



## Man struggling for survival after deadliest attack; culprit house set ablaze by locals

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**Imphal, Oct 7:** A person was critically wounded after another person attacked him using a dagger at around 10 pm at Lillong Atoakhong Mamang Leikai under Lillong Police Station. The person identified as Md Tajuddin (38) s/o Late Mb Sherajur Rehman (50) of Lillong Atoakhong Mamang Leikai sustain severe injury at neck and shoulder after the culprit identified as Md Hajikhomei (65) of Lillong Atoakhong Makha Leikai chopped him with a dagger. Md. Tajuddin is presently undergoing treatment at Shija Hospital and Research Institute at Langol. As the victim is undergoing treatment at ICU, our reporter could not take firsthand account of what actually happen and how it happen. However, as according to the family member of the victim, Tajuddin was attacked between the way towards his home.

Speaking to reporters at Shija Hospital and research Center, a family member MD. Ayajuddin (34), said that the victim along with his wife went out at a shop nearby his house at around 9 pm yesterday after having dinner. When the wife was going inside Tajuddin waited outside. "There were also some 2/3 person standing outside", said Ayasuddin. When Tajuddin wife was inside the shop, the owner of the shop and her were informed about the attacked to Tajuddin. That happen just few minutes after his wife went inside the shop. The family member said that the incident might have took place somewhere around 300m from the shop. Tajuddin reportedly ran coming with the blood coving his neck and shoulder. Speaking to reports Tajuddin wife said that at around 8 pm, Hajikhomei daughter Suntabi

(33) called her husband Tajuddin through Cell phone and asked to come for dinner as they are ready to pay all the dues owe to them. Tajudin, being a diver plying in the local areas, use to drop local kids at the nearby boarding schools where Suntabi's kids also happen to be studying. The injured Tajuddin was immediately provided first aid Lillong Primary health Center and later referred to Shija Hospital and Research Institute as his condition deteriorated. Hearing the news, large number of people came out and throng to the house of the culprit. The large number of people turned wild and poured their anger by burning the house of Hajikhomei. According to the statement of both the family members and the wife of the victim it still remain as a mystery on why Tajuddin was attacked in such a deadly manner.



A JAC against the brutal attacked on Md Tajuddin has been formed today. I a meeting held today morning the JAC resolved to ostracize Md Hajikhomei and their family from the locality. The JAC also demanded the concern authority to award appropriate punishment to Md Hajikhomei, who is absconding since last night. Md Tajuddin is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

## Pathetic roads conditions, drinking water problem irk Leimaram locals

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 7:** Pathetic condition of the road leading to Leimaram from where the tourist destination Shadu Chiru Water Fall is located from Tiddim road and the government inability to provide proper drinking water to villagers inhabiting around the area has irked the locals of the area prompting them to initiate extreme form of agitation including band, blockade and boycott of the local MLA. "Highest number of road accident occurred in between the road stretch from Tiddim road to Shadu Chiru Water Fall in Leimaram which only 8 KM in length due to its dilapidated condition", said Ningthoujam Ibomcha, President, Joint Action Development Committee of Leimaram, Waroi Ching, Awang Heinoubok and Makha Heinoubok in a press meet held today at Manipur Press Club. The road stretch has been left unattended by the state government even though the government has been talking about development of tourist center in the state. "Every one of us knows that Shadu Chiru Water Fall is a Tourist Destination and the government except praising and recalling about its beauty through microphone and public meeting nothing has been done to improve the area since the last 67 years", he added. He also said that with the popularity of the Sadhu Chiru Water Fall the traffic

volume is very high along the road stretch as more and more people visited the place frequently. "More than 1000 vehicles ranging from by cycle to tourist vehicles and private, passenger loaded vehicles to heavy weight trucks for commercial purposes passed through this road every day", he added. The road is only 17 ft wide and the volume of the vehicular movement is very high beside the dilapidated road condition has cause extreme problem to the villagers as well as to the vehicles. "Our committee has submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Manipur and to the Works Minister on August 4 this year for improvement of the road. But no positive response has been given till now", he said. Beside this the villagers at Leimaram area and its surrounding have been facing undeservedly drinking water problem as the water supply scheme inaugurated in 2011 is of no use for the as the tap water could not reach to the villages which are located at a higher place. The Circle MLA gave his word to build a separate water tank at Waroi Ching hill lock for the sake villagers' convenience but he commitment has not been converted to action till today, said Ningthoujam Ibomcha. The committee has warned



that if the government and authorities do not concern turn up till last of this month, the villagers has decided to march various agitations including boycott of circle MLA from November first. The villages has decided to ban tourists from entering the spots, will ban all commercial vehicles and will take up many other activities, he added. He further said that if the government still remain deaf to the grievances of the people, the people will be left with no choice but to block all vehicular movement along the road. Besides, there is no reason on why the local MLA should not be boycott. On the hand, a Police Commando post located at the site, now abandon has become a heaven for intoxicated users. Ningthoujam Ibomcha further said that the place has been now a den at which visitors often use a place for drinking and other kind of illegal activities. He appealed the government authority to either close the post or reinstalled either police or VDF personnel.

## Rally on Sanitary Campaign took out

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Oct. 7:** Following yesterday's public rally on sanitary campaign which took out at areas in and around under Yairipok Municipal Council wards no.1 and ward no.2, the campaign rally continued today at ward no.3 and 4. Today's sanitary campaign supporting Swachh Bharat Mission was organized by Ward development Committees of Yairipok Municipal Council wards no.3 and ward no.2. Chairperson and counselor of the council Keisham Rupachandra and vice-chairperson Laishram Haripriyari also took part in the rally.

## Blessing ceremony of Manipuri Film 'Wari Loidri' held

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 7:** Blessing ceremony of Manipuri Film 'Wari Loidri' was held today at the residence of the film producer and owner of the OK Brothers Film Production O. Tomba at Thoubal Ningombam today. The film will cast Shyamdhani, Idhoh, Shanti, Olen, Gokul, Kaiku, Bony, Sonia and Bala as lead role and will be directed by N. Tomba and his assistant K. Bimol Sharma. Song lyricist of the film is Chinglen Thiyam.

## Manipur Association North-east India to hold 2-day general conference at Imphal

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Oct. 7:** Manipur Association North-east India (MANEI), is holding a 2-day general conference to be hosted in Imphal on coming 19 and 20 December. Speaking to media persons here in a press meet held at NIPCO office at Keishampat, Secretary General of MANEI, Sinam Prakas said nearly around 300 participant from Manipur inhabiting in 8 north-east states will take part in the conference and issues on development prospects in

their respective states will be deliberated. Cultural programs and tourism promoting activities besides the discussion programs will also be organized on the occasion. Manipuris inhabiting in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Diasporas in other Indian states are also coming to participate the discussion, he added. Regarding the objective of the association, he said the association with their units at all north-east states which

headquartered at Guwahati was set up in 2013 with the aim to bring co-ordination and to develop a strong bondage among Manipuris inhabiting in North-east states and Manipuris living in other states as well. While answering to question from media personal during the meet, Sinam Prakas said, as of now most of the participants are Meetees, however the association welcomes all other communities inhabiting in the states to join the association.

## Mission Indradhanush (Phase II) Launched in Thoubal

**IT News**  
**Thoubal, Oct. 7:** Deputy Commissioner, Thoubal cum Chairman, District Health Society, Thoubal, T. Ranjit Singh IAS on Wednesday launched Mission Indradhanush-2015 (Phase II) under the theme "Be Wise: Get Your Child fully immunized". The main aim of the mission is to vaccinate all the children

organized by District Health Society, Thoubal. Speaking on the occasion DC, Thoubal, T. Ranjit said, "The programme provides immunisation against seven life-threatening diseases Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tetanus, Polio, Tuberculosis, Measles and Hepatitis B".

By 2020 to free them from seven deadly diseases, he added. He further said that, target to achieve of 90 percent of fully immunization in Thoubal District while the mission would be implemented in Strengthening Immunization 72 Session against 6500 for Dropout and Left out Children of 0-2 years for High Risk Areas and Hard to Reach Areas.

## Athletics to be one of the focus areas of India

**IT News**  
**New Delhi, Oct 7:** In view of popularity of traditional athletics such as running, long jump, high jump etc. in the rural areas of India and practically no expenditure required by way of buying expensive sports equipment to be an athlete and keeping in view the recent excellent performance of Indian athletes in various international games, Government of India is focusing on athletics as one of the key sports to be developed by bringing in international expertise in the field.

In this regard, an Expression of Intent (EOI) was signed between the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), Sports Authority of India and Athletic Federation of India (AFI) on 6 October, 2015. The President, IAAF, Lord Sebastian Coe, President, AFI, Adille J. Sumariwalle and Injeti Srinivas, DG, SAI signed the Joint Move to bring in international coaches, integrated support services and mental skills to create a professional atmosphere to develop elite athletes for international championships. SAI

academy will primarily focus on IAAF Youth & Junior world champions and Youth Olympics Games. The infrastructure will be provided by SAI; IAAF will provide specialists in sprints, jump, heptathlon and Decathlon etc. The AFI will assist in management of the programme. The Expression of Intent was signed in the presence of Rajiv Yadav, Secretary (Sports) who welcomed this Joint Move and hoped that this will be able to tap latent sea of talent in rural areas of the country in the field of athletics and provide them a shining edge.

## Must do checklists for Sangai Festival 2015

**By: Roshnikumar Ningombam**

Sangai festival, annual cultural festival organised by Manipur Tourism Department is making a dent in minds of the people of the state as well as the neighbouring state. The Festivals, which aim at promoting Manipur as a world class tourism destination, were successful and well received by various people of Manipur as well as Tourists who had come to see the festivals. However there has been criticism of promoting non-indigenous aspects rather than home grown artifacts and products. Even the organizers claimed Sangai festivals presented the different facts of Manipur in terms of Arts and Culture, Indigenous Sports, Eco and Adventures Tourism avenue. The festival has earned the reputation of facilitating traders from outside the state to showcase their merchandise. In the light of this murmuring about the cultural extravaganza of the state, the organizer Manipur Tourism Department needs to check some checklists beforehand to ensure that the

festival represent the people of Manipur. The Department of Tourism can look at the checklists for Sangai Festival- 2015

- 1) All the activities related with Sangai Festival should be done transparently in such a manner that it directly benefits the indigenous people of Manipur
- 2) Indigenous holistic approach should be adopted in all aspects
- 3) In order to prevent flowing out of money to outside the state, the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur should promote solely local entrepreneurs; this would pave the way to development tourism in the state in the long run
- 4) Promotional activities of the Festival should be done to encourage participation of local artisans, firms, people
- 5) It also important to ensure that local products showcased properly and only home-grown produces are available at the venue of the exhibition
- 6) All the infrastructures and design should be done local

firms and only local made products should be used

- 7) Communication medium should be in local flavor but unique in taste
- 8) Only locals firms specialized in the concern trades should be allowed to participate in the tenders for stage, decoration, stalls, lights, etc
- 9) Invitation cards, gifts and other required materials should be designed with and made of local products
- 10) With an aim to provide jobs to locals, the organizers should employ only indigenous people in the works related to Sangai Festival.
- 11) Considering the present situation in the state, inter-ethnic interaction and bring them together is very important, so the festival should be a platform to display the mélange of Manipuri culture, tradition, customs and rituals.
- 12) And information on tourist sites in Manipur, how to reach there, where to stay and other details should be available at the venue of Sangai Festival for non-local tourists and guests.