

Tension still runs high between UNC supporters and Valley base civil society organization 5 vehicles burnt at 3 different incident

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: Tension still runs high among the supporters of UNC imposing economic blockade in the National Highways and those imposing counter blockade against the UNC at valley area with more vehicles targeted and burnt at three different incidents today. Report reaching here said that 2 Imphal bound vehicles – a Bolero bearing registration number MN01K 5285 and a Swift Car were vandalized and burnt by unidentified persons suspected to be counter blockade supporters at Seijang area under Lamlai Police station at around 4.30 am today. Yesterday, a total of 22 Ukhrul bound vehicles including Police vehicles were burnt by an irate mob enforcing economic blockade along the



Imphal Ukhrul road. Our reporter who rushed the spot found both the Bolero and Swift vehicle cinder into ashes. Report culled from the area said that some counter blockade supporters stopped the two vehicles which were coming toward Imphal from Ukhrul side and after calling down all the occupants the unidentified persons burnt the two vehicles. Those

occupants were forced to return back towards Ukhrul, the report said. On the other hand volunteers of UNC today burnt down three vehicles in two separate incident. The first incident took place at Tadubi area. Report reaching said that a truck loaded with iron was set ablaze by the UNC volunteers late yesterday night. Later at around the same timing one

passenger bus bearing registration number MN 01 1668 and a Tata Sumo vehicle MN05A 5481 inbetween Taphou and Senapati. Following the news about the burning of the bus at Senapati, large number of people at Sekmai area came out in the street and check for tribal passengers. However, no untoward incident is reported till the filling of this story.

Civil society boycotts election related activities of political parties

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: Four civil society organizations of the state have boycotted election related activities of all political parties in the state. The boycott called was announced today in a press meet held today at the Office of IPSA at Keishampat by President of Kanglei Apunba Meira Lup (KANGLAMEI), Ima Leirik. Members of International Peace & Social Advancement (IPSA), People's action for National Democratic Movement (PANDM), Kanglei Ima Lup (KIL), Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA), Chanura Lamchinglen Kangleipak (CLK) and All Club

Organization Association & Meira Lup (ACOAM-LUP) were also present during the press meet. Speaking to media persons President of KANGLAMEI, Ima Leirik said that as non of the political parties had not spell out a single condemnation to the prolonged economic blockade as well as the hardship faced by the people of the state, the civil society organization had now decided to call boycott to any poll related activities of any political parties in the state. The Civil bodies also urged the state government to convene an emergency sitting of the state assembly session to adopt resolution

against the economic blockade and forward it to the Central Government authority. The seven organizations also urged the government authority to declare UNC as an outlaw Organisation immediately. President of Yumnamcha Dilip, President PANDM, while speaking on the occasion said that if the state police could not faced the odd hand over the responsibility to the people. The PANDM president was indirectly hitting the state force inability to fight the NSCN-IM. He said that there were many instances of NSCN-IM opening camp in the state of Manipur.

Counter blockade

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: Large number of people continues to impose counter blockade at uripok Kanchup road and Sagaoband area today. Report said that counter blockade supports continue to check vehicles that were carrying essential commodities towards hill district.

Dimapur – Imphal passenger bus service suspended

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: Dimapur to Imphal bound passenger service buses were suspended today following yesterday spurt of violence at which 22 vehicles were vandalized and burnt by a mob at Khurai area in Imphal east. Staffs of the bus Counters at Dimapur said that the bus service has to be suspended as the travel agency felt apprehension of unwanted incident. A lot of Imphal bound passengers are stranded at Dimapur, said a report reaching here.

A total of 28,000 are using Imphal Times Android APP to get access with the latest happening in Manipur. Stay in touch with Imphal Times by downloading our Android App. Just log on to www.imphaltimes.com.



Good Will Mission for peaceful co-existence begins

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: 15 different organisations have come together to form "Good Will Mission for Peaceful Co-existence" in order to bring back normalcy in the state. As a beginning of the mission, a public meeting will be held in Kwairamband Bazaar on the 21st of this month. The meeting will be attended by representatives of all communities of the state and different stakeholders

including UNC. Good Will Mission for Peaceful Co-existence was formed today after a meeting at Nagaram. Ningthouja Lancha of CIRCA has been elected the Convenor of the mission. Tangkhul People's Organisation, Naga People's Organisation, Zeliangrong Union, Ten Union Social Upliftment, Khurai, HERICON, LIPUN, representatives of Ima Keithel Mari, KOMREM Union,

ICHAM, CIRCA, AMUCO, Manipur Muslim Welfare Organisation, Malem Kanba Lup, Nagaram Women Society and KIMACS are part of the mission. Speaking to media persons, Convenor of the mission, Ningthouja Lancha termed the incident of Khurai Heikru makhong yesterday as unfortunate and blamed the security personnel for the same. The meeting held today also took 7 different resolutions.

WASEDEV 3rd Foundation day observed

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: 3rd foundation day of Women Association for Socio Economic Development (WASEDEV) observed today at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal today. Rk Tharakana, President of WASEDEV speaking as the president of the function said that to take up the necessity work by women for their family in the economy side and with the current socio economy problem faced of the state, the women body was formed to ease the situation.

Not only in the socio economy problem, to protect the role of the women in our today's society, our culture, character and especially women empowerment is the main priority of WASEDEV, she added. Dr K Sobita Devi, Chairperson of Manipur State Commission for Women, Manipur, Ak Janaki Leima, Advisor of Women Association for Socio Economic Development attended the function as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

RBI imposes curbs on old note deposits exceeding Rs 5,000

New Delhi, Dec. 19:

The Reserve Bank on Monday imposed stiff restrictions on depositing more than Rs 5,000 in the scrapped Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes, mandating that it can be deposited only once per account till December 30, that too after explaining to bank officials the reasons for not having done that so far. Stipulating that restrictive conditions will also apply on the cumulative deposit of such notes in a single account when it exceeds Rs 5,000, RBI said that defunct currency up to any amount can be deposited under the new

black money amnesty PMGKY scheme.

"It has been decided to place certain restrictions on deposits of SBNs into bank accounts while encouraging the deposits of the same under the Taxation and Investment Regime for the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, 2016," RBI said in a notification.

Under the PMGKY scheme, black money holders can deposit unaccounted cash in account which will be subject to 50 per cent tax and 4-year interest free lock-in for the remaining 25 per cent of the amount.

Maoist blames Manipur Government for the present fiasco

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur today blamed the Manipur Government for the present fiasco which has kept Manipur burning in the last couple of days.

A statement issued by Kyonghan Mangang, Coordinator, Standing Committee, Maoist Communist Party-Manipur, stated that the present government has failed to tackle the issues in time and failure to find a solution has cause the present imbroglio. The outfit said Manipur government is responsible for both the Economic blockade and counter economic

blockade to subjugate and oppress the people of the state. The statement further said that though central government is responsible for maintenance and construction of National Highways it is the state government that is the responsible for maintenance of traffic and law and order situation along the National Highways.

Instead of controlling the law and order situation, the Manipur Government has been remaining a mute spectator for two months, as a result provoking the economic blockade in the valley region. The kind of attitude can assume that the

Manipur Government is purposely trying to bring about communal tensions in the state of Manipur. The current economic blockade and counter economic blockade, is adding fuel to the anger of the people provoking communal enmity among the various people of the state. The statement said that since Manipur Government is desirous to bring about communal tension in Manipur, it decides to take advantage of the similar objective of the anti-social body like UNC who prefers to create a communal chaos in the land of Manipur, and this gave rise to the prevailing disharmony in

Manipur. On the other hand, the Maoist Communist Party Manipur while condemning the attack to MBC church said that such attack was committed by few anti-social individuals. The outfit point fingers to well-wishers of the security forces to the attack on MBC church saying that the kind of act was committed as revenge to the killing of the three security forces recently in ambushed at Imphal Moreh road. The armed rebel group said that it will take seriously to the kind of provocative attitude of Okram Ibobi Singh which incites communal enmity among the people of the state.

Curfew affects normal life in Imphal East

IT News

Imphal, Dec 19: Indefinite curfew imposed at imphal east area has once again affected the normal life in the district today.

The indefinite curfew which came into force from Sunday evening was called in-order to control the situation arising at the imphal east area where many vehicles were vandalised and goods were destroyed for transporting at the hill areas.

Many part of the Imphal-East area remain affected as most of the road were seen to be blocked with wood logs and stones and even tires were burnt preventing any kind of

vehicular movement.

Since the curfew was imposed at imphal east area, almost all the mobile internet services were snapped to prevent spread of rumours which could create communal issue in the state.

The curfew was imposed on the evening of Sunday eveing at both Imphal East and Imphal West district, said an order issued by the

District Magistrat and it will continue till further directions.

Earlier in the day, the state Cabinet decided to shut down mobile internet services in Imphal East and West district with immediate effect, taking serious note on the prevailing situation here following the incident at Chingmeirong on December 17.

Guest Column

Please refrain from doing counter blockade in the valley

I am kind of lost for words to see the happenings in Manipur - the indefinite blockade in the hills for the last so many days; the ambushes on the police, the bandhs and counter blockade etc of late, lots of things have been happening. There are reports of counter blockades in parts of Imphal yesterday, especially at Khurai. I am requesting the people of the valley to not resort to such acts. We, in the valley are suffering due to some people/ leaders of the hills that call for blockade in the highway. Yes, some anti social elements did come out blocking and destroying the vehicles and goods few weeks back on the highway, even the police escorts were sent back to Imphal. Now, if we do the counter blockade, the innocent people of the hills will again suffer. I know we are all very very angry, but if we do the counter blockade, we are no different from them. On humanitarian ground, let the vehicles and buses pass by. Doing counter blockade and attacking churches is not a way of paying respect to the departed martyrs, I feel. The people who are suffering have nothing to do the ones who fired on the police. They died for a united Manipur, let us not make Manipur divided.

That said, I would like to also say something to the individuals who have posted in social media against the attacks on MBC day before yesterday, the counter blockade at Khurai yesterday - why were they so silent when there have been indefinite blockades in the hills all these days? Not a word of condemnation then, and why now when the counter blockade happens, they start to complain. That's being hypocrite! And dear UNC, you please do your protest against the government for your reasons and grievances, I am okay. But your economic blockades along the national highway have made the prices of petrol, and other basic commodities sky rocketed. Like everyone in the valley, I bought petrol at Rs 180 a liter. Why should you make the common people in the valley suffer again and again for any issue? Today is the 49th day of your ongoing blockade. Such sadists you are!! If NSCN (IM) has a ceasefire agreement with the GOI in Nagaland, so be it. Happy for their peace. But why does the central and the state govt. let loose gun totting NSCN (IM) cadres in the open at different parts of the state threatening, firing, killing, robbing... as they please. Have they taken over the government as keepers of law in these parts of Manipur? Today, there are reports that Imphal bound vehicles have been burnt at Mao and Senapati, and Imphal bound vehicles are burnt at Saijang, near Lamlai. Please stop the blockade in the hills and counter blockade in the valley. It's not going to help anyone. An eye for an eye will make us all go blind.

By- Ringo Pebam