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The district administration of Unakoti has imposed Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 in the Kumarghat sub-division following incidents of arson, vandalism, and attacks on minority properties, including a place of worship. The move comes as authorities aim to prevent the escalation of communal tension and maintain law and order.

The prohibitory orders cover all areas under Kumarghat sub-division, except the PWD Ground, where the annual Pous Mela is currently underway. Under Section 163, public gatherings of five or more persons are banned, along with processions, rallies, demonstrations, and meetings. Carrying of arms or objects capable of causing injury, including sticks, rods, and stones, is also prohibited.

Tensions reportedly erupted after a dispute over contributions for a local community festival, when a minority family allegedly refused to pay. A mob allegedly set fire to haystacks outside homes and vandalized a place of worship, prompting swift police intervention.

Superintendent of Police Avinash Rai, accompanied by District Magistrate Tamal Majumder, visited the affected areas and oversaw security arrangements. "Police forces were immediately rushed to the spot and the crowd dispersed. Flag marches will continue to maintain peace, and a large number of security personnel have been deployed," SP Rai said.

While the situation is currently under control, isolated pockets of tension



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The administration has urged the public to remain calm, cooperate with law enforcement, and avoid spreading rumors, as heightened security measures continue across the sub-division.

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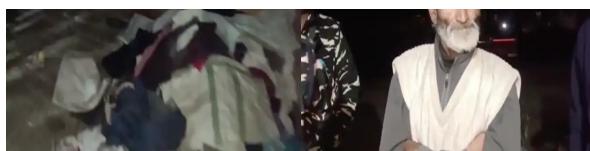
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