

Sport News

AIBA Pro Boxing comes to India, Vikas to fight in Delhi

PTI New Delhi, Jun 5: Professional boxing in India is all set to get a massive fillip as the national capital will host an AIBA Pro Boxing (APB) fight night on June 11 featuring former World Championship bronze-medallist Vikas Krishan, who would be assured of an extra shot at Olympic qualification through this.

The middleweight World No.6 in International Boxing Association rankings will square off against Kenya's Nickson Abaka, a former World Military Games bronze-medallist who is now playing his trade in the APB.

"This bout has been made possible by Neeraj Goyat (a pro boxer who is a part of the Professional Boxing Organisation of India (PBOI)). Competing in this bout would make me eligible for the final Olympic Qualifiers in Venezuela in July, where pro boxers from all over the world would be participating," Vikas told PTI.

Goyat currently holds the WBC Asia Boxing Council's welterweight title. The bout featuring Vikas is scheduled just a night before the Asian silver-medallist, along with eight other Indian boxers, heads to the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) World Olympic Qualifiers in Baku, Azerbaijan. The Asian silver-medallist said

competing in the six-round bout would give him a back-up plan should things not go as planned in Azerbaijan. "I only need to fight this bout to be eligible for Venezuela because as per rules, I have to fight two APB bouts. I have already fought one in Uzbekistan in February where I lost. I am confident that I would win this one," said Vikas. Asked if competing just a night before leaving for an Olympic qualifier is not a risky proposition, Vikas said he has weighed the pros and cons.

"There is a risk of injury but that risk is there in every sparring session we have at the training camp. Things can go wrong anywhere and we can't control that. I don't think it is that big a risk if I fight on June 11 because I am confident that I would pull it off. I am sure that I would be competing in Azerbaijan as well," he said.

The Qualifiers in Azerbaijan have 39 Olympic slots on offer and Vikas' category will have five berths. The qualifiers in Venezuela are a final shot at Rio tickets for those participating in the AIBA-promoted World Series of Boxing and APB. The event will also be open to professional boxers from all over the world.

"The June 11 bout will be held at a Noida mall and it has all the requisite permissions from AIBA," said an official of PBOI.

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PM not inviting Manipur CM on.....

If such Prime Minister has no time even for a state Chief Minister and the Chief Minister has to wait for days and weeks, and if possible, months, then that clearly shows the genuine and true neglect of the Prime Minister towards the people of Manipur. What would a common man or woman from Manipur expect, when he or she wants to meet the Prime Minister of India, if the Prime Minister himself keeps the state Chief Minister waiting for weeks and months?

If the Prime Minister thinks that BJP can come to power in Manipur in 2017 by getting the entire 20 MLAs, whose seats are reserved for Scheduled Tribe, in the form of the support from non-Congress parties, then to get 31 seats out of the total 60 seats in Manipur Assembly to form the non-Congress or BJP led or NDA or NEDA government in Manipur, Modi needs another 11 seats from Manipur valley. Can Modi garner 11 seats from Manipur valley in favour of either BJP or NDA (National Democratic Alliance) or NEDA (North East Democratic Alliance)? Can Modi ever talk of replacing the present Congress government if Modi fails to convert the Manipur's 3 bills into act and implement LLP in Manipur?

If BJP is going to claim that - "if BJP or NDA comes to power in Manipur in 2017, then within a month, Manipur's Inner Line Permit will be implemented", then it will be akin to again reiterating the same

old rhetoric of Narendra Modi's line "Come May 16, Bangladeshi immigrants must pack up" which has led to a complete empty slogan and lies in removing Bangladeshi immigrants from Assam or the North East India, even till today.

By not either inviting the Chief Minister of Manipur on ILP or PM Modi's visit to Imphal to meet the people of Manipur for Manipur's Inner Line Permit, Modi - who said "India will not forget you or turn away" (as reported in 'At Afghan dam inauguration, PM promises: India will not forget you' of The Indian Express, dated 5th June, 2016) to the people of Afghanistan yesterday - has no time for the people of Manipur and he has failed to prove "India will not forget you or turn away" to the people of Manipur. Has the Prime Minister proved himself as the Leader of India excluding the people of Manipur? Is the Prime Minister an inclusive Prime Minister who not only has time for foreign countries or bigger states like Uttar Pradesh or Maharashtra but also for the smaller state like Manipur and its people?

What or who has stopped the Prime Minister of India to invite the Chief Minister of Manipur to discuss about the issues of Manipur's Inner Line Permit in New Delhi? Has, according to the Prime Minister's stoic silence, it been proved that "India has forgotten and turned away from Manipur"?

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Manipur is heading for ethnic conflict

By: Siamchingthang Tungpo

As the peace-talk between Government of India (GoI) and NSCN-IM seems to be nearing its final solution, Manipur is burning up gradually. The Manipur Nagas are adamant to their demand of 'Alternative Arrangement'. Zo armed groups of the UPF demanded AHS. On the other hand, the Kukis came up with a fervent demand of "Kuki State" within Manipur, without breaking the present day boundaries of the State. This demand was spearheaded by the Kuki State Demand Committee (KSDC). Since the Central assured the Kuki groups to start political dialogue, KSDC has withdrawn the 'Public Blockade in Kuki Areas' recently. The Central assured the Kuki groups to start political dialogue, KSDC has withdrawn the 'Public Blockade in Kuki Areas' recently. The Nagas opposed the 'Kuki State Map' which was demanded by the Kukis in Manipur. According to media reports, the Nagas objected the Kuki's Map claiming it has fabricated the Naga inhabited areas into Kuki areas.. Manipur State Cabinet held its meeting at the Chief Minister's Bungalow, in which the SoO with KNO, and Manipur Government and Central Government has been extended for one year. The cabinet meeting also decided the Disturbed Area status imposed in the State, excluding the seven assembly constituency of Imphal Municipal areas has also been extended from time to time. The cabinet meeting also decided the Disturbed Area status imposed in the State, excluding the seven

assembly constituency of Imphal Municipal areas has also been extended for another one year. The first SoO was signed between Army and constituents of UPF and KNO on August 1, 2005. Later it was agreed between Govt of India, Govt of Manipur and KNO and UPF to formalize this agreement and cease hostilities with effect from August 22, 2008. Since the Kuki militants came under this tripartite agreement, there was no hostility between the Indian Security Forces and Zo armed groups. Cadres were kept in government's designated camps in Manipur. However, the political situation is worsening each passing day and moving towards a fierce battling in daily newspapers in the form of press statements by both the ethnic groups.

KNO has criticized the NSCN (IM), saying, NSCN (IM) butchered 900 innocent Kukis and forcibly uprooted over 350 Kuki villages during the 1990s.

Now the strong contention between the KNO and NSCN-IM is 'Kuki State Map'. The Nagas strongly opposed the Kuki Map terming it "a bogus map". While the KNO stood staunchly in supporting the map as 'genuine which covers the present Kuki inhabited areas'.

In a press reports the NSCN (IM) stated: "The impropriety of playing with history will never stand the test of time". There is no ending in the Naga-Kuki political discontentment. The Central Government, the mother of all states, is treating Manipur in a step-motherly treatment. The Central seems to be playing its card in the midst of Kuki and Naga claims.

There is little attention from the Central. The most significant bone of contention between the two groups is land dispute. The Kuki National Front (KNF), later joined by the Kuki National Organization (KNO), demands Kukuland to be carved out of the five hill districts of Manipur - Churachandpur, Chandel, Senapati, Tamenglong and Ukhrul. The demand for Kukuland is a direct challenge to a demand for greater or southern Nagaland by the National Socialist Council of Nagaland - Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM). The goal of the Naga militant outfit is to amalgamate the four hill districts of Manipur - Chandel, Senapati, Tamenglong and Ukhrul - and to form greater Nagaland by merging with neighbouring Nagaland state. The intention to drive out Kukis from the four hill districts led to "ethnic cleansing" by the NSCN-IM. Though the initial violence was triggered by militant outfits in Chandel district, it spread over to other parts of the state, and to Nagaland state and Myanmar as well.

To restore peace and normalcy, KIM puts forward two important demands to the Nagas and the Indian government. First, it demands the Nagas, especially the NSCN-IM, to formally apologize for their heinous crimes of the 1990s and perform Kuki customary rites such as paying Luongman (corpse price) and Tol-theh (cleaning the house for shedding human blood). Second, KIM demands the Indian government to rehabilitate the loss of lives and properties and provide adequate compensation to

thousands of displaced victims. Naga leaders, particularly the NSCN-IM, have not responded to the demands of KIM. It is unclear if the Naga leaders, particularly the United Naga Council (UNC), apex civil body of the Nagas in Manipur, and NSCN-IM, have the intention to make similar demands from the Kukis to perform Naga customary rites for their own deaths.

While the Meiteis oppose creation of either Kuki homeland or greater Nagaland, the Thadou-Kukis and Nagas are evidently unable to establish any kind of coordination or cooperation. This is partly due to the simmering tension remaining in the aftermath of the 1992-1997 clashes. The wounds of past miseries are apparently yet to be healed. The tension has become deeply communal now and has reached a point of mutual distrust that makes it difficult for civil society organizations to initiate any congenial dialogue between the two groups.

It is pertinent to ask whether the government sees the conflict as an internal matter for the concerned ethnic groups to resolve among themselves or considers this a too-insignificant issue to intervene. While the tension lingers, the Indian government engages in a political dialogue with the NSCN-IM, ignoring calls by the Kuki armed groups for political dialogue despite maintaining Suspension of Operation since 2005. It remains unclear whether this is an institutional problem on the part of the Kuki armed organizations, or another manifestation of one-sided treatment toward the NSCN-IM.

National & International News

17 dead, 33 injured after luxury bus crashes into two cars

Navi Mumbai, June 5: At least 17 persons were killed and 33 injured in a major accident near Shreong in the Mumbai-Pune Expressway early Sunday morning. A speeding luxury bus collided with

two cars and then went off the road to crash into a farm around 15 feet below the highway. The deceased include 10 women, 6 men and an eight-month-old infant. The private luxury bus in which

they were travelling from Satara to Mumbai first hit two stationary cars - a Swift and an Innova - parked on the roadside. The fatal mishap occurred on Sunday around 5am near Shivkhar

village in Raigad district. The injured have been admitted to Panacea hospital in Panvel. The death toll may rise as some of the passengers are grievously hurt, according to Raigad police.

Bangladesh top cop's wife shot dead in suspected militant attack

Dhaka, June 5: The wife of a top Bangladesh police officer who carried out several raids against militants was stabbed and shot dead today by three bike-borne assailants in front of her minor son in the port city of Chittagong, the latest attack by suspected extremists, police said.

Mahmuda Aktar, 33, was targeted by the gunmen at around 6:45 AM (local time) while she was on her way to drop her first-grader son to a nearby bus stop for school in Chittagong, about 275 kilometres from here.

She was the wife of Superintendent of Police Babul Aktar, now posted at the police headquarters in Dhaka.

Babul has led several raids on militant hideouts and investigated several terror-related cases as the

additional deputy commissioner with the Detective Branch in Chittagong.

Babul, who was promoted in April, played a key role in nabbing top militants and busting their hideouts in the southern coastal district.

It was his investigations which led to the busting of a hideout of banned outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and arrest of its military wing chief Mohamed Javed in October last year.

"Since Babul Aktar was in counter-terrorism, we suspect that militants are behind the murder of his wife," Detective Branch Deputy Commissioner Moktar Ahmed was quoted by bdnews24 as saying.

Quoting witnesses, Chittagong metro police's Deputy Commissioner Paritosh Ghose said that three bike-borne attackers

ambushed Mahmuda in front of her six-year-old son. The boy said that the attackers first took him away and then one of them stabbed his mother with a knife before shooting her. Police said that Mahmuda was shot in the head. "We found three live ammunition and a used casing on the spot. The bullet hit her on the left side of the head," said Police Bureau of Investigation's Additional

Superintendent Bashir Ahmed. She is survived by a four-year-old daughter. There have been systematic assaults in Bangladesh in recent months specially targeting minorities, secular bloggers, intellectuals and foreigners. In the recent attacks, a liberal professor was brutally hacked to death in April by machete-wielding ISIS militants who slit his throat near his home in Rajshahi city.

Nagaland tribal youth get career counselling

ANI Nagaland, June 5: Tangkhul Hoho Nagaland conducted a day-long career guidance-cum-felicitation programme at Tangkhul Baptist Church in Dimapur. Three students namely Rinchula A Shishak, Rimi Vashum and Ngashanwon Vashum were awarded Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000, respectively along with certificates for scoring highest marks within the community in the HSLC

examination 2016. They were later counselled about better education options. Joseph Keishing, Commandant 175 CRPF, Dimapur and Ngachan Zimik, regional director, Staff Selection Commission, Guwahati were also present at the occasion. They told the students about various opportunities available in private and public sectors. Such programmes give a boost to students and help in shaping their career better.

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