

Land dispute turns violent



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Four women were reportedly injured and at least four houses torched after two groups clashed [over](#) a land dispute in Machi Block under Tengnoupal Police Station of Tengnoupal district.

The district administration imposed curfew in Machi village and Khudei Khullen following the incident that occurred around [10](#):30 am. Violent clashes broke out in the area [over](#) a piece of land [as](#) two groups of the neighbouring villages fought pitched battles, police said.

Unofficial report said tension prevailed in Machi Block following violence [over](#) a land dispute in which four villagers were injured and at least 11 houses were burnt down.

The warring groups opened fire at each other. [As](#) a result, four persons were injured, sources informed. There was verbal clash and scuffle between the two sides that led to violence.

[Manipur](#) police and 18 [Assam Rifles](#) personnel have rushed to the area to control the situation. Sources said the situation can easily escalate and get out of control very quickly in the area where security personnel are still deployed.

Those injured were identified [as](#) Ch Toda, wife of Matthew of Machi Part-I, P Muishangdar, wife of P Angam of Machi Part-III, K Temuisim, wife of Anga of Machi Part-I but identity of the fourth injured person is yet to be ascertained.

In an order issued by Tengenoupal District Magistrate I Raghumani Singh said a report has been received that a volatile situation is prevailing along the stretch of land area—Khudei Khuman Lamkhai, Kangoi Khullen, Punchong, Chingjarol, Khudei Khuman and land connecting Khudei Khuman or Khudei Khullen of Tengenoupal.

It said such a volatile situation is likely to cause serious breach of peace and disturbances of public tranquillity and therefore the district administration has considered that restriction on movement of men and material in the area would be effective in preventing such disturbances.

It has therefore become expedient to issue a prohibitory order under CrPC for prevention of breach of disturbances of public tranquillity and [danger](#) to human lives and properties, the order said.

The order shall not apply to government agencies involved in the enforcement of law and order and other essential services, it said.

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