

Protestors burning effigies of CM, Dy CM at Khuyathong



MLA Joykishan arrested, produce before High Court

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Imphal, Jan 23: Newly elected BJP MLA of Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency Kh Joykishan was arrested today while leading a protest from his residence at Thangmeiband against the move of the state government to construct a temporary market shed along the already heavily congested Thangal Bazar road. The arrest was made by a team of state security personnel headed by Additional SP (OPS) O Bikranjit from Kasturi Bridge when MLA Joykishan, along with a large number of



supporters started his march towards Kasturi Bridge defying a curfew imposed by the state since yesterday in Thangmeiband and Thangal Bazar area including Nagamapal and Khuyathong. Security personnel already deployed in the curfew imposed area took Joykishan to Imphal West Police station and later produced at the High Court. He was then taken back to IW Police Station. Soon after the arrest of the MLA spread, supporters

started pelting stones and a large number of people took to the streets defying the curfew. Security personnel had to resort to firing tear gas and mock-bombs in an attempt to contain the growing agitation. A number of agitators were injured during the melee and had to undergo medical treatment. Hijam (o) Ibeyaima Devi 45, W/O Kumar of Khuyathong, Yunnan (o) Bijaya Devi 40, W/o Sarat of Polem Leikai, RK Thouranisabi 38, W/o Surjit of Thangmeiband Yunnan Leikai, Gurumayum

Memchoubi 38, W/o G Shanti of Khuyathong Polem Leikai, Ningthoujam Boni 45, S/o (L) Bijoy of Nagamapal Kabrabam Leikai, Gurumayum Donbi 48, S/o (L) G Nandalal of Thangmeiband Lourepurel Leikai were amongst several who sustained serious injuries to the head and body requiring stitches and other medical treatments. The situation is poised to worsen as the agitators and those spearheading the agitation have declared their resolve to continue the stir.

BJP MLA Bishwajit defends stand of arrested colleague MLA Joykishan

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Imphal Jan 23: Newly elected BJP MLA of Thongju Kendra Th Bishwajit held a press meet at Manipur Press Club today soon after the arrest of his political colleague Kh Joykishan, BJP MLA, Thangmeiband Kendra and blamed the state government for the unwanted incidents arising in connection with the construction of temporary market shed, alleging that if the state government had built the temporary shed according to the order of the state government made on January 7 suggesting the construction of the temporary shed at Hao Keithel but instead the state government took a hasty decision to build the

temporary market shed in the middle of the crowded Thangal bazar. He further added that Joykishan raised the issue against the governments' decision for the convenience of the people and that the action of the government to forcibly construct the market shed is cruel and immature politics. He further added that the state government or its spokesperson Okendro has never formally invited any concern parties or individuals about the temporary market shed accept an appeal through a few newspapers and demanded that the state government should clarify targeting and arresting only MLA Kh Joykishan for violation of CRPC 144 as many people are also

violating the same act. Th Bishwajit who also met the arrested MLA said that MLA Joykishan would not give-up the struggle at any cost and is ready to go jail, adding that the voice of Joykishan is the voice of the people of the state and the movement would go on. He further added that state government can construct the market shed along the old assembly road or at the backside of Johnstone higher secondary school. O Joy who was also present at the press meet said that the state government must put a stop to the present construction activities and take a decision after discussing the issue with the two parties to solve the problem.

“Protection of child rights” programme held at Moreh

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Imphal Jan 23: A one day motivation programme on “protection of child rights” organized by the Manipur Commission for Child Rights was held today at the State Territorial Boundary and Trade Centre Moreh. Various resource persons and other prominent personalities shared their views and speeches focusing on the protection of childrens' rights in the state were made which was followed by a discussion session on the topic.

RC book lost

I, the undersigned, have lost the RC book for my Activa vehicle bearing Registration No. MN 01F-5954, Chassis No. ME4JF484HF8010793, Engine No. JF48E-8-1017338, on the way between Shija Hospital to Kongpal on Dec. 3, 2015.

Finders are requested to kindly hand over it to the undersigned. Sd/-

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KCP (MC) Boycott Republic Day

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Imphal, Jan 23: The underground military outfit Kangleipak Communist Party (Military Council), KCP(MC) has urged the people of the state to observe total boycott on India's Republic Day and has called 12 hour public curfew to protest the “Forceful Merger” of Manipur into India. In a press release issued by Paikhomba Meitei, Secretary Information and Publicity Military Affairs of KCP(MC) clarifies that Manipur became a republic with the formation of a popular government through adult franchise under the Manipur State Constitution Act 1948 and that the State was annexed through “treachery and deceit” on October 15 by the Indian Union in contravention

to the wishes of the people by having king Bodhchandra sign Merger Agreement under duress in Shillong in 1949. The banned outfit, Kangleipak Communist Party-Military Council (KCP-MC) warned the people not to venture out in observance of the day. All business activities and transport services are advice to suspend their function on the day, however media, medical and religious services are exempted from the purview of the boycott. “Anybody defying the ban on participation in Republic Day celebration would be viewed as supporters of the alien rule,” a release from KCP-MC said. The 12 hour curfew imposed

on 26 January will commence from morning 6:00 am to evening 6:00 pm effectively.

President pays homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his 119th Birth Anniversary

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New Delhi, Jan. 23: The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee paid homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his 119th Birth Anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (January 23, 2016). He paid floral tributes in front of a portrait of Netaji at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Officers and staff of Rashtrapati Bhavan were present on the occasion.

Joint statement including CorCom calls for total shutdown on Jan 26

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Imphal Jan 23: United National Liberation Front of WESEA (UNLFW) Co-ordination Committee (CorCom)- Manipur, Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA), Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) released a joint statement against the celebration of India's Republic Day in WESEA Region. The release alleged that the Government of India is pursuing a hegemonic colonial policy in a club of bullet riders to assimilate the distinct cultures, people and territories to India forever, adding that the land and territories are constantly ravaged and the indigenous people's very existence is being threatened with the ever increasing influx of Indian immigrants. Thus, to survive and enable to live with dignity the people of the region are compelled to take up arms to liberate themselves from Indian occupation. On the other

hand, Indian establishment is using all its military might, both hardware and software in suppressing the struggle for the right to self determination of the indigenous people. The joint release called for a total

shutdown of the region from 00:01 hrs to 18:00 hrs of 26 January 2016. The emergency services, media and religious activities may continue unhindered during this period, the release added.

Royal Riders Manipur celebrate 9th foundation Day

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Imphal Jan 23: Royal Riders Manipur- a club of bullet riders celebrate its 9th foundation day at Lamyamba Shanglein of Palace Compound today. Guest of Honour Irengbam Arun, Editor of Echel Express said that by the term “Bullet Rider”, the concept of the people is one connected with drugs smuggling, criminal activities or gangsters, however the Royal Riders Manipur has managed to change the earlier misconceptions about the

bullet rider. The club has been serving the state by travelling to various remote areas and conducting free medical camps as well as donating essential items to the underprivileged from time to time. Retd IAS Rk Nimai, Th. Dhaballi- Managing Director of Babina Group of Companies and President of Royal Riders Manipur Miren Thangjiba also chaired the function as Guest Guest, Guest of Honour and President respectively.

NIA tracks down IS terror trail in India

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New Delhi, Jan. 23: Authorities issued an alert in Delhi on Friday after the driver of a taxi allegedly hijacked near the scene of a recent terror attack on Punjab's Pathankot airbase was found murdered, sparking security concerns amid a nationwide crackdown by the NIA on alleged Islamic State militants. Delhi Police released photos of suspects and vehicle details through their Twitter handle saying the Maruti Alto was hired by three unidentified men on January 20. The driver, Vijay Kumar, was later found dead in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district, officials said. The alert came amid heightened security across the nation ahead of Republic Day celebrations to be attended in Delhi by French President Francois Hollande as chief guest, months after his country was hit by a series of coordinated terror attacks claimed by the IS. The National Investigation Agency arrested or detained over a dozen people, including the self-appointed India head of IS, during raids in Karnataka, UP, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra that sources said blew the lid off a sweeping network of the terror group with plans to carry out blis here.

The alleged chief, or Ameer, 34-year-old Munabeer Mushtaq from Mumbai, is a software engineer and was in touch with a person named Yusuf Al-Hindi, an Indian national suspected to be a former key member of the Indian Mujahideen group and now in the IS-held area along Iraq-Syria border. “It is believed that Munabeer Mushtaq was meticulously planning to raise a pan-India network of operatives who were attracted to the IS ideology. He was planning to anoint Ameer and their deputies for all states in the country,” said a senior home ministry official. “They had formed a group by the name of ‘Janood-ul-Khalifa-e-Hind’ and acquired explosive material like sulphur, hydrogen peroxide, detonators and wires. The group was trying to get weapons as well.” NIA sleuths found Rs 20 lakh in Munabeer's bank account and seized during searches around Rs 3 lakh that he received through hawala transactions. He was unemployed for the last three years. Bomb-making instructions and other jihadi literature were also unearthed during the raids. “Since the IS has become the biggest jihadi brand, all radicalised boys are now being lured in its name, even

if they earlier belonged to (extremist groups) Students Islamic Movement of India, or IM, or Ansar-ul-Tawhid,” said a senior security official. Authorities have tightened security across major cities following a flurry of intelligence reports warning that militants could target anything, from busy malls to millions of pilgrims visiting the Ardh Kumbh. Extra paramilitary forces were deployed in New Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru, where the French consulate on Thursday received a letter warning against its president's presence at the Republic Day celebrations. Investigators are probing the source of the letter which said Francoise Hollande should cancel his trip to India beginning Sunday. Police in Himachal Pradesh, where the vehicle that went missing in Pathankot was registered, said the Alto was not enlisted with any travel agency. What sent police into a tizzy was the fact that earlier this month terrorists had killed the driver of another vehicle they had hired before attacking the airbase. “There is no need to panic but we urge people to stay alert. Citizens should inform the police control room if they see any suspicious activity around them,” said

deputy commissioner of police Rajan Bhagat said. Authorities also arrested four men in Uttarakhand this week on suspicion of planning an attack in Delhi. Security officials said the four had been under surveillance for several months after their online activities drew suspicion, including contacts with people in territories in Iraq and Syria controlled by Islamic State. Police said the men had also been planning strikes in Haridwar, where thousands of devotees are now gathered for the Ardh Kumbh festival. Goa Police have stepped up security and are investigating a postcard received by the state secretary in Panaji with a warning to harm Prime Minister Narendra Modi and defence minister Manohar Parrikar. In Mumbai, police are yet to trace six mysterious paragliders who were seen near the city's coast on January 13. Authorities said they have taken the incident seriously because of a 2010 intelligence report that the terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba had procured 50 paragliders from Europe and was conducting training in Pakistan to launch an aerial attack.