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THE DEVELOPMENT OF ETHNICITY TO NATIONALITY IN NAGA HISTORY

...Troops moved into Tuensang by October 1955 and the war with the Nagas started from then...

About the number of troops deployed at this stage he writes:

...Ultimately nearly two divisions of the Army and thirty five battalions of the Assam Rifles or Armed Police were in operation in the Naga Hills and Tuensang Frontier Division and in the adjoining areas...and though there were nearly one security troop for every adult male Naga in the Naga Hills Tuensang area, there never was a time when it could be claimed that the Naga guerrillas had been broken into submission...

(B.N.Mullik, My Years With Nehru, 1948-1964, Allied Publishers, India, pp.308, 312, 313)

These Indian troops (fifty four thousand in total) between 1955 to 1956, burnt down to ashes six hundred forty five Naga villages out of eight hundred sixty one Naga villages existing in those days. All the village granaries were also burned to ashes and within one year over one lakh Nagas died from bullets, aerial bombardments, rape, torture, murder, starvation and disease.

On June 30, 1956, a totally devastated Phizo through his Ministers (Kiloners) sent a long and desperate message to the Prime Minister of India. I quote here a few excerpts from that letter: "...People are being killed without ceasing. Houses and villages are being burned daily. What justifiable necessity impelled the Indian Congress Government in directing the Indian Army to start killing our Naga people and burning all our houses, we do not know. If these barbarous cruelties are meant to compel the Nagas to accept the Indian Constitution and be a member unit within the Indian Union, these acts of conscience-less inhumanity are highly improper. Village after village - has been surrounded and the people compelled to give their fingerprints as a token of loyalty to India and acceptance of the Indian Constitution. Nagas as a people and the Naga Government strongly condemn your policy now being put into practice in Nagaland. Our Naga position must be understood. Naga people

made the position of our country very clear to the Government of India from the very inception of the emancipation of the Indians and the starting of the Government of Free India. Nagaland belongs to the Nagas only and nobody else. We cannot feel ashamed to state this simple fact, or be frightened to stand on our national rights and defend our honour.

We wanted to part in a most friendly atmosphere with your goodwill, but failed. The controlling reasons for the Nagas to remain as a distinct nation, and thus enjoy national independence, need not be explained to the most eminent champion for the freedom of the dominated people and nations in Asia and Africa. The great author of "Discovery of India" and of "Glimpses of world history" knows that the Nagas are no more a peculiar people or unreasonable than any other virile nation.

We should not be misunderstood. And your great Government should not attempt to make this simple issue of the Naga case as having political or constitutional complications with the Republic of India. You knew very well that Nagas did not participate in the Indian election. Your Government have been fully informed of our Naga position, either by telegram or through letters, on all the appropriate occasions.

Firstly, Nagas are not Indians, and we do not want to become Indians. Secondly, Naga territory is not and has never been a part of the Indian territory. And we cannot give you our country. This is the actual position...

...If the Congress Indian Government is determined to wipe out the Nagas from the face of this earth, WHAT CAN WE DO? You have the capacity to do so. But is not killing people a horrible thing to do in spite of disagreement with you? Is it not contemptible to resort to terrorism for the usurpation of other people's land? The ORDER TO KILL TENMEN in each village, and to wipe out big villages, have been already made known to the Nagas...

...The ORDER and directives for DECIMATION and ANNIHILATION must be immediately called off,

without delay.

Bombardment with 3-inch mortar shells against our people's camps and people in the fields continues daily. Shelling the villages with cannon (type EXR.CE.9719. C.Co/2/44) started on June 28, 1956. All these must be stopped.

If killing the people, sniping the workers in the fields of cultivation, raping and molesting women and girls, and burning houses and villages are stopped, YOU MAY BE SURE that our Naga people, and our Home Guards, will full heartedly respond in real faith, as these are what we are against. We are wholly and absolutely at your mercy. And, in the name of humanity, we submit this appeal to you to stop tears and bloodshed... (An appeal to the Prime Minister, India, Urra Headquarters, June 30, 1956)

What happened afterwards is a story of blood and tears, sacrifices and heroism as a small nation fought against overwhelming odds for over half a century. As for A.Z.Phizo who wrote all the above words, he was first offered the Chief Ministership of Assam. When he refused, he was next offered to become a Minister in the Central Cabinet. This was followed by another offer to become the Ambassador to Malaya. He was next offered to ask anything from the Indian government including any amount of money. This offer was brought by Shri Prakasa, the then Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research. Phizo in his letter to S.C.Jamir from London dated October 31, 1963 wrote that he declined all these offers because he loved the Naga people more than anything else in the world. (S.C.Jamir, Reminiscences of Correspondences with A.Z.Phizo, p.21). When all these efforts to buy the Nagas with money failed, the Indian Government tried to militarily impose Indian nationality on the Nagas. When even this failed, the Indian Government again offered Phizo to become the next President of India in the early 1960s. Full details and a systematically chronicled account of many of the above stated facts can be found in the aforementioned book written by the author of the present article.

Meeting Pass - Out Students Can Inspire Young Students: Th. Radhehshyam



DIPR Imphal, June 23,

Education Minister Thokchom Radhehshyam said that passed out students can give a positive impact on students and inspire them to

become a good citizen of the State. He said student alumni should meet and interact with the young students to instil a sense of responsibility in them to contribute for the welfare of the school and the society as whole.

The Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest at the Felicitation Function, 2018 of the Churachand Higher Secondary School for the students who held positions in the recently declared HSLC and HSSLC examination, 2018. The programme was held at the school premise sponsored by the school's alumni of pass-out students of different batches including the Batch of 1966.

Th. Radhehshyam said the gesture of the Alumni to felicitate the students for their achievement and assuring to extend all possible help not to let them suffer like they had in the past, is very heartening. The Churachand Higher Secondary School, the Minister stated has been one of the pioneering schools in

Manipur bringing educational revolution with positive changes in the State.

He stressed that the relationship between the teachers and students needs to be revived in the state. He said there is a need to restore the sense of human touch among the teachers and students, like in the past where they had a close bonding. He said such attachment need to be revived again to make the school become more attractive to the children and convinced them with the sense of belongingness towards the school as their second home.

The Programme was attended by Director Education (S) Th. Kirankumar, Principal, teachers and students of the school.

National & International News

NDA govt's claim of more militants being killed in its rule shows it allowed militancy to re-emerge: Omar

Agency Srinagar, Jun 23,

National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah today said the NDA government's claim that more militants were killed in Kashmir during its rule than in the UPA dispensation actually tells how it allowed militancy and violence to re-

emerge in the Valley. Actually minister sahib this tells the story of how your government allowed militancy & violence to re-emerge in J&K forcing the security forces to kill more terrorists, Omar wrote on Twitter. The former J&K chief minister was reacting to Union minister Ravi Shankar

Prasad's tweet and statement that more militants were killed under the NDA government than in the UPA rule. Prasad said security forces had killed 72 and 67 militants in 2012 and 2013 under the UPA and the figure rose to 110 in 2014 when the BJP-led NDA came to power at the Centre.

He said the forces killed 108 militants in 2015, 150 in 2016, 217 in 2017 and 75 till May this year. Omar said the increase in the number of militants killed was not an achievement. You should be embarrassed by these statistics not be claiming them as some achievement, the NC vice president wrote.

Ex-S Korean premier Kim Jong-pil, spy agency founder, dies

Agency Seoul, Jun 23,

Kim Jong-pil, the founder of South Korea's spy agency whose political skills helped him also serve twice as prime minister, first under his dictator boss and later under a man his agency kidnapped, has died. He was 92. Kim was declared dead on arrival at Seoul's Soonchunhyang University Hospital from his home today, said hospital official Lee Mi-jong. He described the cause of death as age-related complications.

A retired lieutenant colonel, Kim was a key member of a 1961 coup that put army Maj. Gen. Park Chung-hee in power until his 1979 assassination. After Park seized power, Kim created and headed the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, a predecessor of the current National Intelligence Service, before serving as Park's prime minister, the country's No. 2 post, from 1971-1975.

Park used the spy agency as a tool to suppress his political rivals at home, including then-opposition leader Kim Dae-jung, who became South Korea's president in the late 1990s.

A government fact-finding panel said in 2007 that KCIA agents kidnapped Kim Dae-jung from a Tokyo hotel in 1973, days before he was to start a coalition of Japan-based South Korean organisations to work for their

country's democratisation. It was the first official confirmation of one of the most notorious KCIA operations to stifle dissent. Kim Jong-pil didn't direct the agency at the time of the 1973 kidnapping, and 25 years later he joined forces with Kim Dae-jung and helped him win the 1997 presidential election. He served as Kim Dae-jung's prime minister from 1998-2000 under a power-sharing plan. The 2007 panel report did not draw a clear conclusion on whether the kidnapping was ultimately aimed at killing Kim Dae-jung, who said his abductors nearly dumped him from a ship at sea before they stopped when a US military helicopter made a low pass over the vessel. Kim Dae-jung won the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to promote democracy and reconcile with North Korea.

Related to Park by marriage, Kim Jong-pil was his No. 2 man for much of his rule. But after a new military junta led by Gen. Chun Doo-hwan seized power through a coup following Park's death, Kim was accused of corruption and surrendered property worth millions of dollars before moving to the United States. Kim returned to South Korea after Chun, bowing to weeks of massive public protests, allowed a free, direct presidential election in 1987, which marked South Korea's transition toward a genuine democracy. Kim founded his own conservative party and

ran for the hotly contested 1987 election to compete with Chun's army buddy and government candidate Roh Tae-woo. Kim Dae-jung and another opposition leader Kim Young-sam.

Roh won the election largely thanks to a split in opposition votes, and Kim Jong-pil placed fourth. The three opposition candidates came to dominate South Korean politics in the so-called "era of the three Kims." Kim Jong-pil had enjoyed a strong support from his home turf in central Chungcheong province and people who valued the rapid economic development during Park's rule. But he never reached a level of support to seriously contend for the presidency and instead became a kingmaker by exercising his political leverage in presidential races. In 1990, he and Kim Young-sam merged their parties with Roh's ruling party in a landmark three-way merger, which eventually helped Kim Young-sam win the 1992

presidential election. The merger of pro-democracy fighters and former coup members invited long-running criticism that it dampened democracy.

After supporting Kim Dae-jung's successful 1997 presidential bid, Kim Jong-pil and his conservative party members were given several Cabinet posts in the new government. But their coalition fell apart in 2001 because of a dispute over Kim Dae-jung's famous "sunshine policy" of engaging North Korea with aid and exchange programs. Dubbed as "perennial No. 2 man," Kim Jong-pil served as a member of the National Assembly nine times. He quit politics in 2004 after his now-defunct United Liberal Democrats suffered crushing defeats in parliamentary elections. "I've been completely burned to ashes," he reportedly said in a retirement news conference. Funeral arrangements were not immediately announced.

Bank passbook lost

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