

## Stop targeting Human Rights and Environment Defenders- YFPHR

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Youths Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) has expressed strong opposition to the continuous threat to the human rights and environment defenders in the state committed by the state's armed forces. "As we learn that on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August, around six Manipur police commando personnel came in a gypsy at Mr. Jiten Yumnam residence at Kwakeithel, Mayaikoibi Nihoujam Leikai around 2:30 pm and summoned him at Manipur Police Commando complex at the time when he was visiting Sikkim for

environment programme. No written document and reasons were furnished to his family by the police personnel for his summon to the Commando Complex", the statement said. It further said that the visit by the armed forces of the state in full uniform to a civilian's residence creates an environment of anxiety and fear among the family members, especially the children and also creates negative impression towards the locality. It could also be noted that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017, two person who identified themselves as CRPF of Group Centre Langjing visited the house of the President of

YFPHR asking about his whereabouts without providing any reasons. Such continuous threat to the Human Rights and Environment Defenders is believed to have been carried out systematically by the state to suppress the people's voice against the brutalities and inhumane treatment committed by the state to the public, the Youth Forum said. The forum appealed the government of Manipur to respect the UN declaration of the Rights of Human Rights Defenders, 2008 and to stop targeting the Human Rights and Environment Defenders immediately.

## P Vara Vara Rao arrested from Hyderabad : Modi 'assassination plot'

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Maoist ideologue and revolutionary writer P Varavara Rao was arrested on Tuesday by Pune Police in Hyderabad on charges of being part of a plot to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi, sources close to his family said.

The arrest was preceded by searches for nearly eight hours at Rao's house in Gandhi Nagar and those of seven others, including two journalists close to him and a professor at English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), in different parts of the city. One of the journalists, Tekula Kranthi, was also arrested after police reportedly seized his laptop and several documents allegedly showing his connections with the Maoist party.

The 78-year old Rao was first taken to Gandhi Hospital in Secunderabad amidst tight security for a medical examination. He is likely to be taken to Pune after being

produced in a local court in Hyderabad later in the evening.

Tension prevailed at Rao's house, where a large number of his followers and representatives of various social organisations assembled with placards condemning his arrest. "It is highly atrocious on the part of the Maharashtra police to arrest Vara Vara Rao on false grounds. How can an ordinary person sitting in Hyderabad plot to kill the Prime Minister? They are fabricating the case against him," Progressive Organisation of Women

(POW) president P Sandhya alleged.

Pune Police told a local court on June 8 this year that they had found a letter from the Delhi residence of a Maoist sympathiser Rona Jacob Wilson, one of the five people arrested for their alleged links with the banned Maoist party. The letter reportedly mentioned the requirement of Rs 8 crore to purchase M-4 rifle and four lakh rounds. It also discussed the possibility of "another Rajiv Gandhi incident". The letter also mentioned that Rao and Surendra Gadling, an advocate who was also

arrested by the Pune Police in Mumbai, had been guiding the revolutionaries in carrying out successful attacks in the past. The letter mentioned that Rao "had arranged for funds for the same (for another sensational attack) and Surendra would provide you with the fund." Apart from Wilson and Gadling, Pune Police also arrested three others - Sudhir Dhawale from Mumbai and Shoma Sen and Mahesh Raut from Nagpur.

However, Rao told media on the same day that he had nothing to do with the so-called "incriminating letter", which quoted his name as being involved in a plot to assassinate Prime Minister Modi. Rao, however, admitted he knew Gadling and Wilson. "I don't deny that I know the people who were arrested by the Pune Police. They have all been working for the downtrodden and release of political prisoners. They are all against murder politics," he had said, adding that he did not believe Maoists had the strength to assassinate the Prime Minister of the country.

## TSA refutes HTC, Moreh media statement regarding July 13 Moreh terror attack

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The Thadou Students' Association (TSA) has appealed the Hill Tribal Council (HTC), Moreh not to try and obstruct the process of justice over the July 13 Moreh incident of shooting and bombing of innocent children and civilians, including the president of TSA Moreh Block, Thongminglun Haokip, his pregnant wife and their two children below the age of five years by heavily armed cadres of the Kuki National Organisation/Kuki National Army (KNO/KNA). In a statement the TSA express strong condemnation to the president of HTC, Ginkhosei Lhungdim, for threatening TSA leaders(s) over phone to withdraw the Public Interest Litigation (PIL). TSA has already lodged with the Manipur High Court on August 16, 2018 in connection with the July 13 Moreh attack. If Ginsel or any other persons or groups threaten any of the TSA leaders again, TSA will no longer hesitate to file an FIR or

take them to Court. The media release of HTC, Moreh that appeared in various newspapers on August 28, 2018 in connection with the July 13 Moreh attack was nothing but merely a desperate attempt to cover up the evil and criminal act of the KNO/KNA and to mislead the public and the Court. TSA has previously clarified through the media that the attack was an unprovoked firing and bombing by the KNO/KNA to murder innocent children and civilians and that it was not a gun fight between two armed groups. "TSA has also previously clarified through the media on July 30 that TSA's demands for justice in the July 13 Moreh terror attack have nothing to do with the relation between two underground groups, the UKLF and KNA, and that neither TSA nor Thingminlun had no knowledge nor involvement in the peace commission or peace banquet at Moreh on July 23 between the two groups. If HTC negates this then it should come out with proper evidence instead

of making baseless and false propaganda to downplay the seriousness of the terror attack and to hide the truth", the statement said. "We no longer have confidence in State police to bring justice in the incident and therefore we prayed to the Court that the case be handed over either to National Investigation Agency or Central Bureau of Investigation to ensure the case is investigated in the most free and unbiased manner and justice is delivered in a timely and effective manner", the statement added. As the supreme commander of KNO/KNA, which has claimed responsibility for the attack, PS Haokip, the president of KNO has been included as one of the respondents in the PIL writ petition along with his associates, including Thahpi Haokip alias Thangboi alias Thahpi, Moreh commander of KNO/KNA and the alleged leader of the attack team in the July 13 Moreh terror attack , it added.

## UCM , UNC protest on different cause

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Protest demanding revelation of the Frame work agreement is being underway at different part of the valley area under the aegis of the United Committee Manipur. The UCM and other civil society has been opposing any form of special status to the NSCN-IM which might distort the integrity of the state. Meanwhile the UNC, the frontal organisation of the NSCN IM has been warning all Nagas who support the Imphal base civil society body. The UNC also urged the center to settle the Naga issue at the earliest possible time.

## Drugs peddlers, Drugs users are increasing at Indo-Myanmar Border Town Moreh

From our Correspondent  
Moreh, Aug 28,

The infamous Indo - Myanmar border town Moreh, in the aftermath of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious Act East Policy is now becoming a haven for drug smugglers

As we have all know that Moreh is a hill town at Indo-Myanmar Border . Various business which varies from vegetables to bulky goods are imported from Myanmar's market named as Namphalong market. By looking all the business done at Indo-Myanmar Border Town Moreh , the smuggling of Drugs are increasing day by day.

The presence of heavy security force and intelligent agencies at Moreh town did not help much in reducing the illegal drug trades. Lots of Drug peddlers are caught daily by 12 Assam Rifle at Khudengthabi Check Post and also Moreh Police and Commandos of Moreh have caught lots of Drug peddlers in the town. But the number of drug peddler is increasing day by day after analyzing such things the public say's that Moreh is the main point where Chinese drugs are imported through Myanmar to India.

What is fearing is the increase of Drug addict in the town including mostly among the students and women. On seeing the affect of the drugs to the public of Moreh , Hill Tribal Council had launch a team under the banner of Anti Drugs Abuse Campaign



Committee Moreh to find out the root , route of Drug business in the Town to destroy the business and make Moreh Town free from drugs and also to make the childrens and womens of Moreh to be free from drug addict. In Press Conference held at the conference hall of Hill Tribal Council the convenor of Anti Drugs Abuse Campaign Committee Moreh Mr. Khup Gange stated that the Committee is going to take up lots of action as to control and remove the drug business at Indo-Myanmar Border Town. He stated that the Committee will conduct drive against drugs peddlers, drugs users in the Town from 1st September 2018. He sought helps and co-operation to all the different community leaders of the town

when they conduct such drive against drugs in the town. He further stated that such drive is going to be made as make our children (the future pillars of our nation) to be free from drugs . He also warned the drugs peddlers to stop peddling drugs if not a strict action will be taken up against the person if found during the drive which will be conducting from 1 September. After hearing the speech of the Convonor , all the public leaders of different Organization of the Town stated that they will provide full support to the team of Anti Drugs Abuse Campaign Committee Moreh and also they will send theirs volunteers to assist the Committee as to stop the drug business in Town.

## Awareness Camp on Prevention and Control of Deafness concluded at Thoubal

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One day Awareness Camp on prevention and control of deafness held at Tamphajao Bhavan, Thoubal Kshetrileikai concluded today. The programme was organised by State Health Society, Manipur and under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness, National Health Mission Manipur. The programme was attended by Dr. T. Manihar Singh, Joint Director, Health Services, Govt. Of Manipur and W. Ibohah Singh, Retd. District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan were the Chief Guest and President respectively. Ch. Basanta Singh, District Programme Manager, District Health Society Thoubal welcomed all the participating ASHAs, Anganwadi Workers and Youth club leaders. He



also highlighted about the importance of organising the programme. He stated that the programme was organised for the 5th time in Thoubal District during this month. Similar programmes were organised at Tekcham, Lilong, Thoubal Kiyam and Heirok villages of Thoubal district. Dr. M.A. Sattar, ENT Specialist Resource Person of the day explained about the prevention and control of

deafness to the public during the Awareness Campaign. He stated that hearing loss can be caused by aging, illness or disease, by excessive exposure to high noise levels and by trauma. Hearing loss is of mild, moderate and severe. He also says that W. Ibohah Singh, Retd. District Youth Coordinator cautioned the present day youth who frequently used Loud Speakers and ear phones the

fearness of hearing loss. He also expressed about the need for general awareness for using Loud Speakers and other noise who pollute the environment as well as increase of deafness in general public. Dr. T. Manihar Singh, State Nodal Officer, NPPCD, State Health Society, Manipur explained about the hearing loss in children. He says that a newborn can suffer from hearing loss. It happens because of heredity, rubella or other infections in the pregnant mother, low birth weight of body, severe jaundice following birth or other illness such as meningitis etc. He appealed the participants to spread the awareness about the control of deafness. He says that there is hearing test facility at INIMS and RIMS so hearing test for newborn child should be done before they are discharged.