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PLA claims responsibility to attack on AR camp

IT News
Imphal, Dec. 18: Army wing of the Proscribed group Revolutionary peoples' front has claimed responsibility to the attack to the camp of the 21 Assam Rifles located at Chandel district inbetween Khunmunian and Aishi Village at around 6.20 am yesterday morning. In a press communiqué the outfit said that attack was carried out by 252 Mobile Battalion of the PLA using rockets. It speculated fatal casualty to the side of the Assam Rifles.

3 Bills introduced

IT News
Imphal, Dec 18: On the first day of the winter session of the Manipur legislative Assembly Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh who is also the leader of the house introduced the Manipur Municipalities (Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2015 (Bill No. 19 of 2015). Minister-in-Charge of CADA Phungzathang Tonsing also introduced the Manipur Participatory Irrigation Water Users' Bill, 2015 and Minister-in-charge of Transport Kh. Ratan Kumar Singh introduced the Manipur vehicle Taxation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015 (Bill No. 21 of 2015). Earlier before introducing the Bills, Chief Minister Okram Ibobi present the 17th Report the Business Advisory Committee, Health Minister Phungzathang Tonsing also presented the select Committee report on Medicare service Personnel and Medicare Service Institute report.

Obituary reference

IT News
Imphal, Dec 18: Day 1 of the winter session of the 10th Manipur legislative Assembly begins with obituary reference to two former governors of the state - VK Nayar and Dr. Syed Ahmed who passed away recently. Speaker of the Manipur legislative Assembly move a resolution on the demise of the two governors and the house passed the resolution. A two minutes silence was also paid to the two departed souls. Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh, who is also the leader of the house while sharing his memories with the two Governors recalled the integrity and self sacrifices of the two governors during their respective

Winter session of the Manipur Legislative Assembly begins

NPF MLAs stay away without giving any formal leave application

IT News
Imphal, Dec 18: Winter session of the 10th Manipur legislative Assembly session begins today but without the presence of 4 Naga Peoples' front MLAs who had tender resignation on September 4, this year in protest against the passing of the 4 ILPS related Bills on August 31, during the last Assembly session. Assembly source said that the four MLAs L Dikho (48- Mao A/C); Samuel Risom (44-Ukhru/A/C); ST Victor Nunghlung (41-Chandel A/C) and Dr V Alexander Pao (47-Karong A/C) did not give any formal leave application to the Speaker's office. Congress MLA E Dwijamani also did not attend the session but he had applied leave application to the Speaker of the house and the speaker of the house Th. Lokeshwar



ST Victor Nunghlung

Dr V Alexander Pao

L Dikho

Samuel Risom

took the approval of the house to grant his leave of absence. Source said that the resignations letter submitted to the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly has not been accepted till today and thus they still enjoy their monthly salary as well as other benefits that an MLA enjoys. It may be mentioned that

the four NPF MLAs, three were present on the Assembly session when the Protection of Manipur People Bill, 2015, the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms (7th Amendment) Bill, 2015 and the Manipur Shops and Establishments (2nd Amendment) Bill was passed by the state assembly session of August 31. A Resolution was also adopted

to safeguard the territorial integrity of the state while appreciating the peace talk between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India on that day. Surprisingly none of the MPF MLAs present on the day had raised any objection to the passing of the 3 Bills which they now term as anti tribal Bills. It was the mass protest at Churachandpur and the simultaneous supports from

other Hill based civil society bodies that the four NPF MLAs submitted their resignation letter. Content of the resignation letters submitted to the assembly had not detailed on the reason for their resignation but speaking to media persons the four NPF MLAs had categorically stated that the Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress government is anti tribal and Anti Naga.

Conversion of Lai Thangting to Thangting condemned

IT News
Imphal, Dec 18: A sit-in-protest has staged today at Terakhongsangbi area under Bishnupur District against the decision taken by the State Government for the conversion of Ebudhou Thangting to Thangting. The sit-in-protest was jointly organized by Ibudhou Thangting, Laitelh Laikonungda, Joint Committee Tiddim and Thangting Laitelh Committee where locals of the area also took part in the protest. During the protest, Convener of the Joint Committee, Kulla said that taking the opportunity of proddness for the development of our State and the upgrading a district into Sub-Division level, State Government must withdraw the decision for naming Ebudhou Lai Thangting to Thangting Sub-Division. Kulla further said instead of naming Thangting Sub-Division, Government must change and name it as Thangting Sub-Division. If the Government failed to fulfill their demand, agitation in many form will be held, he added. Placards denouncing the conversion of Ebudhou Thangting to Thangting, name Thangting Sub-Division as Thangting Sub-Division, Save Thangting Shrine, Withdraw Government Decision were displayed.

CM calls on people to respect the ideology and principle of Rani Gaidinliu

IT News
Imphal, Dec 18: Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Regional Campus Manipur today celebrates the Birth Centenary of Rani Gaidinliu at Manipur Film Development Corporation (MFDC), Auditorium today. Chief Minister of Manipur Okram Ibobi Singh, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest calls on the people to respect the ideology and principles of Rani Gaidinliu. "She is not only the leader and freedom fighter of the north east but also a freedom fighter for the whole Indian nation", Ibobi said. He said the nations now have more and more honour and respect to the leader as her sacrifices and the essence of patriotism has been emerging day after another.

"Today's young generation should learn her determination and sacrifices for the nation and her stand for the sovereignty" Ibobi added. The Chief Minister also said that the recommendation for erecting of a statue of the great leader inside the High Court premises is not relevant so he appealed the committee to look for some other suitable place to erect the statue. On the occasion, a Souvenir was also released besides screening a documentary film on Rani Gaidinliu called "Dina". Vice Chancellor of IGNTU Prof. TV. Kattimani and Union Minister of the State for Tribal Affairs Government of India Man Sukbahai Vasava were also grace the function as President and Guest of Honour respectively.

'Rejected candidate in scrutiny allowed to contest in Municipality Election'

IT News
Imphal, Dec 18: Independent Candidate of Wangoi Municipal Council, ward No. 4 today alleged that the Returning officer of the municipal election has allowed to contest an independent candidate who has been rejected during scrutiny held on December 15 on the ground that the said candidate could not produced required document demanded. In a press meet held at Manipur Press Club today Independent candidate of the Wangoi Municipal Council W.Jetendra Singh said that W. Sushil Kumar has been rejected by the RO Laishrum Doily as he failed to produce required document demanded on the day. He said, W. Sushilkumar was working

as a clerk in the Wangoi Municipality Development Committee under MAHUD. He further said that the approval for contesting the election by W. Sushil Kumar was not informed to him. He questions the authority regarding the procedure on how the candidate who has been rejected on the day of scrutiny.

Strike threatened

IT News
Imphal, Dec.18: Police constable viva-voce demand committee, Manipur threatened the Government to impose all Manipur general strike on December 24 if fails to conduct viva-voce for candidates from Imphal West and Thoubal district for the recruitment of 2000 police constable held in 2013. The viva voce is being withheld as some candidates filed a petition to High Court.

Minorities Rights Day observed

IT News
Imphal, Dec.18: Special rights for the minority communities were discussed during "Minorities Rights Day" observance function organized by All Manipur Muslim Development Organization (AMMDO) held at Manipur Press Club. Dp Shahid Ahamed, President AMMDO, A Mobi,

President, Editor's Guild Manipur, Dr Y Mani Khuman, President, AMUCO, Dr Syed Burhanuddin, Senior Consultant Surgeon and also advisor MDF, Md Junus Khan, General Secretary, The Disabled Development Association, Manipur (DDAM) and many other representative from several Civil Body

Organizations and NGOs took part in the observance function. Dignitaries gathered today discussed on the prevailing issues like exploitation of the economic and political rights of minorities and least populated minorities in the state of so called largest democratic country in the World.

Significance of the Anglo-Kuki war 1917-1919 AD

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Introduction: The Kukis who have inhabited the present North East India from the ancient times have shown one of the toughest wars to the British in India and its adjoining areas, particularly in the Myanmar region in the form of the **Great Anglo-Kuki war 1917-1919 AD**. Col. Shakespeare, who was personally involved in the battlefield, said that, of all the military operations in the North-East India, including the most talked about and dreaded **Abor Expedition** under General Symond, the Kuki rebellion 1917-1919 AD is the toughest.¹ There are writers who claimed the war as a part of the First World War. No doubt, this war was partly the result of the World War I that shook not only the Manipur hills but also some parts of Myanmar, Assam and also the Naga hills. We can rightly call it a part of the Indian struggle for Independence. The entire North east region at that point of time was under the colonial administration, under the Assam province. The Kuki who were independent from outside interference had encountered the British for almost one and half century from different locations or pockets of north east India including Chittagong Hill tracts. Like many other communities of the world, the Kuki were aware that intrusion of the British in the Kuki territory will replace or affect their traditional socio-political, economy and religious

institution. They were also certain that the influence of the British in the tribal society would erode their political institution especially Chieftainship. Interestingly, in all the wars which had been directed towards the British, the Kuki chiefs initiated their leadership. Before we make an estimate of its significance, we would like to highlight the course of the war and important events that took place in Manipur, the extent and magnitude of the war in brief.
Course of the war: In fact the First World War losses were very heavy on the part of the British. The British, who largely depend on the resources of the colonies, found lots of hurdles in managing and conducting the war. Being established rulers, they had every right to impose and also could ask any one of their colonies for any kind of service whenever the need arose or were called for. India being one of their colonies was also asked to contribute in men and material for conducting the War.² In this connection, the British Government of India made an appeal to supply labour corps. The North east region of the British India offered to raise five labour corps of two thousand men each. The Naga hill and the Khasi corps were raised and had accordingly left for France. This was followed by the second batch of the Khasi corps, the Lushai Hill corps and also the Garo Hill corps. The Raja of Manipur had contributed a Double Company of Infantry, five ambulances to St John's Ambulance Red Cross Fund and Rs. 2,81,860 plus Rs. 22500

(installments) for purchasing an airplane. In addition to this, he expressed his desire to send two more labour corps though he could not keep up his commitment due to technical reasons, i.e. the size and frequency of the draft required for the first corps of the Manipur hill men. He was ready to recruit from the valley and command personally if the need arose.³ However, many leaders from the state and the Chief Commissioner, decided not to depute the Maharaja to Mesopotamia, on the ground that many hill men had revolted and military operations against them were going on and also instead asked the king to accept honorary rank of captain. In the mean time many Kuki chiefs started killing mithuns, distributing its flesh, warn their subjects not to go for labor in France. Similar to the Kuki chiefs, some Tangkhul started the same. The Kuki chiefs who were completely out of touch with the British officer prepared to resist the recruitment policy and at the end of the year 1916, four eastern Kuki chiefs started sending animal flesh to their junior clans or minor chiefs along with an order not to sent labour corps to France.⁴ The abortion of Higgins's mission to the Kuki chiefs by Ngulkhup, Chief of Lonpi, had plunged both entities to a War. Had the British pay respect to the religions of other communities and also ensure security to their family members, from the raids or attacks from their enemy, the Anglo-Kuki war of 1917-1919 AD would have been possibly avoided. (Contd on page 2)