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Purnia Mob Attack Burns Dalit Homes, Leaves One Resident Dead

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Some pictures after the violence. These are stills from video testimonies received from local activists and journalists

CASE SUMMARY

Location and time	The attack took place around 11 pm on 19 May in Niyamatpur Majhwa village, Purnia district, Bihar.
Houses attacked	The Purnia Collectorate said about 100–150 people attacked 13 houses in a Scheduled Caste settlement.
Death allegation	A complainant said his father died after the mob repeatedly struck him.
Police action	Baisi police had registered three FIRs and arrested two suspects by the time the Collectorate issued its statement.
Relief	The Collectorate announced Rs 9,800 in immediate relief and Rs 2 lakh in compensation for each affected family, and Rs 8.25 lakh for the bereaved family.

THE TAKEAWAY

The attack followed an April land dispute that had already led to rival FIRs and a police presence in the settlement.

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