

# Editorial

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## Reasoning

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Opening my eyes, I see nothing  
I cried and I walk falsely  
I talk errors and I ran slipping;  
I jump randomly; I fall down decisively;  
I stand amidst the mongering breeze and I sing;  
Sing all my heart out; out loud  
I breathe and I swim flatteringly;  
With all my shaggy hairs; unfurling  
I carry no identity;  
And I bear not class;  
Still I pity my compassion and other fellow feeling;  
I wonder my solicitous; I fancy my vignette  
Thrilling to know the sequential world;  
Enhance by the evidences; I inflated my reasoning  
The reason of a human reason

I am alluring; alluring to charm bodily  
My sweet little tinkles; jingle all the way  
I broke silence; And I rhythm all by my play  
I bent and I climb;  
I rattle all along;  
And I swing moody;  
I perturb my senses; my sensational feelings  
I cried; and I care Mother's touch  
I grow not concerning; my affair  
Still I pity my compassion and other fellow feeling;  
I wonder my solicitous; I fancy my vignette  
Thrilling to know the sequential world;  
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I am entangling, entangling to my event;  
Driving me to perception,  
My observation; my utterance  
I am breathing and I am flowing;  
And I am still breathing; breathing this musky smell  
O! Blood, I am pronouncing;  
And I am enunciating; O! Mother,  
My mulebrity; my mollis  
Sprouting and Blossoming; I know little  
I dig and I dig; I smear as I dig  
I clinch in my bed corner; smelling musky bloom  
I am thriving;  
Clothe with this vermilion;  
I wonder my solicitous; I fancy my vignette  
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I captivated my enthalls,  
Enslaving and bewitching my charm;  
I possess beauty;  
And I hold thy birthing;  
I am enamoring spirit, I glitter phenomenally  
I doubt; the femininity to all  
Still I pity my compassion and other fellow feeling;  
I wonder my solicitous; I fancy my vignette  
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# NAGA HA HA

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I had received a written 'explanatory note with an implied threat' from Naga Ho Ho sometime during the last month for referring to them as 'Naga Ha Ha' in some of my earlier writings. They had given me a time frame to explain... 'within one week' who I was referring to as 'Naga Ha Ha'... as if they did not understand. At the risk of being excommunicated from the Tangkhul territory, I felt it beneath my sense of propriety to respond... so I did not respond... but I do so now on hindsight for an entirely different reason: to try and engage the minds of the Nagas of Nagaland to rediscover our true identity with 'honourable pride and dignity'... at least in our own backyard if not elsewhere.

Now, what would it take for the Nagas of Nagaland to really recognise the need to restore Naga Ho Ho as our own vibrant Apex Tribal Body that it once used to be, rather than continue tolerating this embarrassingly adulterated caricature of an organisation in our midst in its present redundant form? What would it take for the Nagas of Nagaland to really learn from history and begin asserting our own thinking process independently rather than rely on extraneous irrelevant wisdom from elsewhere and also begin shouldering legitimate responsibilities on our common internal issues of interest? This is not an exercise of trying to vindictively single out or segregate one Tribe or the other. It is more to do with pragmatically dealing with our ground realities.

Naga Ho Ho was originally born as a child of a collective conviction of all the Apex Tribal Ho Hos of Nagaland to try and harness the strength of our collective leadership. Can we seriously activate our thought process and absorb this one factual beginning? We lost our steering compass somewhere along the way... albeit with all good intentions. We opened the 'membership floodgate' of Naga Ho Ho beyond our immediate geographical boundary without any set criteria. This was capitalised upon by our neighbouring brothers from Manipur, predominantly from the Tangkhul Tribe, and allowed history to repeat itself. Take a factual look at what happened in the Naga National Movement (NNM) arena: Late Mr. Suisa's handpicked few Tangkhul brothers, (who joined the NNM at a much later date after the deadly storm of death and destruction had visited almost

every Naga family in Nagaland in the hands of the Indian Army), instantaneously became important Cox in the NNC/FGN infrastructure by virtue of their educational qualification. Cracks then began to slowly emerge with a Tribal tinge within FGN where cohesion was the hallmark during the war before their arrival. The fact that Nagas of Nagaland were the original people who actively initiated the dreams of Naga freedom has now become inconsequential. Without going into details, today 'they' are the ones in absolute control to arbitrarily decide the fate of the Nagas of Nagaland without declaring the contents of their 'secret pact' with the Gov. Now check out the similarity even in our 'overground' situation. As soon as the Tangkhuls along with other Tribes from Manipur joined the Naga Ho Ho, it was ENPO, the Apex Ho Ho of our so-called "Eastern Underdeveloped Region", who honestly expressed their inability to stomach the overwhelmingly unregulated influx of a strange arrogant diet from South of the border and officially walked out from Naga Ho Ho. Despite their so-called "Backwardness" they were the ones who sensitively displayed our ancestral sense of dignity and self-respect while the so-called "Forward" Tribes slept on. It resulted in the remaining Nagas of Nagaland becoming a minority within our own kitchen. With the further dissociation of Aos, Lothas and the Sumi Tribes from the Naga Ho Ho, we have now achieved the status of an absolute minority within "our" very own original organization. The story of the "Camel and the Arab" has literally been re-enacted in our own backyard without our realisation... the Naga Tribes from Nagaland are the Arabs out in the cold; The Camels being our Southern brothers, comfortably settled within "our" tent. Ask yourselves: With what misplaced analogy are the remaining remnants of our few major and minor Tribes from Nagaland still keeping company with the Camel that has only shown a very sharp and sensitive focus on what is happening in Manipur while remaining silently detached and uninvolved when Nagaland was burning over the recent ULB

election fiasco? This is pathetically unbecoming!

At this juncture, we must make a dispassionate effort to positively direct our thoughts in the right direction very pragmatically. Naga National Movement is a very complex proposition critically needing all Naga hands on deck. It is in this context that an Apex Ho Ho like a "Pan Naga Ho Ho" becomes absolutely relevant... encompassing equal representation of all our Naga Tribes from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur including even Myanmar (though not physically possible at this juncture). However, instead of creating a fresh establishment to specifically coordinate important subjects of physical and emotional "integration" of all Nagas, we the gullible Nagas of Nagaland did not even notice the surreptitious takeover of our "Naga Ho Ho" by others and convert it into a meaningless half-measure organization of neither this nor that. Firstly, though it ought to have rightly been called "Pan Naga Ho Ho", it does not really qualify to be named as such, under the present membership status, because it does not represent any of our Nagas Tribes from other neighbouring States... except for Manipur. Secondly, the present 'Naga Ho Ho' was ill at ease to get directly involved in any internal affairs of Nagaland because of its 'out-of-state majority composition'. Nagas are not in the habit of taking advice from unknown strangers even if they are Nagas. Any advice or directives emanating from the present Naga Ho Ho is unlikely to find receptivity from the majority of our Tribal Apex Ho Hos of Nagaland who have withdrawn from it. A stark example of earlier helplessness ineffectiveness of our present Naga Ho Ho was seen during the 'Mukalimi incident' even though it had bigger presence of Nagas of Nagaland within it at that time. Their complete redundancy was further proven during the very recent 'ULB election fiasco'. Thirdly, without meaning any disrespect to our departed Leader Inoithi Isak Chishi Swu, he honourably shouldered the responsibility of fronting the larger Naga frame together during his lifetime while the crucial policies were by-and-large dictated by Ino

Muivah. In a similar but very dishonourable way, the present Naga Ho Ho is being fronted by Ino Ozukum from Nagaland even after being disowned by his own Ao Tribe and simply following the dictates of the 'South'... supporting the economic blockade of Manipur and giving full unreserved support to UNC against the creation of additional Hill Districts in Manipur and giving blind endorsement to the "Framework Agreement" even if the contents are unknown. The present Naga Ho Ho has most unfortunately become a mere mouthpiece of NSCN (IM) at the expense of Nagas of Nagaland. In short this organisation has really become the laughing stalk of the century in as far as the Nagas of Nagaland are concerned. It is therefore a tailor-made situation of being referred to as Naga Ha Ha.

Given the above true scenario it makes sense for all the remaining Naga Tribes to withdraw from the present "Naga Ho Ho" and join hands to reform it under an appropriate nomenclature as "Pan Naga Ho Ho" with equal Tribal representation from all our Naga inhabited regions of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland including Myanmar. It is only then that "Pan Naga Ho Ho" will be in a position to command some respect on common issues such as "Integration".

This would then relieve the present muddled identity of Naga Ho Ho to the Nagas of Nagaland exclusively to strengthen and rejuvenate it to its former status of respect within Nagaland. Nagas of Nagaland would then be able to revive this platform to voice the sentiment of the people as it should have during the ULB issue instead of forcing the Nagas to find an impromptu JCC and NTAC... who fortunately have contributed a yeoman service to the people.

Stating a comparative analysis bluntly in conclusion, our Tangkhul brothers have an independent UNC in Manipur rightly spearheading their Tribal issues within their State of Manipur and beyond even as they swallow Naga Ho Ho with their majority. The Nagas of Nagaland on the other end lost the voice that they had owned earlier while craftily being deprived of a platform to deal with our own internal affairs. This is stupidity personified that needs to be taken to the workshop for major repair. (Courtesy: The Morning Express)

## National & International News

### Malaysia expels North Korea ambassador over Kim murder

Source: Agence France-Presse  
KUALA LUMPUR, March 5: Malaysia has expelled North Korea's ambassador, giving him 48 hours to leave the country in a major break in diplomatic relations over the airport assassination of the half-brother of Pyongyang's leader.

Kim Jong-Nam, 45, was poisoned February 13 with deadly nerve agent VX. North Korea has not acknowledged the dead man's identity but has repeatedly disparaged the murder investigation, accusing Malaysia of conniving with its enemies.

"The ambassador has been declared persona non grata" after Malaysia demanded but did not receive an apology for Pyongyang's attacks on the investigation, Malaysia's Foreign Minister Anifah Haji Aman said.

"Malaysia will react strongly against any insults made against it or any attempt to tarnish its reputation," he said in a statement released late Saturday.

Ambassador Kang Chol failed to present himself at the ministry when summoned and "is expected to leave Malaysia within 48 hours," the statement added.

On Sunday morning, media besieged Pyongyang's embassy, from where Kang is expected to depart before the expulsion deadline expires 6pm on

Monday. Arch-rival South Korea has blamed the North for the murder, citing what they say was a standing order from leader Kim Jong-Un to kill his exiled half-brother who may have been seen as a potential rival.

The expulsion is "part of the process by the Malaysian government to review its relations" with the North Korea, which before Kim's assassination were unusually cosy, the foreign ministry said.

"Diplomatically rude" The diplomatic spat erupted last month when Malaysian police rejected North Korean diplomats' demands to hand over Kim's body.

Kang then claimed the investigation was politically motivated and said Kuala Lumpur was conspiring with "hostile forces".

Malaysia summoned Kang for a dressing-down, with Prime Minister Najib Razak saying the ambassador's statement was "diplomatically rude". Malaysia issued a February 28 deadline for an apology, but "no such apology has been made, neither has there been any indication that one is forthcoming."

Malaysia has also recalled its envoy to Pyongyang and cancelled a rare visa-free travel deal with North Korea. Police are seeking seven North Korean suspects in their probe but on Friday

released the only North Korean arrested for lack of evidence. After Ri Jong-Chol was deported, he claimed police offered him a comfortable life in Malaysia for a false confession, saying the investigation was "a conspiracy to impair the dignity of the Republic (North Korea)".

Two women — one Vietnamese and one Indonesian — have been charged with murdering Kim Jong-Nam, with airport CCTV footage showing them approaching the heavyset 45-year-old and apparently smearing his face with a cloth. Police say he suffered a seizure and died less than 20 minutes later. Swabs of the dead man's face revealed traces of VX nerve agent.

End of cosy ties North Korea had few friends even before the assassination, but the fallout from the killing looks set to further isolate the nuclear-armed state. Malaysia formally established diplomatic relations with North Korea in 1973 and opened an embassy in Pyongyang in 2003.

It has provided a conduit between Pyongyang and the wider world in recent years, with Kuala Lumpur serving as a discreet meeting place for talks between the regime and the United States. A recently released report by a UN



Panel of Experts reviewing compliance with sanctions against Pyongyang, identified a front company run by North Korean intelligence out of Malaysia, selling military communications equipment to Entrea, with suppliers in China and an office in Singapore.

Up to 1,000 North Koreans currently work in Malaysia and their remittances are a valuable source of foreign currency for the isolated regime. North Korea imports refined oil, natural rubber and palm oil from Malaysia, which buys electrical and electronic items, chemicals as well as iron and steel products from North Korea. Last week Malaysia's trade minister Mustapa Mohamed said that the spat had no impact on Kuala Lumpur as the trade with the reclusive country is "too small" and "insignificant".

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