

# Editorial

Imphal, Monday, April 11, 2016

## The Wrath of common men

Some few days back two persons responsible for lobbing bomb to the residence of IMC chairperson at Bamol Leikai area were rounded up by locals of the area. They were nearly lynched but timely intervention by the state police force had saved them from the wrath of the locality. Yesterday too similar incident happened at Thangmeiband area in Imphal West. A person who lobbed bomb to the residence of RIMS Medical Superintendent was caught by the local people and thrashed him near to death. He was lucky that a police team save him from the anger of the people.

The two incidents showed how the people of the state now look towards the terror organizations or gangster. It is a fact that people are not happy towards any organizations that committed violent activities which create terror to the common people especially to the women and children.

Interesting, day before yesterday local people of Napet and its surrounding villages invaded a designated camp of a SoO group called URF (Chingheingabna). The people dare the sophisticated weapon which the cadres used to fire upon the villagers instead picked up any available things to attack them. Finally the cadres had to flee. And these cadres at which people of five/six village had charged of high handedness and terror activism are permitted to openly speak in front of the press to make their clarifications. Question that needs to be asked is why a group which is being charge of criminal activism is allowed to make a clarification when the law enforcers should investigate and take up a case against them. The law enforcers cannot make excuses in the pretext that no complaint is being made to the police as there is also provision in Indian legal system that in such case police are entitled to take up sue-motto case.

This piece of writing is to remind the present state of mind of Manipuri people. It is an open secret that people are eager to live a peaceful life. A friend of mine said, "honestly I support insurgency movements before, but now I hate them because they have become more corrupted than the corrupt administrators". This kind of statement from a person naturally showed that people no longer stand with those who are taking up arms to wage war against the government.

But what actually is the government deciding to this development. The whole world knows the strength of Manipur Police Commandos, the number of so called Para Military Forces and Army being deployed in the pretext of suppressing the armed struggle.

Imphal is a place where the maximum numbers of such police personnel were deployed. The Police now are known for their skill in hunting the presence of underground at any place. But then why they lack intelligence input of any such bomb attack to houses of individuals. And why these police are often late in reaching the spot where a criminal is committing a crime. One thing need to be reminded is that the same anger poured towards the criminal could also be turn towards the so called law enforcers. Peoples' anger has now cross beyond tolerance and if police are no use then the anger could have been poured to them. Police should be smart enough and act before people were forced to take the law into their own hands.

## Temple fire: Toll rises to 109, six persons booked

**PTI Kollam (Ker), April 11:** Police has registered a case against six persons, including members of temple managing committee and associates of firework contractors, on attempt to murder and other charges in connection with the Putteringal Devi temple fire tragedy, even as the toll rose to 109.

Five persons have also been held for questioning but the police did not reveal the identity of those booked and detained. The accused were charged under Section 307 (attempt to murder) and 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) of IPC and Section four of the Explosives Substances Act, police said. "The crime branch has initiated

the investigation by collecting evidence from the mishap spot at the temple complex," ADGP (Crime Branch) S Ananthkrishnan, heading the Crime Branch special investigation team, told PTI here. "More persons will be included as accused after collecting documents and evidence," Ananthkrishnan said.

Among the accused are associates of two contractors, Surendran and Krishnakutty, who conducted the competitive fire works at the temple, situated at Paravoor, a semi-urban area about 60 km from the state capital. Police said five workers associated with the contractor of the fireworks display have been detained for questioning.

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## National & International News

### 2 Indian students stabbed to death in Ukraine, another injured: MEA

**PTI New Delhi, April 11:** Two Indian students at a medical college in Ukraine were stabbed to death while another sustained injuries in the attack.

Those who died in the Sunday attack allegedly carried out by three Ukrainian nationals have been identified as Pranav Shandilya from Muzaffarnagar and Ankur Singh from Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh. Indrajeet Singh Chauhan, hailing

from Agra, was also stabbed and was recuperating in a hospital.

"In an unfortunate event, three Indian students in Uzhgorod Medical College (Ukraine) were stabbed by three Ukrainian nationals at around 3am in the morning of Sunday, April 10," external affairs ministry spokesperson Vikas Swarup said. Shandilya was a third year student while Singh was a fourth year student at the college.

"Based on his (Chauhan) statement, the police apprehended the Ukrainian nationals who were trying to cross the Ukrainian border. Passports/documents of the three Indian students and blood-stained knife were reportedly recovered from the Ukrainian nationals," the MEA spokesman said. Swarup said Indian embassy in Kiev was informed of the incident around 11am on Sunday and it has

been trying to ascertain the facts from the police, the university authorities and other local contacts. "The embassy has spoken to the families of the two deceased students. All necessary actions are being taken to complete the formalities for sending the two bodies to India. The Embassy is also taking up the matter related to safety of Indian students strongly with the Foreign Office of Ukraine," said Swarup.

### Two govt. employees killed in targeted Kabul blast

**ANI Kabul, April 11:** At least two government employees of the Ministry of Education (MoE) were killed and five others injured in a roadside mine blast in Kabul on Monday.

MoE spokesman Mujib Mehrdad said that the incident took place in Bagrami district of Kabul when a staff bus of the ministry hit a roadside mine, reports Tolo news. Mehrdad, however, did not provide any further details.

No group, including the Taliban militants, has claimed responsibility for the incident so far.

Today's blast comes two days after Kabul city was hit by rocket attack which did not incur any casualties.

### SC to hear MCI's review petition seeking NEET scrapping

**ANI New Delhi, April 11:** The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear the petition filed by the Centre and Medical Council of India (MCI), seeking review of its judgement scrapping the single common entrance test, National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admissions to MBBS, BDS and post-graduate courses in all medical colleges.

The bench headed by the then Chief Justice of India Altamas Kabir had in 2013 set aside the NEET and allowed private medical colleges and state government colleges to hold separate entrance tests.

### Metro staffer stabbed and looted of Rs. 12 lakh

**ANI New Delhi, April 11:** In a shocking incident, unidentified men stabbed a metro staffer at the Rajender Nagar station in New Delhi and robbed him of rupees 12 lakh.

The incident happened at around 5.30 am early morning today, when the suspects entered the metro station with a knife and targeted the control room, where the ticketing counter is located.

The victim was rushed to the nearby hospital to be treated for his injuries.

Police are investigation into the matter and examining the CCTV footage to garner further details.

### Thabal Chongjage

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### CRPF fire in air to control agitating voters in Assam

**PTI Chaygaon (Assam), April 11:** CRPF personnel fired in the air at a polling station to disperse a group of voters agitating over alleged misbehaviour of a jawan of the central force with a pregnant woman in Kamrup district today.

The incident occurred when a woman after casting her vote wanted to go back inside again to pick up her child left behind at the Nityasak Khula Bazar LP School polling centre, Superintendent of Police Prasanta Saikia said.

As a CRPF jawan tried to prevent the woman from going inside, other voters got agitated triggering a disorderly situation following which the CRPF fired in

the air, he said. Following the incident, the entire team of CRPF deployed in the polling station has been replaced by another team, the SP said. Later the situation was brought

under control with voting continuing, Saikia said.

Though the locals claimed four persons were injured when they ran helter skelter during the firing, Saikia said nobody was injured.

### 12 NLFT insurgents surrender in Tripura

**PTI Agartala, April 11:** Twelve insurgents of the banned National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) surrendered before the police at Sewarampara in North Tripura district, police said today.

The ultras surrendered yesterday and deposited two SLR, one AK-47 rifle, one Insus rifle, one G-3 rifle, two grenades, 369 live cartridges and some documents, SP (Police Control) Uttam Bhaumik said.

They surrendered before SP (Special Branch) Arindam Nath in presence of BSF officials, he further said.

Bhaumik said twelve tribal youths also returned along with the ultras, who fled from the base camp with arms and ammunition.

The tribal youths were forcibly taken to the NLFT base camp at Sapchhari under Rangamati district in Chittagong Hill Tract (CHT) of neighbouring Bangladesh.

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### Imphal smart city proposal leaves more questions .....

We fail to understand how building more flyovers can be seen as an environment friendly plan when uncontrolled vehicular traffic congestion and pollution makes Imphal one of the most dirty cities of India today. Flyovers are heavily biased towards cars and other such like vehicles. This model of urban planning is outmoded and unsustainable because it discourages and displaces people from using other forms of transport such as bicycles and just plain walking on one's legs! As is known from all previous experiences globally, flyovers and such techno centric approaches attract more problems than solutions and they must be abandoned in the city plan.

The concept of a "Pedestrianized Mall Road" with high-end shops must be a figment of imagination of some consultants and bureaucracy that has no understanding of how residential and commercial areas are mixed. Instead, footpaths, cycle paths, public transport and space for private vehicles should be mixed giving priority to non-motorised transport (NMT). It is proposed here that Imphal should be envisioned as a city of cycles which is suitable to the economy it has and environment friendly.

A smart city must also have aesthetic considerations and features. Ill-conceived concrete flyovers do not add any aesthetic character to a small city like Imphal. The total disregard of the nurturing and invigorating of the rivers and other waterways of Imphal, smacks of a deep ignorance and bias in urban planning and water drainage, flood and storm water management.

Many foot over-bridges and subway for pedestrians are being proposed without any considering for accessibility to elders, women vendors and the differently abled. How will elderly women vendors of the sprawling Nupi Keithel use a subway for their everyday trips? They are being proposed only to free the movement of automobiles with little or no consideration of the majority of the people who are the actual users.

Overall, the city proposal lacks historical, political and socio-economic understanding of how Imphal has evolved, or is evolving, and thus lacks a vision that can help transform it into a modern city which is livable, clean and safe. We urge the government to not rush this current initiative. Proposed plans should be transparently invited in a competition so that the best one may be chosen openly by the people of Manipur. The people have the right to more time for further thinking, research and wider consultations to build a future together.

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#### TENDER

Imphal, the 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

No. 53(A)/VEH/2016-RIMS: Sealed tenders in the prescribed form are invited from genuine and capable vehicle owners for hiring the following numbers of good condition buses and a four wheeler vehicle for use of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal on long term basis.

1	Bus	3 nos.	(Driver and fuel to be provided by Vehicle Owner)
2	Bolero/Scorpio/Safari	1 no.	

A set of tender documents which is not transferable can be purchased by submission of a written application addressed to Director, RIMS, Imphal on payment of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) only through crossed demand draft of a national bank drawn in favour of Director, RIMS, Imphal payable at Imphal or by cash payment through the cashier, RIMS, Imphal in the Administrative Block, RIMS, Imphal along with earnest money of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand).

Further details of the tender may be seen from the RIMS website [www.rims.edu.in](http://www.rims.edu.in).

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