

Bomb Blast

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Imphal, May 3: Unknown miscreants today exploded a hand grenade at the residence of Ng Nilachandra (age about 45 years), s/o (L) Ng Ninda of Irengbam Mayai Leikai under Nambol Police Station in Bishnupur District at around 3.45 am today morning. No person was injured in the blast. Locals of the area condemn the act of blasting the bomb in residential area and urged those responsible to clarify the attack.

2 KUFO apprehended



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Imphal May 3: Troops of Red Shield Division apprehended two active cadres of Kuki Unification Frontal Organization (KUFO), in an operation carried out on May 1.

A PIB defence statement said that based on a reliable input, Jwalamukhi Battalion launched an operation and successfully apprehended two active cadres of Kuki Unification Frontal Organisation (KUFO), a non suspension of operations (SoO) group, active in Sadar Hills from village Dailli of Senapati district.

The arrested underground cadres were identified as Lamkhokai Sithlou, age 19 yrs, s/o Thangsei Sithlou, resident of Kangpokpi, PS-Kangpokpi, District-Senapati (Manipur) and Sathkholen Lhouvum, age 32 years, s/o Doulum Lhouvum, resident of village Lasan, PS-Tamei, District-Tamenglong (Manipur). One AK-47 (Regd No 3274711), one Magazine of AK-47, one 9 mm Sten Machine Carbine (SMC) (Regd No EE 2515), one Magazine of Sten Machine Carbine, one 9 mm Pistol, fifteen live rounds of AK-47, five live rounds of Sten Machine Carbine and three live rounds of 9 mm Pistol were recovered from their possession.

JCILPS calls 36 hour public curfew from May 5 midnight

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Imphal, May 3: Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) Manipur has declared 36 hours public curfew from the midnight of May 5.

Announcing this, Convenor of the JCILPS Khomdrum Ratan said that the Public Curfew is being declared to the Government of Manipur to the demand for implementation of the Inner Line Permit System in the state.

In a press meet held today at its office located at Sega Road Keishampat, Khomdrum Ratan said that the government of Manipur remain silent and unaware to the agreement signed between the JCILPS and the Government of Manipur on August 25, 2015 even as many of the points agreed can be

implement by them. "Among the six points agreed, point no. 3, 4 and 5 can be implemented without the consent of the Central government", Ratan said.

In the point number 3, it was agreed by the government of Manipur to constitute Manipur State Population Commission to assess the problem and issues of demographic imbalance and other related matters so as to take up measures towards social harmony and peaceful development. In point number 4, the government agreed to constitute a Manipur State Land reform Commission and in point number 5 the state government has agreed to implement the relevant clauses of the agreement between AMSU and AMSCOC with the government on July 22, 1980. However none

of this has been taken up by the government Ratan added. Ratan further warned political parties to be serious to the demand for the implementation of the ILPS. He said all the political parties in the state should make their statement clear to the demand of the JCILPS to the demand for removing of outsiders' name from the voter lists as well as regarding the 3 Bills related to the implementation of ILPS lying at the table of the President of India on or before May 8.

He added that as according to the resolution adopted by the peoples' convention held yesterday at MDU Hall, the student wing of the JCILPS and the Women wing will begin the agitation from tomorrow.

MUTSU volunteers locked MU main gate

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Imphal, May 3: As Manipur University Tribal Students' (MUTSU) has warned total shut down of Manipur University if the authority fails to materialize their demand to implement the reservation norms. A large number of volunteers of the Union today locked the main gate of the University disallowing any persons from entering or going out from the University Campus.

Volunteers of the Union confronted the security personnel while trying to intervene them from locking the main gate.



MUTSU has been demanding University Authority to provide 31 percent reservations in admission for Schedule Tribe candidates in the varsity in accordance with the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in admission) Amendment Act 2012.

MUTU had earlier warned to impose total shutting of the Manipur University on May 3 and May 4 followed by series of agitations including Manipur Bandh and Economic Blockade if the University Authority fails to meet their demand.

Committee formed to commemorate Centenary of Manipur Labour Corps WW - I

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Imphal, May 3: An adhoc committee was formed to commemorate the centenary of the Manipur Labour Corps WW-I which falls on April next year.

Speaking to the media persons at Manipur Press Club, Committee member Wungnao Kason said that on April next year, the committee on Manipur Labour Corps - WWI will commemorate the centenary of the Manipur Labour Corps who took a major role during WW-I at various part of Europe.

Around 2000 plus Manipur belonging to Tangkhul, Mao, Khongchai and Meitei were taken to Europe by the British

and enrolled them as labour corps to assist the British force in World War I in April 1917. The 2000 plus Manipur were organised under the supervision of Maharaja Churhand (KCSI CBE) and Lt Col H.W.G Cole to take part of WW-I at Europe particularly in France, Italy and Gallipoly.

Wungnao Kason said to pay tribute to the ancestors the committee is all set to construct memorial complex at an appropriate site in the state. The site will be dedicated to the family members of those who fought in the WWI, he added. The Manipur Labour Corps were taken in four contingents, namely (1) Meitei Contingent

(2) Tangkhul Contingent (3) Kom Contingent and (4) Kuki Contingent.

Many among the Manipur labour corps who took part in the WWI never returned to their homeland and breath their last at various part of Europe. Many among them died after the WW-I due to epidemic. Till date their burial pace, graveyard were left unknown but recently Imphal Campaign Foundation WWI (ICFWWI) managed to find out the graveyard of some members of the Labour Corps from Manipur. Later, ICFWWI have handed over the details and photos of the burial site to the family members.

Curfew continues; affects normal life

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Imphal, May 3: Life at Wangkhei area in Imphal east came to a standstill after indefinite curfew has been imposed at four localities following the burning and disruption of Panthou Masiakon Complex at Wangkhei Hijam Leikai.

Large numbers of security forces were seen deployed at the different areas of Wangkhei where the curfew is imposed.

So far the situation is under control and no report of any unwanted incident has been reported.

Official report says indefinite curfew will remain unchanged until further notice from the higher authority.

The curfew was imposed by the district administration following violent mob incident



at Wangkhei Hijam Leirak. At least six people were injured, around 30 vehicles, including cars and auto-rickshaws, were damaged and as many as 13 vehicles were burnt in the mob action.

Corrigendum
Imphal Times in its yesterday report regarding the incident had stated that the clash between the followers of

Panthou and the locals of the area occurred after the officials of the CWC and Child Rights Commission had left. However, it is learnt that the members of the CWC and the Child Rights Commission came at the site to rescue the children after violent activities occurred. The error is regretted.

INTUC Foundation Day

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Imphal, May 3: The 69th foundation day of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) was observed today at Manipur press club.

Deputy speaker of the Manipur legislative Assembly MK

Preshow Shimray attended the function as chief guest. Speaking on the occasion Preshow highlighted the needs and responsibility of the working class community in making a developed society. Senior vice president, INTUC Manipur branch Elangbam

Dolendra Singh and General secretary of INTUC Manipur branch Y Rana Pratap graced the occasion as president and guest of honour respectively. As part of the function INTUC Manipur branch distributed 5 KGs of rice each to some Rickshaw pullers.

ST demand committee justifies stand

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Imphal, May 3: Reacting to various criticisms to the demand for Scheduled Tribe status, the Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee of Manipur today said that the main motive of demanding ST status for Meitei/Meitei is not to create enmity among the various communities of the state but it is to unite all communities of the state by keeping them in equal status.

In a press stamen, the committee said that the demand for ST status of

Meitei/Meitei is for safeguarding the land, identity, language and culture of the Meitei/Meitei community.

The statement further said that the demand for ST does not contradict with the demand for implementation of ILP and it does not hurt the sentiment of any other community or organization. It said there is no question of looting the rights of other ST tribe by the Meitei if included in the ST categories as it would follow the same criteria

that is being followed in other state like Assam or Nagaland. The press statement while justifying the demand of ST status for Meitei Meitei stated that the demand of ST status for Meitei Meitei is to improve the condition of the state as the state of Manipur is at present listed among the 5 most backward state of the country. It said the demand is not to get more seat in civil service even though it stands true but rather to unite the communities of both Hills and Plain.

FEGOCTA appeals to resolve the issues of Government Aided Colleges

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Imphal, May 3: Federation of Government College Teacher Associations, Manipur (FEGOCTA) appeals to the Government leadership to resolve the issues of the Government Aided Colleges soon. In a press stamen the association stated that the disrobing conditions of the Aided Colleges are of serious matter.

"How can such conditions are allowed to continue for so

many years? The uncertainty just before the end of semesters and B.A/B.Sc/B.Com Semesters examinations starting from 17th May, 2016 are unfortunate. Similarly how long the denial of the Government College Teachers' SCA and TA for 65 months since 2010 and no promotion since 2009 will continue?" the statement said. The FEGOCTA blamed the state over its failure to implement the National Higher Education Policies in the state. It said a dynamic higher

education policy in the state in consultation with the stakeholders is essential. FEGOCTA further appealed the Government not to cause disturbance in the academic atmosphere waiting for crisis as the damages and loss will be ultimately to the students in particular and society in general. Progressive government and society give priority to higher education and respect the teaching profession, the statement added.

Human Rights Concerns of Tipaimukh Dam Project Raised

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Imphal, May 3: A public consultation held today at the Manipur Press Club has drawn the attention of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) towards the human rights and environmental concerns of the controversial Tipaimukh Dam project proposed to be built over the Barak River.

"The Tipaimukh Dam project should not be built over the Barak River due to the enormous scale of impacts on the flora and fauna, natural heritages of Manipur and the threats to the livelihood,

survival and human rights of the indigenous peoples depending on the Barak River," the consultation resolved.

The consultation was jointly organised by the Citizens' Concern for Dams and Development (CCDD), North East Dialogue Forum (NEDF), Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur (CRAM) and People Action for Development (PAD) under the theme, "Tipaimukh Dam and Indigenous Peoples Rights." Speaking on the occasion, environmental activist Jiten Yumnam stated that the

detrimental and negative impact of the proposed Tipaimukh Dam project is huge as compared to the gains, and as such it is not a viable project. Joseph Hmar representing the All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM) and the Hmar Students Association (HSA) pointed out that even though the people have been objecting against the project, the government is still going ahead. As such the real motive behind the proposed dam is still not clear till date, he added. Majabung Gangmei of the Zeliangrong Baudi called

upon all to know more about the project which is neither people-friendly nor eco-friendly, and protest together. Other resource persons including Ashen of People Action for Development (PAD), U. Nobokishore of NEDF and Phulindro Kansom of COHR also reiterated that there can be no Tipaimukh Dam without the free and prior informed consent of the people who are going to be affected.

The public consultation called upon the government to abide by the recommendations of the Forest Advisory

Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) in its rejection of forest clearance for Tipaimukh Dam HEP project in July and August 2013, instead of the Environment Clearance given in October 2008.

It further urged that all MoUs signed between the Manipur Government with NEEPCO, NHPC and SJVNL, etc with regards to the project should be revoked and any negotiation between Bangladesh and India should not be held without the participation of the indigenous peoples of Manipur affected by the project.

PM Modi determined to solve prolonged Naga issue: Nagaland CM Zeliang

Mokokchung, May 3: Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is serious and determined to solve the Naga issue. He reiterated that various political parties have come together keeping in mind the early solution of the Naga issue. He was speaking while attending a local festival

"Moatsu" at Mokokchung yesterday where he also wondered that why cannot different Naga groups and sections of the society come together to solve the prolonged Naga problem for the good of all the people in the state. However, he added that the problem can be solved only through non violence and through negotiations with the government of India.