



Haryana Violence

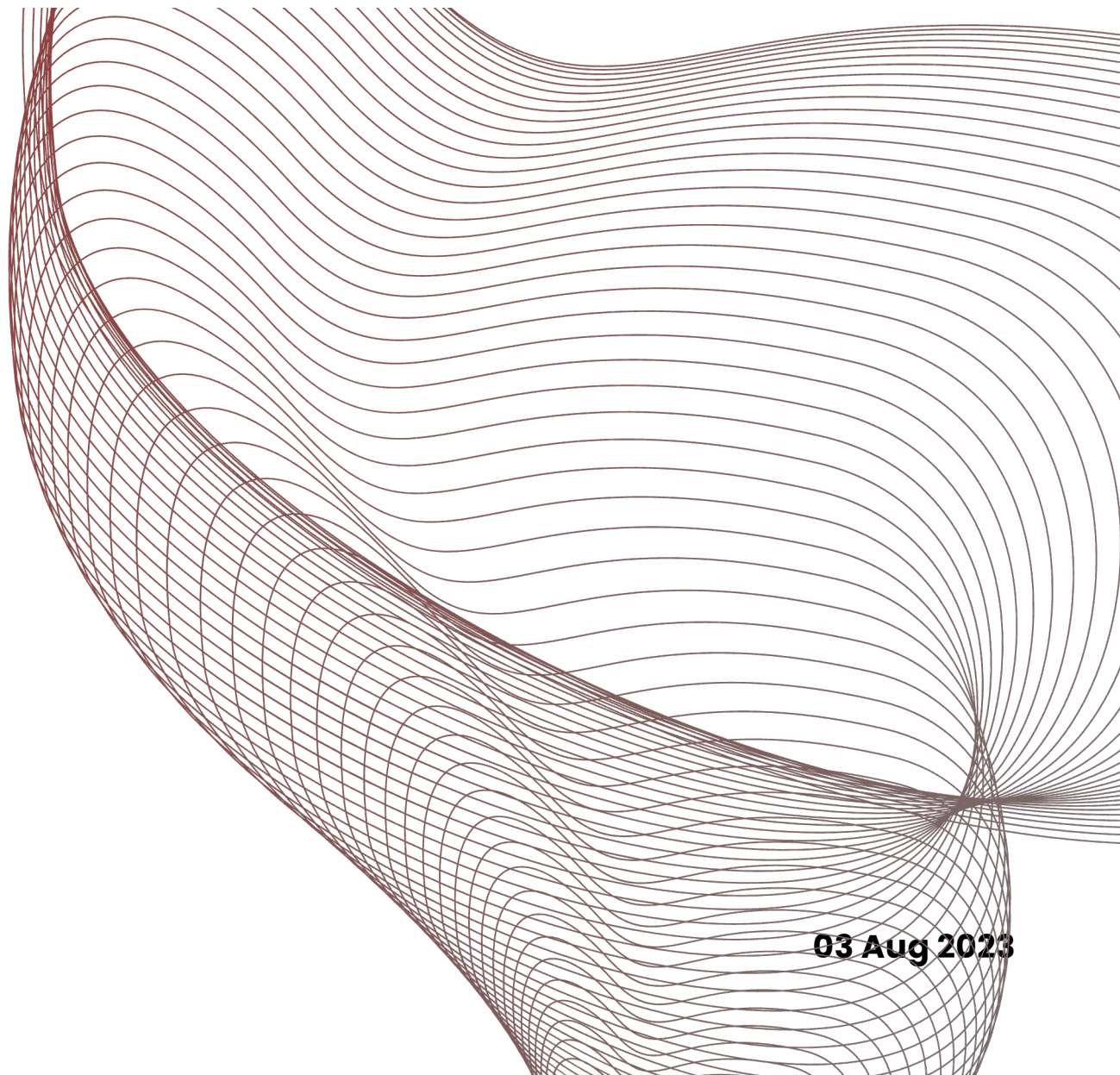


Security Brief

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Background of Violence

- **Location:** Mewat Nuh, Haryana, near Gurugram.
- **Event:** Vishwa Hindu Parishad's 'Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra.'
- **Route:** The procession planned to pass through Gurugram, Sohna, Nuh, Palwal, Faridabad, and Badshahpur.
- **Date:** 31 Jul 2023 onwards
- **Result:** The violence escalated across multiple villages, sparking questions about police preparedness and administrative action in the region. As of this report, 6 dead, 200+ injured
- **Context:** Nuh has a complex history of religious, cultural, and social dynamics, making this incident particularly concerning for authorities and community relations.
- **Action:** Efforts were made to restore order and investigate the causes of the clashes, reflecting broader governance and law enforcement challenges in Nuh.

Timeline



• 31 Jul – 01 Aug

- **Violence Initiated:** 6 dead, 120+ injured.
- **Prohibitions:** Fuel stations, Internet services suspended in various districts.
- **Impacted Roads:** Bharatpur, Palwal border, Nuh, Faridabad, Sohna, Pataudi, Manesar.

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- **Protests and Assemblies:** Noida stadium, Manesar Maha panchayat, Delhi locations.
- **Educational Institutions:** Closed in affected areas.
- **Prohibitory Orders:** Nuh, Gurugram.

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- **Security Increased:** Gurugram sectors 56, 57, 66, 70.
- **Educational Institutions:** Reopened in Gurugram and Sub Division Sohna.
- **Casualties:** 6 dead, 200+ injured.

Areas Affected & Casualties

- **Haryana:** Gurugram, Badshahpur, Nuh, Palwal, Faridabad, Sohna.
- **Delhi:** Specific peaceful protest locations.
- **Uttar Pradesh:** Kanpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar.
- **Rajasthan:** Sikar, Alwar, Bharatpur.
- **Maharashtra:** Variety Square, Nagpur.

- **Deaths:** 6 confirmed.
- **Injuries:** More than 120.
- **Note:** Casualties may rise.

Brajmandal Jalabhishek Yatra:

- Initiated by VHP to revive sacred Hindu sites.
- Includes Nalhar Mahadev Temple, Jhirakeshwar Mahadev, Radha Krishna Temple, and Shringeshwar Mahadev Temple.
- Participation from Gau Raksha Dal, Bajrang Dal, and around 25,000 devotees.

Impact & Implications

- **Work Arrangements:** Work-from-home orders for many companies in Gurugram.
- **Travel Restrictions:** Radio cabs not operating to affected areas.
- **E-commerce Impact:** Increased delivery times.
- **Traffic Movement:** Mostly smooth; no impact on Delhi-Gurugram highway.
- **Supreme Court Notice:** Issued to UP, Haryana, Delhi governments.
- **Delhi Alert:** High alert status.
- **UP Alert:** Saharanpur, Shamli, Muzaffarnagar districts.
- **Forces Deployed:** 20 companies in Haryana.
- **Online Monitoring:** 3-member committee to check for violent posts.
- **Prohibitory Orders:** In parts of Rajasthan till 10th August.

Overview of Nuh District

Nuh District Overview:

- Formerly known as Mewat, home to ancient Hindu sites.
- Location: Situated 57 km from Gurugram and a three-hour drive from Delhi.
- Demographics (2011 Census):
 - Muslim Population: 79.2%
 - Hindu Population: 20.37%
- Education:
 - Female Literacy: 51%
 - Employable Population Engaged in Work: 27%

Cybercrime:

- Increase in Cases (2021): 11.8%
- Share of India's Cybercrimes: Nearly 12%
- Solved Cases of Cyberfraud: 28,000 worth ₹100 crore

Cattle Vigilantism:

- Cow Smuggling Cases in Haryana: Three-fourths originated in Nuh
- Monthly Cases under HGSG Act: 15

Economic Conditions:

- Poorest District in Northern India, after Bharatpur in Rajasthan
- Limited employment opportunities, illiteracy, lack of skill development

Historical Syncretism:

- Meo community: Influenced by Tablighi Jamaat
- Historical Integration of Hindu and Muslim practices

Conflict and Crime:

- High Crime Region
- No communal riots in the last five years
- Emerging as India's newest hub for cybercriminals

Political and Development Programs:

- Included in a list of aspirational (backward) districts
- Part of the 2008 Multi-Sectoral Development Programme

Covid-19 Impact:

- Accounted for over a fourth of Haryana's active cases in early 2020
- Successfully managed through public outreach campaigns

Cultural and Historical Importance:

- Mewat region's significance to Hindus, tracing back to the epic Mahabharata
- Local heroes and figures revered by multiple religious communities

Who is Monu Manesar?



Personal Background:

- **Alias:** Mohit Yadav
- **Origin:** Manesar near Gurugram
- **Education:** Polytechnic diploma holder
- **Affiliation:** Bajrang Dal member and cow vigilante

Role and Activities:

- **Head of Goraksha Dal:** A cow protection task force unit of the Bajrang Dal in Haryana.
- **Modus Operandi:**
 - Receives tips about suspicious vehicles (possibly related to cow smuggling).
 - Reports to police; if they don't respond, apprehends suspects with accomplices.
- **Strong Presence on Social Media:**
 - Over 200,000 subscribers on YouTube and 83,000 followers on Facebook.
 - Live-streams videos of chases; posts celebrate their 'conquests'.
 - Inflammatory posts

Contributing Factors



Cow Vigilantism:

- Cow slaughter illegal in Haryana; punishments up to 10 years in prison.
- Increase in cow vigilantism since 2014.
- Notable incidents: Murder of Pehlu Khan; Lynching of Junaid and Nasir led by Monu Manesar (February 2023).
- Mahapanchayats in Nuh for anti-Muslim violence; mass protests in Ferozpur Jhirka.

Public Muslim Prayers and State Authority:

- Alleged vigilante attacks on Muslims praying in public areas over the past 7-8 months.
- Communal tension related to cow protection and religious practices.

Cyber Crime and Unrest in Nuh:

- Unrelated to religious tensions, a group engaged in cyber crime.
- Cyber crime police unit's involvement; arrests across religious lines.
- General unrest within youth and two religious communities.

Assessment



Communal Tensions Escalating into Wider Conflict

- **Probability:** Medium to High
- **Impact:** High
 - **Historical Background:** Nuh's history, including the presence of Meo Muslims with cultural practices drawn from both Hinduism and Islam, creates a unique and complex religious fabric that can be a flashpoint.
 - **Cow Vigilantism:** Incidents related to cow vigilantism have occurred, potentially escalating tensions between different religious groups.
 - **External Influences:** The activities of both Muslim and Hindu groups in the region add to the fault lines.
 - **Recent Killings and Events:** Specific incidents such as the recent killings related to cow vigilantism might serve as triggers.

Political Exploitation

- **Probability:** Medium to High
- **Impact:** High
 - **Party Politics:** The region has been on the radar of various political parties, and tensions in Nuh might be leveraged for political purposes, especially in the context of religious dynamics.
 - **Yatra and Religious Mobilization:** The focus on revitalizing Hindu sacred spots through yatras may have political undertones, potentially fueling religious divisions.
 - **Lack of Coordination:** The existing criticism over lack of coordination between intelligence, police, and administration can lead to political blame games, complicating resolution efforts.
 - **Policing and Political Influence:** Past instances where police looked to political masters for directions indicate the risks of political interference in law enforcement.

Social Media Fueling Unrest

- **Probability:** High
- **Impact:** Medium
 - **Cybercrime Hub:** Nuh's reputation as a breeding ground for cybercrime, including the use of social media platforms, indicates a heightened risk of misuse.
 - **Misinformation Spread:** The rapid spread of false information or provocative content may lead to misunderstandings, escalations, and may polarize communities further.

Long-term Social Division

- **Probability:** Medium
- **Impact:** Medium
 - **Community Dynamics:** The unique blend of cultural practices in Nuh may create fault lines that can lead to deep-seated divisions.
 - **Historical Conflict:** The history of both syncretism and conflict may further complicate communal relations.
 - **Impact on Development:** Long-standing divisions can negatively affect social cohesion, making initiatives for education, employment, and overall development more challenging.

Operational Disruptions

- **Probability:** High
- **Impact:** Medium to High
 - **Proximity to Industrial Centers:** Nuh's proximity to major industrial and business hubs like Gurugram could translate local unrest into broader economic impact.
 - **Supply Chain Interruptions:** Unrest and law enforcement actions might disrupt transportation and the movement of goods, affecting regional supply chains.
 - **Impact on Local Employment and Economy:** Local disruptions can lead to job losses and economic stagnation, further fueling discontent.



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