

Firing over land dispute leaves 7 injured at Senapati, condition of 5 serious

IT News
Imphal, June 23: At least 7 persons sustained injuries of which 5 were rushed to different hospitals after a gunfight erupted between villagers of Maram Khunou and Khabung karong under Senapati district over a long-standing land dispute. Two of the injured admitted to SHIJA Hospital were identified as Th Viimi (19), S/o Thole of Vakhou under Senapati who had been hit by bullets on his right hand, left shoulder, abdomen and chest and Sahnimi, S/o Daile of Vakhou under Senapati who sustained a bullet wound on his abdomen. The other three injured admitted to Raj Hospital has been identified as P Daihri who was hit by bullet on his neck and thigh, V Paul, S/o P Vio was hit by bullets on his left shoulder and abdomen and A John S/o (L) Ahrai, who got grazed on the forehead with a bullet. All the injured are from Khabung Karong. One of the victim's family member said that New Karong or Vakhou and Maram Khunou



has been at loggerheads over land dispute and the two villages are divided by a river. Locals of Maram Khunou have constructed more than 60 houses by encroaching beyond the river towards Vakhou area during the last 3 weeks. He further added that locals of Maram Khunou had been instructed to stop the construction of houses but the construction activities continued despite the strong

reminders which led to the locals of Vakhou to mobilise a team and proceed to dismantle the constructions on the alleged disputed land early morning at around 3:30 today. Maram khunou villagers started firing on the approaching Vakhou villagers and the incident continued till around 4:30 am. Senapati police and 35AR personnel immediately rushed to the spot and brought the situation

under control. Senapati police has also been deployed near the disputed site to prevent any untoward incidents. It may also be noted that, based on Senapati police report vide no: 51/SPT-PS/2016 dated 29/05/2016 to prevent possible tension and untoward incident, the District Magistrate Senapati had issued a prohibitory order u/s 144 Cr PC 1973 at the disputed site since May 30 of this year.



Bandh supporters blocking road at Singjamei Bheigyabati Leikai

48 hours bandh called demanding lifting of wanted tag to Kh Ratan affect normal life

IT News
Imphal, June 23: The 48-hours Manipur bandh (midnight of June 22 to midnight of June 24) called by JAC against the announcement of wanted JCILPS Leader Kh Ratan and on Implementation of ILPS Singjamei Wanga has affected the normalcy in the state. The bandh has been in force from the midnight of June 22 by the JAC demanding to lift wanted tag labeled against Kh Ratan, former Convenor of Joint Action Committee on Inner Line Permit System. Police has picked up Kh Poiraiton alias Bobby (33), s/o Late Kh Ibotombi of Singjamei Wangma Bheigabati Leikai, who is the younger brother of JCILPS leader Kh Ratan from Singjamei Keithel while implementing bandh at Singjamei Keithel today at around 4.30AM.



Spearheaded by member of the JAC, volunteers of local meira paibi, clubs and residents have implemented the bandh along the National Highway-2 at Moirangkhom, Singjamei Chingmakhong, Singjamei Khetrileikai, Singjamei Bheigabati Leikai, Kakwa, Yaikul, Canchipur and other places by preventing plying of

vehicles. While a team of Singjamei Police station, Kakwa tried to disperse the bandh supporters, a scuffle between state security personnel and bandh supporters broke out. In support of the bandh a large number of people blocked roads at different places here in the capital city and other

JCILPS continues protest

IT News
Imphal, June 23: As a part of the ongoing protest demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System in the state, various women folk today form human chain from Khagempali to Tera Keithel along the Khagempali, Mayoikobi and then later towards Sayang pukhri at around 3 pm. Meira paibi of various localities along the

route earlier staged sit-in protest at their respective localities. At Sangaiprou too, large number of people including Kabul community staged the protest demanding implementation of the Inner Line Permit System. During the protest commuters were not allowed to pass as the a JAC has been imposing bandh demanding lifting of wanted tag to Ratan.

GPRN condoles

IT News
Imphal, June 23: The Government of the People's Republic of Nagalim condoled the death of Captain (Retired) Franklin Anal, Tarar in a condolence message. "He was a sincere national worker who served the Nation whole-hearted in various capacities. At this moment of grief and sorrow the nation extends its deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and prayers and prays for the solace of the departed soul," a said release by K Among, Secretary Ministry of Health for Cabinet Secretary, GPRN.

Candidate invited for admission to various post

IT News
Imphal, June 23: Directorate of tourism government of Manipur has invited eligible candidates for admission to various courses for the academic session of 2016-2017 in The Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Guwahati. The courses offer are craftsmanship course in food production and patisserie, P.G Diploma in Accommodation Operation And Management

And Craftsmanship Certificate Course In Food And Beverage Service. The eligible candidates should apply to the director (Tourism), government of Manipur in plain (computer typed) along with (1) attested copies of educational and caste/tribe/obc certificate (2) date of birth certificate (3) mark sheet and (4) (two) copies of attested passport size photographs of the candidates on or before 29-06-2016.

RIMS OPD, Casualty closed in protest against MLA

IT News
Imphal, June 23: Patients who came for treatment at RIMS hospital today have to return back disappointedly as OPD and casualty remain closed as non teaching and teaching staffs went on cease work strike demanding apology from Parliamentary Secy. K Meghachandra for allegedly assaulting a mal nurse inside the hospital complex. K. Meghachandra had yesterday clarified that he did not assaulted the male nurse but had some altercation as the later failed to show some respect to a representative of the people while he was on his way to meet a patient at the hospital ward.

Bomb expert of NRFM gang arrested

IT News
Imphal, June 23: In a positive breakthrough for the state security forces, Nameirakpam Mangi @ Yaima (48), S/o N Kondum Singh of Yurembam Mayai Leikai was arrested at 3am from his residence today in an operation conducted by a combine team of Imphal West Commandos and 12-Bihar Regiment. According to the press note of the office of the SP Imphal West, the arrested person is working under a group of gang leaders called NRFM whose commanders have been named as 1) Binodon @ Kishan @ Wangba, and 2) Dhabalo @ Paikhomba. He has been charged with running a bomb factory at his residence especially for the NRFM gang. All the materials and financial aid for making



the bombs were provided by the above commanders of NRFM gang and he was making all the bombs. The release further states that the recent bomb attacks at various places and residences of individuals and mobile phone towers as a means of extortion carried out by the gang were all made by Mangi Singh including the bomb attacks near the residential gate of

Brahmachariyam Biramangol Sharma (67) (L) B Dhananjay of Uripok Yambem Leikai, planting and exploding of IED at the gate of Ima Kerosene Agency at Toupokpi Maning Leikai near EFCI Church and the bomb attack in front of the residential gate of Thokchom (N) Laishram (O) Phullobat, W/o L Iboipshak of Tera Sapam Leirak.

Book Review

Summer Snow: Portraying Manipur of Today

By: Seram Neken

Every human being has the right to see, hear and feel his environment. He has the liberty to think and express his opinion to his fellow beings. Enjoying such a liberty is itself a duty of a man to his fellow humans. Writers whose pens attempt to paint the current social issues and attempt to find solutions by way of moulding public opinion, are termed as social thinkers. In communication theories, author is the source and reader is the target while ideas expressed are the messages and the book is the medium. Books have been the most effective means to share thoughts from times immemorial. The present society, overwhelmed with new and swift media, needs to encourage young writers of all sorts while at the same time inculcating reading habits among the youths. 'Summer Snow', a compilation of 51 essays portraying the issues inherent in current Manipur society is a venture to provoke the readers to think and act. Penned by a young writer 'Birkarnelzelzit Thiyam', the anthology hits the stalls in 2016 with its first edition. The book published by Luwang Publications, Khoijuman on behalf of APDC, Imphal is dedicated to the author's grandparents. It is quite readable and appealing with short essays on a variety of topics relevant in present social set-ups and mindsets in Manipur. Referring to the people's mindset and short-lived

thought in the present Manipur society, Birkarnelzelzit's first essay begins with the lines: "When water runs out of an open tap, the society takes water from the tank and tries to throw them out instead of closing the tap first". He is trying to reveal that the society, instead of discovering the real cause of the evils and ending them first, dwells on short-lived measures. "If an ant wants to kill an elephant, it goes inside the ear of the latter instead of challenging the huge animal face to face. The ant first becomes a part of the elephant and starts attacking from inside..... Lets see beyond, feel beyond and think beyond." These lines are an extract from the essay "Inside the petals of the red rose" where the writer attempts to dwell on the manner of parental care required for the present generation of teens. Birkarnelzelzit, at the fag end of the second decade of his birth, explores issues that ail the generation and mirrors in his 152 paged book dedicated to his beloved grandparents. Hailed from the Khoijuman in Bishnupur district of Manipur, the young author tries to ignite the readers with his short but thought provoking stories penned in the book. Every essay in the book attempts to attract the readers till the last paragraph and it is really successful. Very beautifully constructed lines with freely chosen terminologies matching the reality

in Manipur society adorn the book. In one of his essays, Birkarnelzelzit writes "Paona fought against the mighty British to save the motherland, to save our identity. But what happens today - If Inner Line Permit system is not implemented, I would suggest that Patriots' Day must not be observed" (ILP: the only means to save the true blood). The book lays stress on almost all social issues confronting Manipur society today. It portrays corruption mania, women empowerment, ailing education system, identity crises, environmental issues, media impact on children, and so on. The book is a narrative that may also serve as a contemporary history describing the pros and cons of the present set-up. The writer's vision of a new era based on the religion of love is reflected in his essay "I wish it was real" where he narrated a dream of his. The book is a venture born out of the young writer's eagerness to express and inform the readers of what he imagines of as a future society. His writings are not only critical, suggestive and appealing to readers, but also inspiring and motivating to young people. The writer, in his brief essay titled "Khoijuman: the iron inside the pillar", pictured his birthplace in a very few words. He writes, "Many state and national level footballers have been produced from the village of NOBAB. If we give them a football, then there is no

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point that players like Messi will not come up". Describing the bountiful scenic beauty of Khoijuman beside the Loktak Lake, the writer boasts of his village saying "..... You will never see any drunkard walking on the road", which depicts that Khoijuman is free from intoxicants. After reading the piece, I lately wish if I were born in Khoijuman. (The reviewer can be reached at nekenseram@yahoo.co.in)