of Hyderabad remained peaceful on Wednesday as curfew continued in 25 police station areas.

Stray incidents of violence were reported from some curfew-bound areas adjoining the worst-hit old city but police and paramilitary forces acted swiftly to bring the situation under control.

Security personnel rushed to curfew-bound Ziaguda, Habibnagar and Mallepally areas after incidents of stone pelting were reported from there.

Musheerabad, Bholakpur still tense

Musheerabad and environs continued to remain tense on Wednesday with two groups trying to clash in the afternoon in retaliation to Tuesday's incidents.

Tempers ran high when a group tried to enter a lane at Gangaputra Sangham in Bholakpur.

Believing that the group was coming into their lane to attack them, another group tried to attack when the police swung into action and dispersed them.

The indefinite curfew, imposed in 17 police station limits of the old city on Monday night, continued without any relaxation while police top brass have issued shoot-at-sight orders to policemen.

Police and paramilitary forces are keeping a tight vigil in all curfew-bound areas and strictly enforcing the restrictions to avert any untoward incident.

Two-hr curfew relaxation today

With no major incident of violence reported in Old City on Wednesday, the authorities decided to relax curfew for two hours today on Thursday morning.

In south zone, curfew will be relaxed for two hours.

Spell 1st: Curfew would be relaxed from 8 am to 10 am in Charminar, Hussaini Alam, Kamatipura, Bahadurpura, Kalapathar, Bhavani Nagar, Kanchanbagh, Madannapet and Santoshnagar police station limits.

Spell 2nd: Curfew would be relaxed from 11 am to 1 pm in Chandrayangutta, Falaknuma, Shahalibanda, Moghalpura, Dabeerpura, Mir Chowk and Rein Bazar police station limits

6th April, 2010

74 SECURITY MEN KILLED BY NAXALS IN CHHATTISGARH

Overview:

In the country's worst Maoist attack ever, at least 74 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and state police personnel were killed in an ambush on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the thick Mukrana forests of Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district. The dead include a Deputy and an Assistant Commandant of the CRPF, and a head constable of the district police.

Situational Brief:

The CRPF party, returning after a three-day anti-Maoist operation, were taking a break at around 6 am after travelling all night, when they were ambushed by up to 1,000 Maoists positioned on neighbouring hill top. The Naxals - aware of the CRPF movement - executed their attack with fierce precision, giving the jawans no chance to react. They blew up an anti-landmine vehicle and then began firing indiscriminately. The shocked and exhausted jawans weren't able to follow standard operating procedures like checking the road for landmines, and were massacred within minutes. The Naxals also managed to loot all the weapons that the CRPF team had.

The planners

According to the information the attack was planned by Kosa, Leader of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee of the CPI Maoist and was executed by three Maoist companies led by Ganeshanna and Ramanna, two top leaders from the same Committee. The Maoists trailed the security forces for the better part of two days before working out the route of return and laying the ambush.

Negligence on the account of CRPF

According to the counter-insurgency expert, CRPF violated two basic doctrines of jungle warfare:

First: Never return to the camp along the same route that you left.

Second: if you must, you have to clear and secure all raised terrain and hillocks.

“Neither of these precautions was followed”

Government’s Take:

The government on Tuesday ruled out use of air power in the fight against Naxalites and admitted obviously some element of failure in the operations led to the killing of 75 security personnel in Chhattisgarh yesterday.

Elaborating on Government strategy to take on the Naxals, the home secretary Gopal K Pillai said that there is no need to use air power at the moment (in the anti-naxal operation) and said that the strategy is unfolding and we should be able to manage without air power, However, he made it clear that the air power will be used only for evacuation and for mobility of troops.

Pillai also called the Maoists "murderers" and said the government's resolve was strengthened and it would continue to tackle the Maoist menace as planned.

20th April, 2010

VOLCANO CHAOS: EUROPE SOME EUROPEAN FLIGHTS TAKE OFF; LONDON STILL SHUT

Limited flights were allowed to resume at some European airports and UK authorities said London airports - a major hub for thousands of daily flights worldwide - would remain closed for at least another day due to new danger from the invisible ash cloud.

"The situation today is much improved," said Brian Flynn, deputy head of operations at the Brussels-based agency. "The outlook is that bit by bit, normal flights will be resumed in coming days."

The agency predicted close to normal takeoffs by Friday. Still, an international pilots group warned that ash remains a danger and meteorologists say Iceland's still-erupting volcano isn't ready to rest yet, promising more choked airspace and flight delays to come.

To address the problems arising out of the situation whereby air passengers have been stranded in India due to the disruption of most west bound flights, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has set up a Control Room to coordinate among Ministry of External Affairs, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the airlines flying out of India.

The Control Room is functioning from 8 AM to 8 PM. It will be functional till the

crisis is over.

Fax numbers and phone numbers of the Control Room are as under:

Fax numbers:

011- 24655839 -- Office of Joint Secretary

011- 24653446 -- Office of Director

011- 24610364 -- Office of Under Secretary

Phone number of control room is 011- 24632950 Extension—2333

20th April, 2010

**SPORTS EVENTS ON TERRORIST'S RADAR:
2 BOMBS GO OFF AT IPL VENUE; A THIRD DEFUSED; ONE LIVE FOUND
THE NEXT DAY**

Overview:

The message is loud and clear — sports venues are in the terrorists' crosshairs. As stands filled on Saturday, April 17th for the Mumbai Indians vs Royal Challengers IPL match, two bombs went off at the Chinnaswamy Stadium wounding 12 people and triggering panic.

Situational Brief:

Roughly 20,000 people had packed into the stadium and hundreds more were streaming in when a loud explosion at Gate 12 rocked the arena and rattled nearby buildings. Six policemen were injured when the grill near the wall collapsed on them.

The explosion occurred at 3.15pm. Another one about 20 minutes later compounded the cops' worst fears because the second bomb went off closer to the stadium and near the state police wireless headquarters. The explosives were hidden in the bushes.

The target was clear — to inflict casualties. Later, a third device was found at Gate 8, timed to go off at 8pm when the match would end. However, that bomb was found and defused.

Type of Explosives: Preliminary forensic investigation revealed that the explosive was an ammonium nitro glycerine gelatin stick. It was detonated with a micro-chip fitted timer.

The explosive was wrapped in a plastic cover and placed near the wall adjacent to Gate 12. Since it was placed near an electric transformer, initially it was assumed it was generator blast. But then it was found the compound wall was damaged.

The bomb went off 45 minutes before the match was to start, causing panic and chaos outside the stadium as well as within. Players were rushed to the safety of the dressing room. The 3.30 pm toss was delayed till it became clear there were no more bombs.

Police remained tight-lipped on who they suspected and pointed no fingers. But of late, Bangalore has emerged on the terror hit list as a prime target of resurgent India. After the 2005 Indian Institute of Science attack that's been blamed on the Indian Mujahideen, interrogation reports of several jihadis have amply established that terror groups wanted to target the IT hub.

On Saturday, while attention inside the stadium turned to cricket as players padded up and strode out, there was chaos outside. While most spectators had got into the stadium by 3.30pm, a few spectators left the stadium, though they had paid handsomely to enjoy the match.

The fact that cops were deployed adequately and remained alert helped save what could have been a massive disaster.

A day after two low-intensity blasts in the city, an explosive device weighing 2kgs was found wrapped in a yellow bag near Mahatma Gandhi statue on MG road. The device has been diffused and sent to the forensic department for tests.

Matter of Concern:

The warning of action at the Common Wealth Games, the ability & willingness of terrorists to attack on sports person (Attack on Sri Lankan cricket team in Pakistan), coupled with Kashmiri's explicit threats, strongly advocate that the threat to major sporting events has increased. The fear of attack particularly increases if it involves large numbers of participants and fans from Western countries and, given the al-Qaeda-linked Pakistani militant Ilyas Kashmiri's warning, The successful completion of Common Wealth Games is the matter of concern. Consequential, it may affect any and all prominent events in countries where jihadists operate.

20th April, 2010

MUMBAI ON HIGH ALERT AFTER TERROR THREAT

➤ **Airport, Shopping Mall, Sports Events on Terrorists target List.**

Overview:

Security has been tightened at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International airport, railway

stations and other vital installations following an alert issued by Central security agencies about a possible terror strike in the city.

Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the city police received inputs from Delhi Police and other Central intelligence agencies stating that there could be a "suspected terror attack" on April 22 at the airport.

Besides, one of the malls in suburban Lokhandwala area and Santacruz railway station are also on the list of targets.

According to Police officials- The city has been kept on alert following the twin blasts in Bangalore, and security was increased at the railway stations and other vital installations. Threat perception is always there in the city. Alerts are being received on a regular basis.

In the wake of constant alerts about terror threats in the city, Maharashtra DGP A N Roy yesterday reviewed the security arrangements for IPL matches to be held at D Y Patil Sports Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

DGP A N Roy had said, "It is clear from the fact of explosions in Bangalore that IPL is on their (terrorists) target list. Keeping this in mind, the required number of police deployment has been made at the venue."

21st April, 2010

BIG BJP RALLY TODAY, TRAFFIC CHAOS LIKELY

An estimated 3 lakh people are expected to gather at Ramlila Maidan for a massive BJP rally against price rise, traffic movement across much of the city is expected to be badly hit.

Traffic movement on the following roads will be affected: Mathura Road, India Gate C-Hexagon, Tilak Marg, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Asaf Ali Road, Netaji Subhas Marg, Ranjit Singh Marg, Tolstoy Marg, Sikandara Road, Barakhamba Road, Parliament Street and Ashoka Road.

Almost all parking lots around Ramlila Maidan — including ITO — and Jantar Mantar will be used for vehicles ferrying the protesters who are likely to come from 28 states.

Stretches that may be the worst hit are- Ring Road, Mathura Road, India Gate, Tilak

Marg, BSZ Marg, JLN Marg, Asaf Ali Road, Netaji Subhash Marg, Ranjit Singh Marg, Tolstoy Marg, Sikandara Road, Barakhamba Road, Parliament Street and Ashoka Road.

Around 2pm, at least 10,000 protesters will march to Jantar Mantar through JLN Marg, Tolstoy Marg and Sansad Marg, crossing Barakhamba Road and KG Marg along the way.

Goods vehicles and DTC buses will also be diverted at several points to avoid congestion on roads.

Advisory: It is advised to avoid the mentioned stretches during the day time, if necessary then should travel by metro rail.

27th April, 2010

Nationwide Strike Against Price Rise

Overview:

Altogether 13 political parties, including the Samajwadi Party (SP), Left parties, Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), have called for a nationwide strike on April 27 to oppose the hike in prices of petroleum, fertilizers and other essential commodities.

Air and rail services were hit and normal life disrupted in the city and elsewhere in West Bengal as the 12-hour nationwide strike called by Left and some other non-BJP opposition parties to protest Centre's "failure" to check price rise got underway.

Normal life disrupted in the City

Two train passengers were injured as a clash broke out between the passengers of Ganga Sagar Express and bandh supporters at Pandua station in Hoogly district this morning.

The bandh shut businesses and disrupted transport services by road, rail and flight operations. Metro railways spokesperson said their services were normal.

Airport sources said ten out of 25 domestic and international flights took off this morning. While flights of Air-India, Jet Airways and Jetlite took off as scheduled in the morning, services of other private airlines were badly hit with many passengers stranded at the airport.

Eastern Railway spokesperson told PTI that due obstructions put up by bandh supporters at several stations, train services were disrupted at Howrah and Sealdah division. Long-distance trains were stranded at various stations as bandh supporters sat on the railway

tracks.

The streets in Kolkata wore a deserted look with state-run buses, private vehicles, taxis, auto-rickshaws remaining off the road since 6 am as the bandh began. Shops and educational institutions were closed, officials said.

Shouting slogans against the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) and the state government, SP activists stopped the Ganga Gomti train near the Prayag railway station in Allahabad, about 200 km from here.

Bandh supporters stopped trains at different stations. Both private and state-run bus services, taxis, auto-rickshaws and commercial vehicles kept off the roads, police said.

"Around 50 SP activists have been arrested in the morning. Additional security has been deployed taking into account the series of protests expected later in the day," said Superintendent of Police S.S. Bhaghel.

In the wake of the bandh, universities have postponed exams scheduled for the day.

1st May, 2010

NEW DELHI ON HIGH ALERT AFTER TERROR THREAT

➤ US, UK, Oz warn of 'imminent' terror attacks in New Delhi.

In fresh advisories, the US, UK and Australia on Saturday warned of "imminent" terror attacks in New Delhi, particularly in market places like Connaught Place, Greater Kailash and Chandni Chowk, which are "attractive targets" for terrorist groups.

Highly placed government sources said that the advisories are being taken "seriously" and Delhi Police has been asked to be on "full alert".

Markets such as those located in Chandni Chowk, Connaught Place, Greater Kailash, Karol Bagh, Mehrauli, and Sarojini Nagar, can be especially attractive targets for terrorist groups.

A number of Delhi markets were bombed in 2008 and Sarojini Nagar in 2005.

In its advisory, the UK said, "At this time there are increased indications that terrorists are planning attacks in New Delhi."

Australian advisory said, "Reliable reporting indicates that terrorists may be planning to attack markets in New Delhi, including those frequented by foreigners. Such attacks could occur at any time from 22 April."

These countries have been issuing such advisories in the past also but this time they have talked about an "imminent" threat about terrorist strikes in Delhi.

Government said: Delhi is always "high" on the terror target and additional forces are being deployed in the city.

2nd May, 2010

TIMES SQUARE CAR BOMB

TIMES SQUARE CAR BOMB DESIGNED TO CAUSE MASS CASUALTIES

In the evening of 1 May police were alerted to a car bomb near New York City's Times Square. The device consisted of three propane tanks, fireworks, two gasoline containers, two battery-powered clocks, electrical wire and other components. A metal case was taken away for further examination, and remains unexplained. While some reports suggest the device emitted a flash, it otherwise failed to detonate and was made safe by police. Times Square is a popular venue and although crude the device could have caused great loss of life. It seems to be an isolated incident, although the bomber escaped.

Several groups have the intent and potential capability, and there has been a possible claim by the Pakistani Taliban.

Although this is as yet unconvincing, al-Qaeda-linked groups cannot be ruled out despite the crudity of the device, as the recent killing of senior leaders in Iraq has increased the intent to execute worldwide revenge attacks. Times Square subway was also one of the targets of a plot disrupted in September 2009. On that occasion the bomber was seemingly unable to construct a viable device, despite having received training in Pakistan, possibly indicating that the group's levels of capability are falling. This would also be true if "lone wolf" jihadists were involved (possibly heeding a recent call to arms by the leadership), as they would not have received formal training.

The incident also resembles two attempted car bombs in London's West End theatre district in July 2007 (linked to al-Qaeda in Iraq).

Both contained petrol cans, gas canisters and nails with mobile phone-based triggers. They

were designed to cause a particularly deadly fuel-air explosion, belying the apparently basic nature of the devices themselves. As in this incident, the devices were planted and then abandoned, rather than utilising suicide tactics – although a follow-up attack after the plot was discovered saw an improvised suicide car bomb used against Glasgow airport, and a similar action could be a risk here if Islamists are indeed responsible and fear that the net is closing in.

The New York Police said yesterday that they were reviewing surveillance video that may have captured a suspect in Saturday's failed car bombing in Times Square. **The suspect was described as a white man in his 40s who repeatedly looked back at the rigged SUV in a furtive manner and exhibited other suspicious behaviour.**

A major crisis was averted in New York, when NYPD removed bomb-making materials from a parked sports utility vehicle in Times Square, including propane tanks and a clock suspected to be a timing device. Police said a Nissan Pathfinder at West 45th Street and Seventh Avenue was loaded with a bomb made of electrical components, three propane gas tanks and two additional gas canisters.

US President Barack Obama has said that his administration would do whatever necessary to find those responsible for the failed terrorist attempt to blow up a car bomb at the Times Square in New York on Saturday.

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