

Will continue to struggle for protection of Indigenous People – Kh. Ratan

IT News
Imphal, Sept 11: Former convenor of the JCILPS, Khomdrat Ratan, who was released on bail on September 8, to reaffirm his stand saying that he will continue to struggle for the protection of the Indigenous people of the state. Speaking to a reception function organized by the JAC formed against the announcement of Wanted to him at Akampat here in Imphal, Ratan said that even though the government may try to suppress the peoples' movement by using all kind of petty politics even by making false charges, however, he will not retreat on his struggle for the protection of the people. Reiterating his stand for the



cause of the people, Ratan said that he will keep on fighting for the right of the people of the state. "In my whole career I have been contributing whole my energy for the people and trapping me with false charges is not going to stop him from working further for

the people of the state", Ratan said. Former JCILPS convenor Khomdrat Ratan was declared wanted by state police on June 2 when the agitation for implementation of the ILPS reached its peak. The ILPS leader challenge the announcement of wanted at Manipur High court. When the case hearing was underway and a day after a division bench of Manipur High Court Reserve the ruling, Ratan joined the protest demonstration for implementation of ILPS at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community Hall on August 18. He was arrested from the spot at around 11 pm by police on several other charges. Ratan was released on bail on

September 8. Ratan extended his heartfelt gratitude to all the people of the state particularly the students' community who had staged demonstrations in support of him. On the occasion, 17 students who had underwent fast-unto-death protest demanding removal of the Wanted tagged leveled against him, were also honoured. Leaders of various civil society organizations, including JCILPS, IPSA, Mapi Council, Tammi Chingmi and Haomi Research Center and students' organization AMSU attended the reception function. Speakers on the occasion lambast the present government attitude towards the peoples' movement.

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United States observes 15th anniversary of 9/11 terror attacks

Washington, Sept. 11: The US marks the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks today with solemn services to commemorate the victims of the deadliest terror strikes on US soil, which changed the world scenario. President Obama will observe a moment of silence at the White House before addressing a memorial ceremony at the Pentagon. The 15th anniversary comes with the US in the midst of a divisive presidential campaign between Hillary Clinton and Manhattan tycoon Donald Trump. Both candidates are expected to attend the New York ceremony. Nearly 3,000 people were killed on September 11, 2001 when 19 Al-Qaeda suicide bombers hijacked four passenger jets, crashing them into the Twin Towers in New York, the Pentagon in Washington and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

It was the first foreign attack on the US mainland in almost two centuries and sparked US-led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, where war rages on more than a decade later.

Modi pays tribute to 9/11 terror attack victims

New Delhi, Sept. 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid tribute to the victims of terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001 in the US. "Eleventh September...two contrasting images come to the mind. Today we pay tributes to all those who lost their lives in gruesome 9/11 attacks," Modi tweeted. The terror attacks carried out by the Al-Qaida killed nearly 3,000 people and left over 6,000 injured in New York and Washington D.C. The twin towers of the World Trade Centre were destroyed in the attack.

Tribute paid to Jupiter Yambem the 9/11 victim

Imphal, Sept. 11: The 9/11 deadly attack to the twin tower is also a black day for the people of the state. A Manipuri - Jupiter Yambem was among those victims killed. A memorial service was held today at Rainbow Rehabilitation Center, langol to as mark of remembrance to the departed souls. Family members, well wishers and friends attended the memorial service. On the occasion fitting tribute was paid to the departed soul and together took pledge to fight any act of terrorism.

ICP Moreh to be completed by Dec. this year

IT News
Imphal, Sept 11: The Integrated Check Post (ICP) being constructed at border town Moreh is likely to be completed in December 2016. A source said that the Dept. of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India had assured the Chief Secretary regarding the completion of the ICP at Moreh in December 2016. The ICP will have all the facilities for immigration, customs etc, to promote tourism between India and ASEAN countries. Source said that some few days back cabinet secretary too a review meeting on the ongoing construction of the ICP through Video Conference with the Chief Secretary of Manipur. As the propose scheduled for completion of the ISP is fixed in December the state government has been directed to complete all roads leading to the center from the main road before the completion of the ICP.

RFP shows serious concern to the transportation of non locals

IT News
Imphal, Sept 11: Taking serious note on the incident at which 39 non locals who intruded in the state without procuring proper identification document at Feidingga Lamkhai along the national High Way 39, proscribed group RPF said that the kind of intrusion is nothing but a warfare colonial army. In a press statement the outfit said that the 35 labours were

brought by a contractor identified as Contractor Mani Singh @ Asutos for construction of Military Hospital at Leimakhong. The proscribed group said that various civic action programme conducted by the Indian army under the banner "Know Your Friends", "Know your army" was nothing but to tame the people of the region in their move to colonise the region. These army people are utilizing

agent to flood the non local people from outside the region to dominant the region and extend their suppressive rule. They are slowing occupying the land by sending non-indigenous people in the name of working for project being undertaken in the state. RPF said that the kind of war being underway against the indigenous people by the India army is an attempt to wipe out the indigenous people of the state.

Hunger striker fainted

IT News
Imphal, Sept 11: 5 members of the Manipur Police Constable (male) recruitment test 2013 batch continue their fast unto death protest Keishampat Leimajam Leikai Community hall. The 5 volunteers begins their protest yesterday demanding revocation of the cancellation of the recruitment test. Health condition of the five volunteers has been deteriorated and one among them today fainted at around 9 a.m. Jonny Mangchatabam son of Iboton of Leimakhong Mapal who fainted while undergoing the protest has been evacuated to Remedy hospital at Pureiromba Kongnangkong, Konung mamang. His condition is stated be out of danger.

O Indira strike back, attack Congress

IT News
Imphal, Sept 11: The controversy on National Food Security act (NFSA) in the state is due the failed administration of Congress government in Manipur. The above statement was said by the newly elected spokesperson of BJP Manipur State Indira Oinam in a press meet held at the head of BJP Manipur Pradesh of Nitaipat Chuthek today. Reacting to AK. Marabai statement, Indira said that congress government should know the deafening or raising the voice of NFSA by BJP Manipur Pradesh is to let the people know the welfare programme being taken up by the BJP government. Congress should not put blamed the BJP for the wrong committed by their government.. She further added that even after 70 years of independence, congress government is still looting the share of the people of the state.

Manipur Maoist warns 4 persons for supporting reactionary force

IT News
Imphal, Sept 11: Rebel group Maoist Communist Party Manipur has warned people of the state to stay away from four persons whom it said that these four persons are supporting and providing security to a person that the outfit had declared social boycott. In a press communiqué the outfit term the four persons as a gang and warned serious action against them as well as those associated with them four challenging an armed group waging war against the government of India. As according to the statement

the four persons are identified as Mutom Boren of Kwakeithel Laishram Lekai, Huidrom Leisemba of Langthabal LepAwang Leikai, Ahongsangbam Ranjit of Hiyangthang Mayai Leikai and Soibam Sanjit of Ningombam Awang Leikai. The Maoist statement said that the four persons are spreading false propaganda to defame the genuine movement of the outfit. It also said that Boren is the king pin of the gang and the urban militia of the outfit had tried to contact him through his cell phone number 9774583841 however as he failed to give

response the Red Guard of the Urban Militia had went to his residence to talk about the matter he could not be fine at his home. When enquired to the locality it was told that he hardly stayed at his home, the statement added. The Maoist statement further said that the announcement is being published so as to let the people do not misunderstand the party when any action is initiated to the four person. It appealed people to stay away from them as well as from the person that the outfit had declared as reactionary.

Legal related issues of Women discussed

IT News
Imphal, Sept 11: Women Action for Development organized a one day discussion cum sharing program on Human Right Violation with special reference to "Law's Related with crime against women and customary proactive in Manipur" at Manipur press club today. Advocate Sivananda Sharma of Human Justice Foundation, who attended as resource person shares his thought on

the topic of Laws related to women and customary law practicing in the state of Manipur. Dr. Chinglen Meisnam Department of economic spoke on the topic "Crime Against women and armed force special power act, 1958. Mainsam Ronita OC of women police station, Lamphel, who also attended as resource person shared on the topic "challenges of women police in dialing with crime against women". Wangkemcha samjai,

president of AMWJU spoke on the topic "Role of media in reporting crime against women in the contest of Manipur". M Moikham, secretary of all tribal women organization spoke on the topic "Crime against women and customary law in the context of tribal community and its impact". Helam Haokip, Secretary IRMA shared his views on the topic "dealing with crime against women as NGOs in the context of tribal community".

Rumours and bloody September: Two episodes

Rumours are associated with collective behaviour and are compared to a spark and the people who hear it with either cement or dry grass. It may or may not catch fire. In a tense atmosphere, the frenzied crowd becomes so manipulable that it tends to accept every charge cast as its real or supposed enemies. Here, I deal with two episodes, one in the year 1993 and the other in 2015 where in both the instances, rumour is purposively used to instigate the crowd sentiment to spark the blood-bath by creating an atmosphere of distrust, hostility, apathy and prejudice. The first one occurred in 13 September 1993 in the early years of Kuki-Naga clash. Already since the beginning of 1993, as many as 242 Kukis have been killed and over 242 houses belonging to Kukis have also been burned down. The villagers of Joupki Kuki village at Tamei Subdivision of Tameinglong District were already living with acute fear as the United Naga Council (UNC) had served Quit Notice to the Kukis as early as 2nd September 1992. They received quit notice in advance from the Nagalim Guard (NLG) and Naga Students Volunteer Organisation (NSVO) intimidating them to vacate their land on or before 15 September 1993. Two days before the expiry of the deadline, they left their houses and took shelter in the field. On 13 September 1993 at about 8 a.m., they came under attack

while they were in the process of displacement. The attackers, including women, were both civilians and Naga ethnic armies with sophisticated weapons. In it, 80 persons including a woman were killed. 15 of them, all male, were fatally injured, out of which seven later succumbed to their injuries. Two days before it, Saramjao, a Liangmai Naga village also known as Makui-II, came under attack on 11 September 1993 at about 6 a. m. An exchange of fire took place between the Kuki ethnic armies and the security personnel guarding the village. And in Tamei, people were inflamed by rumours that from dawn to dusk, Saramjao came under heavy attack from the Kuki ethnic armies and many villagers including women and children were killed and their properties burnt down. Tamei Sub-Division has the highest concentration of the Liangmai population. The miscreants must have spread this very rumour in the Tamei area so that the civilian population by either believing or half-believing the rumour will either collaborate with them or show no disapproval in the genocide. In addition to it, on the same day there was a pre dawn attack at Gelnel Kuki Village near T. Waichong of Senapati District. The villagers received Quit Notice in advance. As defensive measures, the village elders and youths performed vigils round the clock using single barrel and 'Pumpi' (country made canon).

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The village came under attack at about 4 am and the exchange of fire continued up to 8 am. Three of the attackers including a female also got killed. The villagers were compelled to flee as the attackers outclassed them both in terms of numerical strength and superiority of weapons. In the said attack, there were 17 death and seven injured casualties among the villagers. 80 out of hundred houses were completely burned down. Valuable items like money and livestock were taken away. Church and school were also burned down. As maximum number of death casualties occurred on this day of 13th September 1993, the Kuki communities chose to observe onwards from succeeding years the day as the 'Black Day' in remembrance of those killed, injured and displaced in the Kuki-Naga clash. The apex body of the Kuki, Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) had consistently been maintaining that the Kuki people will not accept the outcome of the talks between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM before the issue of the 'killing of 905 innocent Kukis, uprooting of 360 villages and displacement of more than One Lakh Kukis by the NSCN-IM is settled. (Contd. on page 2)

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