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Meghalaya: Internet suspended, curfew in East, West Garo Hills, NPP office set on fire

Shillong, Mar 11 (UNI) Restrictions on mobile data internet services of all providers have been re-imposed shortly after being lifted in the five districts of Garo Hills of Meghalaya following fresh incidents of violence in West Garo Hills district, officials said.

Curfew has been extended for a further period of 48 hours within the entire jurisdiction of West Garo Hills district as there was no let-up in violence.

An unruly mob also set ablaze the ruling National People's Party (NPP) office at Hawakhana area under Tura Police Station, vehicles at Tura Guriamod Motors workshop, even as they broke into a liquor shop and lifted goods worth several lakhs of rupees.

West Garo Hills District Magistrate, Vibhor Aggarwal said, curfew was further extended in the district due to incidents of fresh violence. Disturbance of public peace have been reported from various parts of the district, posing serious threat to human life, public safety and property, he said.

"Upon careful assessment of the situation and reports received from law enforcement agencies, I am satisfied that continuation of stringent preventive measures is necessary to restore normalcy and prevent further escalation of violence," Aggarwal stated in his order, extending the curfew for a further period of 48 hours until 12:00 A.M. on March 13.

An indefinite curfew has also been clamped in the entire East Garo Hills district after a mob went on a vandalism spree in Williamnagar town on Tuesday night.

Curfew has been imposed as an immediate preventive measure against disturbance of public tranquillity and to ensure maintenance of public order within the district, R.P.Marak, the district magistrate stated.

Earlier, the government withdrew the orders issued on March 9 and March 10, directing telecom service providers to suspend mobile internet and related services in the affected districts as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order amid tensions linked to the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council election process.

With fresh incidents of violence in Tura, the district headquarters of West Garo Hills, State Principal Secretary Home, Frederick Roy Kharkongor re-imposed suspension of mobile internet and related services after receiving reports from Police Headquarters and several Deputy Commissioners of Districts in the Garo Hills Division that "several incidents having a potential to disturb public peace and tranquillity, have occurred in various parts of Garo Hills" on Tuesday in connection with the issue of the GHADC elections.

He stated that several incidents have been reported in Tura and other locations that have a potential to cause a threat to public safety in the Districts of the Garo Hills Division which may likely cause breakdown of law and order.

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