

General strike supporter
blocking road at Mayai
Lambi



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Protest staged against blast at Majorkhul

IT News

Imphal, Dec 24: Majorkhul Peikai (Thoubei) and Majorkhul Young Association staged sit-in-protest against the Bomb blast in Majorkhul at front of star video yesterday night at which an I-20 car bearing registration no.MNO16 1550



and a Celero Car were destroyed. Speaking to the media persons the vice-president of Kabui Mother Association, Atombi Kamei blamed the state police force

for its inability to safeguard the people. "They are good in collecting money from transporters carrying goods but they are unable to check those persons carrying the bomb", she said.

She further said that if a blast can occur within such tight security in Imphal area then what would be the life of the far way villages. She further added that a

blast also occurred near the Major Khul gate and Kali Mandir last year.

"This is the third time that another blast occurred at around 11:30 pm yesterday night in the middle of the Major Khul which indicated that there is no proper security of the civilian in the heart of the town", said Atombi Kamei. She further appealed those responsible to clarify over the matter if the blast is an act of some underground groups. Vice-Chairman of IMC, Thambal Jao Phaomei who also attended the sit-in-protest condemn the blast in the strongest term.

IGAR (S) Greets on Christmas

IT News

Imphal, Dec 24: Major General VS Sreenivas, VSM**, IG AR (South) and All Ranks of Assam Rifles extend warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Manipur on the auspicious occasion of Christmas. IGAR (South) expresses hope that the festival will herald an era of progress and prosperity in the region and promote unity, integrity and peaceful coexistence of all communities in the state. As we celebrate the birthday of Lord Jesus Christ, let us commit ourselves to his noble message of peaceful coexistence, brotherhood, love and compassion for all. IG Assam Rifles (South) conveys his message of peace, harmony, unity and understanding on this joyous occasion and wishes that the festival will bring joy, happiness and prosperity in the region by bringing people of all communities of Manipur together.

Assam Govt. launches Food Security Act today

ANI

Kamrup Dec.24: Assam government today launches the Food Security Act today. Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi launches the programme at Goraimari in Kamrup District. Earlier, the Assam Chief Minister said that a total of 2.40 crore people will be benefited from the scheme.

The government said that 60 percent population from the towns and 84 percent of the people living in villages will be benefited. According to the Act, every eligible person will get five kilograms of rice every month at the cost of three rupees per kilogram.

Imphal Times will not have publication on Dec. 25 on account of Christmas Day. We in the Imphal Times wish our readers a happy and prosperous Christmas.

General strike called by written test past police constable candidate affects normalcy at Mayai lambi

IT News

Imphal, Dec 24: The 24 hour general strike called by Police Constable Viva-Voce Demand Committee which started from midnight yesterday has severely affected normal traffic along Mayai Lambi area however the general strike has failed to give any impact in Imphal

area.

Science early morning today large number of bandh supporters came out at the street and prevented all kinds vehicular movements except those in emergency and religious related service.

At Mayang Imphal area the strike supporters burnt

tyres and place stones and woods in the middle of the road to stop vehicular movement.

State police had hard time controlling the strike supporters. Mention may be made that the Committee of candidates who had appeared and cleared the written test

examination for recruitment of police constable in 2013 had appealed the government to conduct the vivo voce at the earliest possible time and threaten serious agitations including bandhs if the government fails to fulfill their demands. Yesterday was the deadline provided by the committee and following the government failure to give any assurances the committee called today's general strike.

RPF wishes people on occasion of Christmas festival

IT News

Imphal, Dec 24: Proscribes group Revolutionary People's Front send its wishes to the people of the state particularly the Christian community of the state on the occasion of Christmas Festival. A

statement released by M.S Jackie Chiru, Secretary, Minority Affairs, RPF appealed the people to live in peace and harmony among different communities of the state with the coming of the Christmas Festival. It further said, the teachings of Lord

Jesus Christ for a peaceful world should be remembered by today's generation. Forgiveness, righteousness and universal brotherhood, which Lord Jesus used to preach, must be practiced by today's generation, the statement added.

MPCM relax restriction imposed at RIMS

IT News

Imphal, Dec 24: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur today said that the restrictions imposed at RIMS authority for leakage of question paper for the nurse recruitment

examination and the proposed general strike on January 3 has been relax for time being as the RIMS authority had assured to conduct an enquiry into the incident. The rebel group said that they will wait for the

findings of the committee report and will decide on what to do after knowing the result of the enquiry report. The outfit further appealed to conduct the enquiry in good faith by publishing it at newspaper.

JAC against killing of Premanda staged protest at Thakhel Keithel

IT News

Imphal, Dec 24: The JAC formed against the brutal killing of Tensubam Premananda staged a sit-in-protest at Thakhel Keithel demanding arrest of those murderers involved in the killing.

Various placard denouncing the killing as well as demanding arrest of those involved in the killing were displayed in the protest. Mentioned may be made that the JAC have been summit



memorandum to the Chief Minister demanding arrest of the accused within 5 days and

payment of compensation to the victim family at the earliest possible time.

Open fire in Delhi court killing a constable and injuring main target

Agency

New Delhi, Dec. 24: A gang of four persons were involved in an open firing in Delhi's northeast district's Karkardooma court injuring their main target — an under trial named Chennu Pehelwan alias Irfan — and killing Ram Kumar Meena - the head constable who was accompanying Irfan on Wednesday. Irfan, originally from Meerut, is a history sheeter with more than 16 criminal cases lodged against him in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. He was brought to court on Thursday in a firing case that took place earlier this year.

According to eyewitness accounts and police reports, at 11:15 am, Irfan's matter - item no. 27, in the court had just concluded in criminal court number 73 in front of Metropolitan Magistrate Sunil Gupta. The judge had asked the defence lawyer Saquib Qureshi to present the plaintiff in court after lunch the same day. As the group, including constable Meena, the plaintiff and the defence lawyer, was exiting, two persons fired around eight rounds in an attempt to kill Irfan. People inside the courtroom, numbering more than 30, started ducking and diving behind cupboards to escape the bullets. While Irfan sustained injuries, Meena was hit by five bullets to the chest and was killed in the crossfire. According to unconfirmed reports, a court clerk was also injured, whereas the bullets whizzed past the judge's head narrowly missing him.

While the two shooters were caught instantly, two others,

who were lying in wait outside Gupta's courtroom no. 73 immediately attempted to flee. Along the way they threw their weapons by the main staircase near the toilets to avoid getting caught. However, people from the crowd and a few brave lawyers gave a chase and captured the absconders. "The four suspects — all suspected to be minors — are in police custody and undergoing interrogation," said B Gujar, Deputy Commissioner of Police (East). One of the minors is also suspected to be a history sheeter with a murder case pending against him.

Had the president promulgated the Juvenile Justice Act which was passed in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the four arrested would have been the first to be prosecuted under it. Meanwhile the Delhi government announced Rs1 crore compensation for the family of the constable who died in the firing.

Bystanders present at the time recounted the events to this dna reporter as they unfolded. According to various sources inside the court, there were 62 matters before lunch in courtroom number 73 which mostly handles criminal matters. Hence, the court was filled with at least 20-25 people. "When the firing began, everybody started running helter-skelter. Some even barged in courtroom number 74 - which is exactly opposite the crime scene," said a court clerk present at the time.

"I was busy serving tea to four-five customer when I heard the shots echo, then immediately after, I saw a group of people

charging down the stairs followed by police personnel," says Chandan Pandey, a tea vendor who sits on the fourth floor. The firing took place on the fifth floor of the building.

With the crime rate on the rise, and the question of juveniles and crime being a debated subject, the question of security is a matter of grave concern. When one visits the Karkardooma court, one must walk through a metal detector and get the bags scanned. Ironically, right next to the scanner, there is a huge signboard stating "No weapons or photography allowed inside the court premises." Even the pat down and the frisking performed by security personnel at the main entrance is inept and ineffectual. According to a police statement, the four suspects were able to sneak in their weapons since their entered from the gates closest to the lawyers parking lot, where the security is inadequate. The under trials brought to court - be it a petty offence, or a high risk prisoner like Irfan, constable merely escort them around by simply holding their hands.

There are around 80 police personnel manning and securing the entire court premise where as on the fifth floor, one could count six CCTV cameras - one in the centre of the floor area while the rest were focused on the entrance at the main staircase.

According to the police, Irfan and the four suspects belonged to rival gangs and the shootout was gang related.