



MLA Joykishan resigns from BJP People first, party second, so I resigned - Joykishan

IT News
Imphal, Dec 21: BJP MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today tenders resignation from the party's primary/active membership. Joykishan is one among the two sitting BJP MLA in the 10th Manipur Legislative Assembly which got elected from Thangmeiband Assembly constituency in the bye election. With his resignation, BJP now have only one sitting MLA, Thongam Bishwajit of Thongju Assembly constituency. Speaking to reporters at his Thangmeiband residence, MLA Kh. Joykishan said that he tenders the resignation as the BJP leadership, which is in government at the center fails to address the suffering of the people due to the prolonged economic blockade. "I joined BJP as its ideology is Nation first and Party second, when the very party failed to redress the suffering of the people I don't find any meaning on remaining with the party", said Joykishan.

Joykishan joins Congress

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Imphal, Dec 21: After resigning from the BJP, MLA Khumukcham Joykishan officially joined the Congress party today evening. The decision to join the congress party was taken after the Thangmeiband United Club (TUC) and other supporters urged him to join the party today afternoon. President of the MPCC TN Haokip and other member of the Congress party today organised a grant reception function of MLA Joykishan at Congress Bhavan today



He said that he being a member of the party which is in government at the centers could not do anything to the present imbroglio in the state as the leaders at the center do not take up any action to contain the crisis. "I have submitted memorandums to the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister but the central government remains silent to the present issue pouring more anger to the people of the state. As the BJP central leadership failed to listen to the voice of the people, I have no other choice but to resign from the party", Joykishan said.

MLA Kh. Joykishan said that the decision to resign from the primary and active membership of the BJP was taken after thorough deliberation with the people of his constituency. He said following the uncertainty of the BJP Manipur Pradesh due to internal crisis of the party, he had tendered resignation from all post assigned to him to the state BJP President Ksh. Bhabananda on December 15. As no reply has been intimated Joykishan considered his resignation accepted. He further added that his resignation is a wake-up call to the BJP and appealed

the party to remain united and do some good for the people of the state. When asked about his political strategy, Joykishan said that he will decide on which party to join after consultation with his people. Earlier Thangmeiband United Club (TUC) had urged the MLA to unfold the content of the framework work agreement signed between the Government of India and NSCN-IM and stated that if failed the TUC will boycott BJP from December 24. The TUC also urged Joykishan to resign from the BJP if the condition provided are not fulfilled by the BJP.

Inter-ethnic get-together meeting calls for peace in Manipur

IT News
Imphal, Dec 21: Peace-lover leaders of various ethnic groups of Manipur have come together to put an end to the communal dissonance in the state today.

Goodwill Mission for Peaceful Co-existence, a conglomerate body of 17 both hill and valley-based civil society organizations has organised a Get-together Meeting for all opinion-makers and leaders of hill and valley based civil society organizations at Ema Keithel here today morning. Speakers at the Get-together Meeting expressed their views to strengthen the bond of fraternity and mend communal enmity among the ethnic groups of Manipur.

CONCEPT OF BOUNDARY
Manipur, popularly known as land of Jewels has been turned into a fiery cauldron with the protracted issues and infighting. The politics of boundary and concept of his/our/their land made some section of the people senseless. This led to never-ending political feud among us, said Secretary General of Universal Friendship Organisation, Meiraba Angom, who attended at the meeting as one of the speakers. People of Manipur need to understand each other and instill the sense of belongingness among us, added Meiraba Angom.

SELFISH PEOPLE
Another speaker, S Barani of United Christian Mission Manipur said that the number of selfish people in the state has increased; their selfish and

Goodwill Mission team to intervene the tussle of UNC and Govt.

self-centered cost the normalcy and communal peaceful co-existence. What we are seeing during the UNC's economic blockade and its counter-blockade is the manifestation of our selfish mind and ideas. She also appealed all to create a bond of true love among the people of Manipur for a long-lasting solution to all sort of communal enmity and social conflicts.

RADICALISM
Romeo of All Tribal Community Association said that the ongoing blockade is between UNC and the State Government but it affected the people in large. He also pointed out that the main cause of all these issues is radicalism and intolerance among us.

The leaders of tribal communities also appealed the Goodwill Mission team to meet all the concern stakeholders and intervene to end the ongoing economic blockade and other associated issues. **STOP RUBBING SALT TO WOUNDS**
Keirudin Shah, Former President of All Manipur Muslim Coordinating Body said during his speech that taking advantage of the present situation some valley based civil society organizations are instigating

communal flare and rubbing salt to the wound of the people. He also appealed all the independent or supported by armed groups bodies to stop playing politics and work towards bringing peace and harmony in Manipur. Sapamcha Jadumani, president of IPAK appealed the Naga armed groups to stop interfering into the affairs of the land of Manipur by supporting radical groups to separate the land and indigenous people of the state. **CALL FOR PEACE**

The representatives of ethnic groups in Manipur unanimously called the state government and UNC to settle their quarrel at the earliest in view of the sufferings face by the innocent people.

It also called all to join hands in bringing peaceful co-existence among the ethnic communities of Manipur. The Goodwill Mission also resolved to intensify their peace campaign across the state to bring peace and solution to ethnic conflicts. After the meeting, Convenor of the Goodwill Mission, Ningthoucha Lancha said that the opinion shared by the leaders of the ethnic communities would be taken into action and it also decided to push the Government of India and State Government to resolve the ongoing issue at the earliest.

Suspension Bridge Burnt Down by Miscreants

IT News
Imphal, Dec 21: In a very unfortunate incident, the wooden suspension bridge connecting the two villages of Erong Khuman and Mutum Phibou above Imphal River was partially burnt down by unknown miscreants on the night of December 20. Speaking at a public meeting held today at the community hall of Erong Khuman in connection with the incident, Md Rahimuddin, Former Secretary Social Welfare of Erong Khunou Youth Development Union said that the union strongly condemns the burning of the suspension bridge which is the main lifeline for the villagers of Erong Khuman. The suspension bridge is being used daily by the Erong Khuman Villagers for transportation, to visit market places as the bridge is proving to be a convenient shortcut for the villagers to the nearest villages, district and mainly Imphal city. Unfortunately, some



individuals are trying to create communal issues between the two villagers by burning down the bridge, taking opportunity of the recent unfortunate incident between Nungei Meitei and Nungei Pangal, he added. Md Riyazuddin Aribam further states that since late 18th century, Muslim community and other communities have been living together peacefully and with harmony but in the past couple of years the path seems to be vanishing day by day with rising issues of

communal hatred. Likewise, the unfortunate practice of destroying the particular bridge whenever any social scuffles erupt should not be brought up which can create big issues between the two villagers that have been living peacefully for so long, and that if the government and concern authority manage to bring solution to the on-going social issues at Thoubal Nungai at the earliest, there will not be any further social scuffle between any communities.

Appealing to the authority concern to upgrade the bridge into a pucca one, Md Riyazuddin Aribam said that to avoid any unwanted communal hatred one must describe it as an issue between X and Y instead of describing it as between Meitei and Muslim, while demanding the authorities to find and punish the culprits as well as those spreading communal tension. A meeting was also held between the two villagers to maintain peace and harmony where a resolution to ban entry of outsider in the villages after 7pm was passed. The suspension bridge is located about 3 km from Thoubal Nungai. Meanwhile, one non-local working at the construction site of high-tension electric wiring project has been badly injured after a local from Mutum Phibou attacked him with a sword today afternoon. The injured person has been admitted at RIMS for treatment.

Ban UNC: SSUM

IT News
Imphal, Dec 21: Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) has demanded the state government to elucidate to the people of the Manipur State over the failure to announce United Naga Council (UNC) as terrorist group till date. Speaking to the media persons here at Manipur Press Club, Majorkhul, Imphal, Naorem Tanoranjana, Publicity Secretary of SSUM said that why the state government has fail to banned the UNC for their act

like terrorist, taking the law in their hands and for creating misery to the people of the state while the leader of JCILPS was announce wanted based on a unconfirmed photo uploaded in the social media. Asserting the demands for Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) in the state should be fulfill, the Publicity Secretary appeals the concern and state government to call a Special Assembly Session to pass the ILPS bill and bring solution at the current issue of the state.

Maoist criticise Iboi govt.

IT News
Imphal, Dec 21: The gloating by Mr Okram Iboi of being the CM of Manipur for the last fifteen years is nothing but blowing his own trumpet. This act of misleading the general public by praising himself & his Congress party is totally unacceptable and it tantamount to adding salt to an injury said Maoist Communist Party Manipur. The outfit in a statement said that In Oct 2003, The Manipur Police arrested/captured the Home Minister of NSCN-IM, Mr AK Langlang with a band of 13 NSCN-IM cadres along with their sophisticated firearms. But released them and handed them over to the Cease fire monitoring committee, the beginning of selling Manipur on a platter. The outfit said that in the name of Counter Insurgency hundreds of innocents were murdered in cold blood in fake encounters. The outfit mentioned about the 1528 cases of fake encounters from Manipur. The outfit said that the inhuman rape & murder of Thangjam Chanu Manorama was also during the time of Chief Minister Okram Iboi. The outfit also recall the attempt to self-immolate by MAFYF volunteers in front of the CM office and the self-immolation of student leader Pebam Chittaranjan. The outfit also recalled on how the ILPS issue is being suppressed by the government.

PWG blames CM O. Iboi, NSCN-IM and UNC for the present crisis

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Imphal, Dec 21: People's War group - the conglomerate of KCP Tamnganba Meitei, KCP Poirai Meitei Lup and KCP (MC) Paikhomba Meitei Lup today blame the Okram Iboi Singh Government, NSCN-IM and the UNC for the present fiasco in the state. In a press statement signed by Poirai Meitei and Lenin Meitei, the joint body said that in their mission to achieve their goal, the Okram Iboi Singh led state government, the NSCN-IM and the UNC are inciting hate feeling towards the various communities of the state. These people want a communal clashed between

the communities of the state. In their mission to achieve their goal there is no let up in their activities to incite hate feeling among the various communities, said the statement. The joint body also termed the creation of new districts as a move for political gain by inciting communal flare up in the state. It also expressed apprehension on whether the NSCN-IM is going on with semi ethnic genocidal war. On the other hand, the joint body also wishes the people of the state on occasion of the Christmas day and New Year day. It appeals the people of the state to lead towards a peaceful life.

UNC should withdraw economic blockade; act like a mature CSO: MNRF

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Imphal, Dec 21: UNC should withdraw economic blockade, but engage with government of Manipur like a mature cso, without making suffer the innocent general public of both hill and valley- stated a press release of Manipur Naga Revolutionary Front (MNRF) today. Reiterating the fact that the different communities have been living together from time immemorial as good and proud citizens of Manipur, the release raised concern on the deteriorating relationship cherished and shared together from our fore-fathers due to the selfish games that has been played amongst the

public to live separately. Terming the attempts of vested interests to breed enmity amongst the various communities as a venom that is threatening to turn the harmony and peaceful coexistence the people have enjoyed for so long, the statement blames the leaders for the present unrest and volatile social situation. The release further appeal to all the leaders that it is a high time to reconcile for peaceful co-existence and to stop fooling themselves and the people of the state irrespective of caste and creed. The economic blockade called by the UNC in Naga inhabited areas has forced to bear a counter

economic blockade in the valley and none of the groups will achieve good result except tears and bloods of our own, yet increase a more gap of misunderstanding among the hills and valley, the release asserted, saying that it is not too late to rectify the error of UNC economic blockade. Appealing to all the leaders and general public of the valley that it will be wrong to view all the Naga people as the agent/benchmen of UNC/NSCN(IM), the statement declares that there are a lot of Naga people who are against and do not support the ongoing indefinite economic blockade and NSCN's(IM) ideology of integration.

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