

UNLF denounces atrocities to civilian

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United National Liberation Front (UNLF), the armed rebel group who had claimed responsibility of the blast that took place at the gate of the Manipur Legislative Assembly today denounces the various form of atrocities committed by the state security forces to the civilian by making up stories of having connection with the outfit.

The outfit said that the arrest and blaming of security staff of Manipur Legislative assembly to the attack is nothing but a signed of confuse state of the state security force.

Reacting to the statement of the Manipur Police SP of November 18, the outfit said that the claimed by the SP at which he stated that the blast of November 16 near the Manipur Assembly Secretariat Santry post which injured 3 persons including a BSF jawan, have been arrested was a total baseless and unfounded story. It stated that the said person Yumnam Deven, an ASI at the Security staffs of the Manipur Legislative Assembly which the police arrested have nothing to do with the outfit and has no relation. The said person had already face serious atrocities from the Indian army and is around 60 years which is nearing retirement.

Why the police accused him of having relation with the outfit is because he happened to be the elder brother of Sinnaba, a 2nd Lt. of the MPA/UNLF who was murdered by the Manipur police in January 1992.

On the other hand one Laishram Ongbi Sangita which the police claimed to have been arrested as active member of UNLF is also in no way related to the outfit, the statement claimed.

The statement also stated that the armes and ammunitions that the police had claimed to have been recovered from a newly constructed building at Lamphelpat on November 14 which includes a 9 mm pistol and 2 magazine do not belong to the UNLF.

The UNLF term the act of the state police as excess.

The outfit warn the excess of the state force and added that the UNLF may reached to a decision to consider all state force working under the government as enemy of the people.

Health Minister personally extended monetary assistance to destitute a woman

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At what could be term as an unusual spectacular, Health Minister L. Jayantakumar personally visited JNIMS and extended monetary assistant to a destitute lady who was found fainted beneath the Bir Tikendrajit Fly –over at Kwairanbandh Keithel yesterday evening here in Imphal. 47 years old Laksmi have no one to look after her and have been reportedly spending life at Khwairambandh Keithel.

According to one Shyamkishore who happened to live a similar life stated that both share bread by buying from whatever they earn for almost one year. They

spend their live under the BirTikendrajit Fly over. The lady Laksmi have no one left and is homeless at present. Health Minister left with no option extended monetary help to the woman and advise the Director as well as the staffs to take good care of the lady.

The Health Minister encountered ailing Laksmi while he was on his way to the hospital to extend monetary assistance to one Moirangthem Bembem who was reportedly admitted to JNIMS ICU after being discharged from the hospital. A local news channel had reported about the matter and the Minister taking the matter with undue seriousness visited

today. Bembem hails from Sekmai Awang Leikai.

Expressing shocked to the incident, Jayantakumar said even as there are so many schemes and programme for welfare of the poor and needy, the said schemes seems to remain useless as many people still do not understand it properly. He appealed to make sure that all programme for the poor including the CMHT should be let known to the public.

Mention may be made that there has been several complain on the way that the welfare schemes are being handled by the authority of the govt. due to lack of proper knowledge.

New construction inside Kangla Fort should done after consultation with experts – ACOAM Lup

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Without mentioning directly about the controversial Ras Leela Auditorium inside Kangla Fort, ACOAM Lup Kangleipak has urged the government of Manipur to consult and take recommendation of the competent experts and committee before taking up any new project of development inside the fort. The ACOAM Lup Kangleipak also submitted a written objection against the construction of historical monuments and replicas without proper excavation works within the jurisdiction of the Kangla Fort to the concern government authority.

In the written objection, the

ACOAM Lup stated that Kangla Fort is of a great importance in regards to the Socio Cultural and Historical Accounts of Manipur. By the term Kangla, we mean the holly place which is situated in the heart of Imphal City and had been the palatial seat of the Meitei Kings since the 1st century A.D. Over and above, the Kangla is a sacred and the most important place which is indispensably related to the Meitei culture, history of Manipur, cosmology and way of worshipping god.

It said, "the original boundary of Kangla was wider and bigger than the present size. It is surrounded by the Imphal River on the east and National Highway No. 39 on all three sides of north, west and south. Previously the

area of the Kangla was also beyond the Imphal River. The size of Kangla was one mile in breadth and one mile in length. In early days, the exact area of Kangla was in the eastern side. It included the area where the Chingangbal Khongnang is standing still now and surrounded by the road leading to Menuthong Bridge. In the north, it reached Kekrepan which is commonly known as Kekrupat. In the northwest, it was upto the Khoibu (the former site of state PWD Office). In the west, it reached upto the Kangpokpi (the present surrounding area of old Assembly Secretariat). In the southwest, it was upto Tolong (Nityaibat Chuthek).

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Security measures tighten ahead of Sangai festival

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As a preventive measure of the coming Sangai Festival, district police of Imphal East comprising of A. Ghanashyam Sharma, Addl. SP (L&O), Shankerjit Loitongbam, SDPO Porompat, Thangkhochon Haokip, Dy. SP(CDO)/IE, Insp. Sanju of CDO/IE and teams from Porompat PS, Women PS, Reserve Lines & CDO/IE under the supervision of SP/IE conducted cordon and search operation at Wangkhei Angom Leikai from 5.15 am till 6.30 am. In that

operation, 153 males & 62 females were verified out of which 4 males without ID proofs were picked up and handed over to PRT PS for verification.

After the operation, the same team conducted house to house search operation at Mahabali Kabui Khul in which about 40 houses were searched and the residents including rented ones were verified. However no one was picked up.

The same team then conducted foot patrolling along Mahabali Kabui Khul, Harikhaogok and winded up at Palace Compound near Advanced Hospital.

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A statement by a group of left wing students expressed strong condemnation to the arrest of student activists from United Students' Democratic Front (USDF), Kolkata by the police from Goaltore area of West Midnapur district of West Bengal.

A statement said, "We come to know from various media reports that 4 activists have been arrested by the police from Goaltore area of West Midnapur district during a mass movement. Among them two activists are student

activists named Tipu Sultan and Arka Deep Goswami who are our beloved comrades from United Students' Democratic Front (USDF), Kolkata".

The statement jointly signed by Bhushan Longjam, Secretary Gen., Socialist Students' Union of Manipur (SSUM) K. Javed Mehedi, General Secretary, Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) Ajaib, DSO, Punjab University, Patiala Swati, SFC, IIT-BHU, Prasanna, Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) Ajmal Khan, Aaghaz magazine Akshay, AIRSO Rohan, Ambedkar Bhagat Singh Study Circle (ABSC)

Dinesh, Students' Uprising Movement for Social Welfare (SUMS), Tamil Nadu Sreekanth, Student Youth Coordination Against Police Brutality, Kerala. Radical Students' Forum, Kerala Shelu Neupane, Office Secretary, All Nepal National Independent Students' Union (Revolutionary) Saeed Bilash, president Chatra Ganamanch, Bangladesh Atif Anik, President, National Committee Revolutionary Student-Youth Movement, Bangladesh Kara Lenina Taggaao, National Spokesperson, League of Filipino Students said that even though police had

arrested them on 12th of this month, they kept them illegally in their custody for 2 days and later were produced in the court on 14th of this month.

The student body also alleged the police to have tortured inhumanly while the two students were in custody. As per media report Tipu Sultan has developed clots in his eyes because of severe torture by the police. A case have been registered against the arrested students leader at Goaltore PS Case No. - 220/18 dated 13.11.18 under Indian Penal Code Sections 121 (waging war against the state), 121A (conspiring to commit offence against the state), 120B (criminal conspiracy), 124A (sedition), and 149 (if an offence is committed by any member of an unlawful assembly, every other member shall be guilty of the offence). Actually, from a report from USDF, the truth is that they went for a survey on the lifestyles of the people after which 7 people died out of starvation at Jangalmahal, West Bengal a week ago (according to govt. reports).

"Students and democratic activists were arrested on false-fabricated charges from Jangalmahal on allegations of engaging in Maoist activities. It is actually in tandem with the crackdown on democratic voices that we are witnessing nationally. We, on behalf of Struggling Student organizations from various nations strongly condemn all of these illegal activities of the police authorities and demand strict action against the guilty. We all know that Supreme Court has clearly stated in its verdict that 'guilt by association' and 'guilt by suspicion' are not guilt at all SSUM statement said and demand the withdrawal of all the false charges leveled against the 4 activists immediately and to release them unconditionally.

Left wing students including SSUM decry police excess to student activists

Survival International sticks to Kaziranga shooting exposure, blames BBC for retreating

By Our Correspondent
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A global tribal rights body, which appealed to the international community for boycotting the world famous Kaziranga National Park in central Assam alleging that atrocities by rangers were going on inside the forest reserve against the locals, reiterated its stand that wrongdoings continues in the abode of precious one-horned rhinoceros.

Notably, the issue was raised by a BBC report, which was aired last year, narrating that dozens of people were even murdered by the Kaziranga rangers on mere suspects inside the forest reserve. BBC's Asia correspondent Justin Rowlett reported that the Kaziranga protection forces had shot dead 106 people in 20 years and wounded many others, including a minor (Akash Orang) who was maimed for life.

The report eventually caused a storm of controversy across the country. The government retaliated by banning the BBC's Natural History Unit from filming in all Indian national parks and tiger reserves for five years. However, since the report was broadcast exposing the facts internationally the number of killings in Kaziranga has dropped dramatically.

Lately the concerned BBC unit wrote to the Indian National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) expressing regret for the 'adverse impact' of the report titled 'Killing for Conservation'. Earlier the NTCA complained that the report should have been submitted for obligatory previewing at the country's foreign ministry in order to remove any deviations.

"Contrary to reports in the Indian media, the BBC letter has not cast any doubt whatsoever on the accuracy

or truthfulness of the investigation," said Survival International. In a media statement issued by its director Stephen Corry, the tribal rights body asserted that the BBC has not actually admitted its Kaziranga shoot on sight exposé was wrong.

Corry also alleged that the BBC authority was trying to row back and had apologized just so it could start filming in Indian tiger reserves again. But by doing so it's putting in the firing line the local people who bravely helped it expose the incredibly high number of unlawful killings in Kaziranga, added Corry asserting that 'it has not said any of the report was wrong'.

Survival International also quoted local activist Pranab Doley saying that it was simply a cowardly act by the Indian government and its agency NTCA. But by giving into the dictates of the NTCA, the BBC authority has not only taken an anti-people stand but also failed to uphold the basic



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values of human rights and media ethics of righteous journalism," added Doley.

This stance by the BBC has not only betrayed the trust of the violated communities but also given the opportunity to the conspiring agencies to blame the indigenous activists

of misleading the acclaimed media outlet, asserted the activist, who helped BBC News expose the extrajudicial executions adding that the BBC letter could put their lives at risk, as someone may use it wrongly to accuse them of defaming India's reputation.