



-Curfew supporters confronting police
-Victims of Curfew walking with Luggage



Normal life crippled in the state as JCILPS public curfew underway

IT News

Imphal, May 6: Normal life in the state was put to a complete halt on the first day of the public curfew called by the Joint Action Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCILPS) which coincided with the 2nd day of the bandh called by 2 JACs formed in connection with the death of one Prashanta - a youth who was found hanged to death at Lilong. While response to the curfew called was positive in other valley districts of the state, the capital city Imphal wore a complete deserted look during on the first day of the public curfew. Almost all business establishments in and around greater Imphal area including those at Khwairamband Keithel area totally shut. Both private and government educational



institutions including schools, colleges and Manipur University remain close. Most of the government offices look like holidays with only some few staffs seen attending. Our reporters witness some of the government offices at Lamphel area closed as no staffs attended. Thin attendance of staffs was witness at Secretariat office. As for the Banking service, financial transaction was completely freezes. Except for emergency services and ritual related private vehicles, almost all vehicles including inter-district and inter-state passenger vehicles, Diesel Auto service and other vehicles remain off the road.

Protestors at Kakwa, Singjamei, Khongman Mangjil, Keishampat, Uripok and Tera blocked the roads by burning tyres, woods and piling up stones. There are also reports about some of the curfew supporters preventing even media persons from passing the area at Khongman Mangjil area in Imphal East. Reporters, who were on duty covering news of the bandh and public curfew, were forcefully detained and allowed to pass their barricade after some time by the agitation supporters at Khongman Mangjil. Meanwhile, City Police has picked up four volunteers of

Manipuri Students' Federation (MSF) from Keishampat junction area this afternoon while they were trying to prevent movement of vehicles. Later, police released three among them while one volunteer put under detention till the filling of this story. The JCILPS that has been spearheading the ILPS movement has called 42-hour public curfew with effect from the midnight of May 5 to 6 pm of May 7 in protest against the state government inaction to the agreement signed between the government and the representatives of the JCILPS.

Martyrs day: UNC calls on fellow colleagues to prepare for eventualities

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Imphal, May 6: President of United Naga Council (UNC), has appealed the Naga community to prepare physically and mentally to face any eventualities and reaffirmed the stand to protect their rights of the Naga people as people pay respect to the two martyrs Neli Chakho and Dikho Loshuo during the 6th anniversary of their martyrdom today at Martyrs Park, Mao gate. Speaking at the anniversary, President of UNC, Gaidon Kamei said that government of Manipur has well planned policy to sabotage the rights of the Naga. The almighty has bestowed the people of Naga with beautiful land, unique identity and culture. "Even a single inch of our land should not be given to others as we are stepping forward with the signing of framework



agreement between Indian government and NSCN (IM). In his solidarity message on the occasion, the President said that military solution was not possible as Naga issue is a political one. The militarisation of the government has caused many lives in the state of Manipur; two innocent lives were gunned down on May 6, 2010; two students' leaders were shot by Manipur Police on August 30, 2014 at Ukhrul. The government has passed 3 (three) anti-tribal bills and 2

(two) anti-Naga bills at Manipur Legislative Assembly on August 31, 2015. President of Naga Hoho, Chuba Ozukum has also stated in his solidarity message that the Naga are proud of the two martyrs and salute to great souls, who fought security forces with their bare hands with courage. "Neli Chakho and Dikho Loshuo sacrificed their lives to protect the people and their land as well as the rights of the Naga. They left to keep us marching forward and reminded to recall the real meaning of the day's gathering," Chuba stated. Representatives of bodies like NSF, NPO, NPMHR, ANSAM and MC also extend their solidarity message on the anniversary organised by Mao Council under the aegis of UNC and in collaboration with All Naga Students Association, Manipur and Mao Students' Union.

Kidnapped drivers rescued

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Imphal, May 6: Two drivers who were allegedly kidnapped by suspected NSCN (IM) cadres have been rescued by a team of Thoubal Police Commando from Tuisimi village under Tengnoupal Police Station, Chandel district today around 10 am. The 2 drivers identified as Md Indra Ahmad (45), s/o Md Mubarak of Waihou Sangomshang and Md Sabir (26), s/o Md Jaluddin of Waihou Sangomshang were kidnapped by the suspected armed cadres from Pallel Forest gate on Thursday evening, around 6 pm along with their vehicles bearing registration no- MN04-A 4741 and ML 01- 8476.

NEFIS condemns the brutal killing and repression of people in Tawang; submits memorandum to CM

IT News

New Delhi, May 6: Activists of North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS) condemning the police repression in Arunachal Pradesh, submitted a memorandum to the Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, through the Resident Commissioner at Arunachal Bhawan in New Delhi yesterday. On May 2, two people, namely Monk Nyima Wangdue and Tshering Tenpa, were brutally killed and many more injured, in the Police Repression which

resulted due to their protest against the arrest of Lama Lobsang Gyatso in Tawang. Lama Lobsang Gyatso has been one of the most vocal opponents of hydropower projects in the Tawang region and secretary of Save Mon Region Federation (SMRF), in the Mon-Tawang region of Arunachal Pradesh. The activists of NEFIS were denied permission to meet the Chief Minister, to get their demands heard regarding this issue. The killings are a result of machinations by pro hydro-power lobby to construct

dams in an ecologically sensitive region without any regard either for the region or the people protesting against it. A NEFIS statement said that the police firing and brutal repression is due to state administration's connivance with such corporate lobbies. "In this context, it should be especially noted that even as Tawang continues to reel under the shock of police firing, Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Kalikho Pul at ASSOCHAM forum in New Delhi in a complete insensitive statement has

advocated for fast-tracking environmental clearances for hydropower projects and suggested single window clearance to the hydro project developers. This only shows complete contempt for the sufferings of the people and environmental

destruction, while simultaneously demonstrating a concern for corporate profiteering", the statement added. The forum also slammed the State government for remaining apathetic to the whole situation.

RIMS & JNIMS to public curfew supporters

Director RIMS and Director JNIMS have appealed the JCILPS and general public to relax the ongoing public curfew to doctors, paramedical staff and other officials of both the institute and hospital to enable them in attending office and hospital in public interest.

Imphal Times to agitation supporters

Imphal Times management and editorial staffs appeals to all the public curfew and bandh supporters to kindly relax the bandh for all staffs related in the publications of this newspaper including machine men, desk-editors, DTP operators and newspaper distributors as this newspaper too is equally contributing its service to the people of the state.

Special train between Silchar and Agartala to run daily

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Imphal, May, 6: The North Eastern Railway Frontal Railways has started passenger special train between Silchar to Agartala on daily basis from May 6 to May 20. As per report from railway authority, 05664 Silchar-Agartala passenger special train having ten general coaches and two luggage cum parcel van will leave

Silchar at 9am daily with effect from May 6 to arrive Agartala at 18.15pm. While, the 05663 Agartala - Silchar passenger special train will leave from Agartala at 9am daily with effect from 7 May to arrive Silchar at 18.15. The passenger special train will have stoppages at all stations enroute. **Silchar and New Haffong** Authority has also been decided to restart the running

of the special train between Silchar and New Haffong. Special train no. 05616 will leave from Silchar at 7am to arrive New Haffong at 11.30 am. While the special train no. 05615 will leave from New Haffong at 12-20 hrs to arrive Silchar at 17.10 am. It also reported that 55616 Silchar - Guwahati fast passenger scheduled to leave from Silchar on 6th May will remain cancelled.

BRO celebrates 56th anniversary

PIB Defence

Imphal, May 6: Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrates its 56th Anniversary today. On this occasion, Director General Border Roads Lt Gen Suresh Sharma has conveyed his felicitations to all veterans and personnel of BRO, and has called upon all ranks of the organisation to rededicate themselves to the motto "ShramenaSarvamSadyam" and carry the organisation to greater heights. Since its inception, BRO has

grown, both in strength and capability. As a strategic national asset and a premier construction agency, the organisation has played a pivotal role in developing critical road infrastructure in border states and difficult areas as well as India's immediate neighbourhood. By improving connectivity to states, particularly in the north and north-eastern region, the Organisation has fulfilled many aspirations of the local populations. Today, the organisation is on the cusp of

a transformative leap forward. It is steadfast in its endeavour to explore new frontiers while simultaneously undertaking systematic modernisation of plant and equipment, and also the thought and approach of the workforce. It has resolved to renew its efforts to meet challenges of productivity, quality and economy of effort in the financial year 2015-16. BRO has fully utilized the allocated GS Budget. It has requested MoD for higher budget during the current financial year.

PIB Defence

Imphal May 6: The Government has appointed Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba, presently Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) Western Naval Command as the next Chief of the Naval Staff with effect from the afternoon of May 31, 2016. The present Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral RK Dhowal will superannuate from service on May 31, 2016. Born on July 17, 1957, Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba was commissioned on January 01,

1978 into the Executive Branch of Indian Navy. During his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 38 years, he has served in a variety of Command, operational and staff appointments. Vice Admiral Lanba's Sea Command includes commanding the minesweeper INS Kakinada, frigate INS Himgiri and Executive Officer of INS Virat, the aircraft carrier. Before taking over as FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command, he was FOC-in-C,

Southern Naval Command, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff and Commandant, National Defence College. Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba is a qualified specialist in navigation and direction course. He attended the course at the Royal College of Defence Studies, UK. Vice Admiral Lanba is a recipient of ParamVishistSeva Medal and AtiVishistSeva Medal. He is married to Mrs. Reenal Lanba and the couple have a son and two daughters.

Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba will be the next Chief of Naval staff