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Irate locals invade SoO designated camp; drive out cadres, burnt 11 vehicles

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Imphal, April 9: Irate locals of Napet and its surrounding villages in Imphal East invaded the URF designated camp located at Napet yesterday evening during the sophisticated weapons allotted to the cadres of the outfit which is ensuring suspension of operation with the government. The irate locals numbering over 1000 including women cordoned the camp after the some of the cadres brutally assaulted 3 villagers at around evening yesterday. The URF cadres started firing their automatic weapons but during the gun shots the people including women thronged inside the camp and started attacking them using stones, spades and sticks. 11 vehicles parked inside the designated camp were set on fire by the angry locals. The vehicles include 1 DI Tata truck, 1 Gypsy vehicle, 1 Van, 1 Bike and 7 Activa vehicles. The URF cadres are opening designated camp at a

government school at Napet since May 2014. Since then students of the school had stopped attending classes. According to report reaching here, local club members and girls of Napet area organised a Thabal Chongba Festival yesterday evening. After the intervention of the SoO URF cadres the girls shifted the location for the Thabal Chongba Festival at a field instead of organising it at the local ground. Soon as the Thabal Chongba started, the cadres of the URF came to the site but they were asked not to come out by the local Meira Paibis. Later, the cadres of URF started frisking at the road creating harassment to the youths coming to attend the Thabal Chongba. Some elders of Napet village tried to intervene them from conducting such frisking as the evening might be ruined by such act. Instead of listening to the elders, the URF cadres brutally assaulted the village elders. On hearing



the news, the local meira paibis, club members and other villagers of Napet, Nongada, Kameng Khunjao, Lamlai, Chalou, Nongren Chana and Telou village who were already angry with the excess of the SoO cadre throng to the camp and started confronting with the cadres. The locals turn hostile after the SoO cadres started firing from inside the camp. The locals rain stones and pebbles in retaliations to the machine gun. The wrath

of the Meira Paibis who dare the gun shot prompted villagers to even sacrifice their lives and started attacking SoO cadres barehand. The cadres ultimately escaped vacating the camp which was originally a govt. School. Speaking to reporters, a local meira paibi representative said that since the SoO cadres had opened their designated camp at the school, students belonging to poor family had stop

attending school. "Our children sees guns and war type situation every morning instead of learning ABC", the Meira Paibi said. "Neither the local ground nor the public pond were allowed to use by the locals as the ponds is spoiled by raring ducks", she added. Besides, since they set up camp at the school the people of the area has been facing harassment from the cadres as they frisked every night.

Public meeting decried URF excess; urges govt. to recover weapons allotted to them

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Imphal, April 9: Tension still runs high among the villagers of Napet, Nongada, Lamlai and its surrounding villages following yesterday's incident. People from Nongada, Kameng Khunjao, Lamlai, Chalou, Napet, Nongren Chana and Telou today morning gathered at the incident site at Napet Palli Ground and convened an urgent public meeting. MLA of Lamlai Assembly constituency Ksk Biren also attended the meeting. The meeting resolved to urge the government for immediate shifting of the URF designated camp at some place where they will not give trouble to any villagers. The meeting also form a JAC to fight any criminal activities by any group. It also urged to recover all the weapons allotted to SoO cadres. If failed to do so the JAC said the government should provide license gun to all the individual villagers. The meeting further resolved to demand the government for treatment of the 3 villagers who were assaulted by the cadres and also demanded immediate punishment of the cadres involved in the beating of the innocent villagers. Those injured villagers are A Soibam Amarjit (30) S/O (L) Bihari of Napet Mamang Leikai, Atom Bishorjit (30) S/O A Chaothoi of Mamang Leikai and Ngangbam Leishemba (30), S/O Ng. Modhu of Napet Mamang Leikai. Later, the local MLA Ksh Biren assured to take up the matter with the Chief Minister.

Union Minister laid foundation stone for three Industrial estate of hill district

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Imphal, April 9: Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Kalraj Mishra laid the foundation stones for setting up of Industrial Estates for three hill districts of Manipur—Ukhrul, Chandel

and Churachandpur on Saturday during the ongoing 1st Manipur Industrial Expo, Lambokhongnangkong on Saturday. The union minister also laid the foundation stone for setting of Livelihood Business Incubation Centers for nine district of Manipur and the function was held in presence of CM O Ibobi and state Commerce and Industries minister Govindas Konthoujam at the Industrial Park located at Imphal West district of Manipur.

Various schemes and programs has been implementing in the state to enable self-employment of unemployed youth by MSME and project ASPIRE, PMEGP, SFURTI are few of them which have helped uncountable youth income-generation, Kalraj Mishra stated during the function. He added that the central government will give unceasing efforts to bridge any developments gaps of NE Region with other states of India.

Rabi Takhellambam

Thoubal, April 9: As the construction of Mega Tourist Centre at Kongjom War Memorial as well as the front gate and Patriots Memorial Statues at Kheba Ching are yet to be completed even halfway, inauguration of the two edifices are not likely to be held on April 23, 2016 as scheduled. The Chief Minister of Manipur, Okram Ibobi Singh has announced that the Rs 22 crore costing memorials

would be unveiled by the President of India on the occasion of Khongjom Day. However, considering the progress of the work till today with the Khongjom Day celebration scheduled in only 12 days, it is evident that the inauguration for the Memorial Statues of Paona Brajabasi and the front Gate of the centre is unlikely to be held on time putting increasing pressure on the organizing committee and posing a challenge to celebrate the Khongjom Day on schedule this year. According to a report from the construction site, it is also informed that even if the inauguration date has been

fixed there is no hope for completion of the construction works within 12 days. The old Drama Hall situated at Khongjom War Memorial Complex had been demolished to build another one along with the Mega Tourist Centre. However, there is no tangible sign of starting the construction of the Drama Hall till date. In this condition, locals of Khongjom questioned the possibility of celebrating Khongjom Day. While locals of Khejing village said that the Chief Minister has personally inspected the construction site of the Mega Tourist Center many times with some dwelling houses at nearby

areas being demolished by the government, without finishing the row over the demolition of dwelling houses, how can the government construct the Mega Tourist Centre? the locals questioned. The locals have also expressed condemnation over the government's decision of celebrating Khongjom Day in the afternoon instead of the normal timing of observing the important occasion of the President's arrival in view of the state. They also appealed the government not to change the traditional timing of observing the occasion.

CHG found

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Imphal, April 9: A Chinese hand grenade was found at Mayai Lambi Service Station Hiyangthang Oil Pump under Wangoi Police Station in Imphal West district at around 5.30 am today. The petrol pump is owned by one S. Millan. According to source the grenade might have been placed in connection with monetary demand. Police safely retrieved the hand grenade at around 7.30 am, and safely detonated at a safer place. The source further added that a group which is not known in the public domain had served monetary demands some days back.

SEACO expresses appreciation on emerging trend of cultural revivalism

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Thoubal, April 9: It is high time the people of the state strive to revive the dwindling age-old traditions and customs which serve as the identity of the indigenous communities, and to follow the correct rituals during religious festivals. Expressing satisfaction over the increasing acceptance and observation of traditional rituals in the right manner and

spirit, a press release by South East Asia Cultural Organisation (SEACO) praised the people of the state for observing 'Meitei Cheiraoba' - the day which marks the beginning of the lunar year on the April 8. The release further appealed the people of Manipur to provide suggestions and constructive ideas while requesting for moral support and cooperation in its

endeavor to revive and popularize indigenous cultural festivals and indigenous games and sports in the proper manner and ritual so as to present a correct and unique portrayal of our customs and culture to the rest of the world and to protect them from being inextricably mixed with cultures and customs brought in from outside the state.

State team to attend Global Cultural Festival

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Imphal, April 9: A team of farmers, artists, students and entrepreneurs headed by President of Friend of Farmer, Wahengbam Rorkkychand Singh will leave Imphal on April 11 to attend Samskruthi Kumbha, a global festival to be held at Shree Veeranjaneya Kshetra Bangaramakki, Gerasoppa, Honavar,

Karnataka from 15 April to 22 April 2016. Representing the state, the team consisting 25 members would perform various folk dances, songs, martial arts, and showcase the handloom and handicraft artifacts. Indigenous

medicinal plants along with photos of the freedom fighters of the state will be on display at the Manipur pavilion erected at the festival premise. The team will be flag off from the gate of the historic Kangla Fort on April 11.

Revolt by dissident Congress MLAs: a plus point for BJP

By- Shyamsunder Haobam

Imphal, April 9: Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode to power in May 2014 almost decimating the Congress party, leaving with just 11 states ruled by the congress. Less than a year later Congress lost Maharashtra and Haryana to the BJP. Recently, Congress rebels aided by the BJP ended the congress rule in Arunachal Pradesh. Since then, the Congress government in Manipur is also on a shaky wicket. Manipur is going to polls in 2017 and it is uncertain even now whether chief minister Okram Ibobi's third term as chief minister will survive the ongoing revolt by dissident congress MLAs before his term completes.

About 25 dissident MLAs have hinted at toppling Ibobi's government into a crisis. Congress national president Sonia Gandhi had assured them in a meeting that their demands for a cabinet reshuffle and sacking some ministers would be considered. The congress high command intervened and in a desperate move to avert Arunachal Pradesh like situation in the state, announced a leadership change in the state congress replacing Deputy Chief Minister Gaikhangam with TN Haokip as the president of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee. All India Congress Committee general secretary in charge of

Manipur V. Narayanasmy had earlier stated that there was no rebellion within the congress party and that it is a kind of dirty game by the BJP in congress ruled states. This however seems to be a face saving statement considering that ministers have seem to have given a word of warning that all of them would quit if Ibobi drops even one of them from the ministry to conciliate the dissidents leaving chief minister Ibobi Singh in a fix. The dissidents are demanding the dropping of all the ministers. Both the dissidents as well as Ibobi's ministers are playing number games. While the ministers claim that the number of dissidents was

dwindling, dissident MLAs claim they are still intact. Ibobi appears to have promised that at the end of two and half years, all ministers would be replaced by another set, a promise never fulfilled which seem to have stirred the present crisis. This leaves Ibobi in a Lose-Lose situation as there is still no visible breakthrough even after discussions with senior ministers and dissident leaders. Any rash act by Ibobi favouring either the dissidents or his ministry probably would disintegrate the state congress party and their prospects in the next assembly elections which is less than a year from now. The

newly appointed president TN Haokip, chief minister Okram Ibobi and National president Sonia Gandhi have intimidating tasks ahead to solve the looming political crisis in the state. A minor mismanagement would leave BJP having the last laugh bringing an end to the 14 years of congress rule in Manipur. Even though congress had stated that it is an internal matter, the present political turmoil may even turn out to be graver than an internal matter. Congress had won 42 seats of 60 seats in 2012 general assembly elections which went up to 47 seats after 5 MLAs of the Manipur state congress party joined the congress in 2014.

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19th March 2016
Important Notice for the pre-paid consumers of Manipur

From 1st April 2016, new tariff regime will be in force. Thereof, the First Recharge shall consist of more than normal 20 or 21 digits. All the Consumers are requested to enter the codes correctly and completely to avoid inconvenience in future. These codes are available in all outlets (including online/ITZ cash) wherever they are already getting the vouchers.

The steps of entering codes are highlighted below for different types of Meter.

1. Secure make Meters	i) *60digit code # ii) *40digit code #
2. Genus make Meters	i) * 20digit code # (seven times)
3. HPL make Meters	Step 1 - Press * until 'INSERT 1' Message appears Step 2 - Enter each 21 digits followed by #
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