



Court sentence 20 years imprisonment to child rapist, fine Rs. 30,000/-; order Rs. 5 Lakh compensation to the victim

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Maibam Manojkumar Special Judge POCSO Imphal West today sentenced 20 years imprisonment to a child rapist and fine Rs. 30,000/-. The rapist Sandam Bhogen, aged about 44, son of Sandam Bheiga of Sairem Khul, Imphal West had rape a minor girl on December 3,

2013 at Sairem Khul Mayai Leikai.

On August 8, 2017, the rape accused was shot by unidentified persons at around 2 pm at Tera Khamnam Leirak along Sagolband road while he was returning after appearing at POCSO court. However, he survived with critical injury.

The judgment was reserved on 24 September after the accused was found guilty by the Special POCSO court and the

sentence was announce today.

In its verdict the court ordered 6 month more imprisonment in addition of the 20 years if the fine of Rs. 30, 000/- was not cleared. The session judge also announced a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh to the victim girl. 8 witnesses was produced by the alleged accused before the court during the trial as witness in his defense.

Mentioned may be made that on December 3, 2013, the

accused raped a minor girl of 3 and half years old at around 5 pm when the victim's family were out in the paddy fields. It was alleged that Sandam Bhogen called the victim inside his house and committed the heinous crime which later came to light when the victim narrated the ordeal to her family members.

The accused fled from his residence and surrendered before Lamsang police station

on December 6, three days after the incident and was remanded to judicial custody from December 13. Police started the investigation since dec 4 after the family member complaint about the matter.

The accused was released on bail on March 27, 2014 but later detained in judicial custody after he was found guilty

NSCN-K reaffirmed stand for sovereignty

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Armed rebel group national Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-K) today reiterated its demand for a sovereign Nagaland.

A statement by MIP in Charge of the NSCN/GPRN Maj. Joseph Lamkang stated that the NSCN/GPRN and the Naga Army will continue to support, defend and fight alongside other oppressed and colonized people till the outfit achieved their long cherished goal.

“The NSCN/GPRN which is

founded on the principle of Naga Sovereignty will continue to uphold that spirit, and carry on the struggle till our national flag flies high over our land”, the statement said.

The statement also blamed the Government of India and their agents for trying to remove the word Sovereignty from the Naga dictionary and their effort to disintegrate and destroy the NSCN/GPRN to sabotage the ongoing struggle by creating splinter group through their skillfully designed divide and destroy policy.

Bomb blasts

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A powerful bomb was blasted today morning at around 1 am near Allahabad Bank in Kangpokpi, under PS/district Kangpokpi. In the blast a car belong to Phalpchong Hanging d/o Haokholang Hanging Chairman SH ADC Kangpokpi was damage. No any human casualty. More details still awaited.

BSF Martyrs honoured

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54 Bn BSF observed martyrs day today. The observance was marked with Suneel Kumar Singh Commandant of the battalion visiting the family members of martyred BJP by remembering their contribution in safeguarding the borders and integrity of the nation and to show solidarity to the family. MKT Simte 2ic (adm) visited Saiton Govt High School where (L) Ct Lhunkhoahao of 123 Bn BSF had studied earlier. In 2016 a memorial stone was also erected at the school premises in remembrance of the late Martyr.

123 Bn was earlier deployed in Kisthwar in J&K on internal security duty. On 28th Aug' 1991 (L) Ct Lhunkhoahao was abducted by the Kashmiri militants and his dead body was later recovered in Ananmag (J&K) near National Highway on 5th September 1991. His supreme sacrifice in the line of duty for the nation will always be remembered.

As a token of honour and remembrance a shawl was given to the martyrs family. The noble gesture of showing solidarity to the martyrs family by the organisation is highly appreciated by them.

State celebrates 127th Manipur Police Rising Day People appreciates friendly attitude of Manipur police: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that Police need support and co-operation of the people to render their selfless service in the society. This was stated by him at the 127th Manipur Police Raising Day held at the Parade Ground of 1st Manipur Rifles Battalion today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that the government is receiving positive feedbacks from various sections of the society about the people friendly attitude of the Manipur Police in the last one and half years. With the friendly approach and co-operation of the public, Police are easily tracking down criminals and anti-social elements in the State. He appealed the Police Personnel to render their service with human touch.

Chief Minister mentioned that Community Policing should continue so as to promote public safety and maintain law and order to safeguard the welfare of the society. We should make sure that Police are there to protect and save the lives of the public. There is drastic transformation in the Police organisation under the present government, he added. He stated that Police



should maintain a standard physical fitness and highest standards of professional behaviour and discipline. Mentioning about the Mob lynching incident happened recently at Tharojam, Chief Minister stated that the government has already approved the Manipur

Blockades, he added. Chief Minister said that the government is working its level best for the welfare of the VDFs and Home Guards of the State.

Speaking on the occasion, DGP L.M. Khaute elaborately spoke on various activities and initiatives of the Manipur Police in last one year. With the introduction of Community Policing, the Police-Public relationship has improved a lot. Mentioning that law and order situation has been improved in the State, Shri L. M. Khaute said that acres of poppy plantation were destroyed and illegal drugs were seized during the last one year. He continued that around 170 arms, 8077 ammunitions and explosives were recovered.

During the function, Chief Minister inspected the March past parade and distributed commendation certificates to various police officers for their outstanding contributions in different fields. Around 17 contingents including women police personnel participated in the march past.

Chief Minister also released a Coffee Table book and Manipur Police Martyr Song. Cabinet Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Chief Secretary and top civil and police officers also attended the function.

UPF supports mass rally

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The United Peoples' Front, Manipur Manipur today extended its support to the Oct 31 mass rally organised by the United Committee Manipur to protect the integrity of the state.

In a statement, the UPF said that the organization have no opposition to the peace talk between the government of India and the NSCN-IM but it would not remain a mute spectator if the territorial integrity of the state is under threat.

Since the peace deal was signed between the government of India and the NSCN-IM, the

later has been demanding a separate state by carving out portion of land from the territory of Manipur and other neighbouring state to form a south Nagaland or a greater Nagaland, which has been vehemently opposed by the people of the state. The apprehension about the threat to the integrity of the state comes after the government of India signed a fram work agreement on August 3, 2015 all of a sudden. People of the state will always stand opposed to any threat to the integrity of the state.

The statement added that all units of UPF will take part in the mass rally.

Bird Traps Seized in Thoubal

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Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal along with the staff members seized bird traps in and around Lilong Arapti in Thoubal District yesterday evening.

Appealing to the public to conserve wildlife, DFO Thoubal Debala Laiphrakpam asserted that any cruel act to wildlife including holding them in captivity, killing, selling or exhibition are prohibited under Section 39 of the Indian Wildlife Protection Act 1972. He urged all to support the cause of saving migratory

birds and to refrain from setting up any traps in the future. Honorary Wildlife Warden Thoubal, Waikhom Ramachandra, BO Pallel, Md Salauddin and Lilong Police Personnels took part in the drive.

Lost

I, the undersigned, have lost, my original certificate for my Senior Secondary School examination conducted by the CBSE bearing Roll No. 3642584 of 2013 on the way between Moijing to Thoubal on October 14, 2018. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

Thoubalmayum Abdul Wahab

Parking mismanagement in crowded Paona bazaar angered common people IMC continue to grant permission to collect parking fee from any place at Paona Bazar

IT Desk
Imphal, Oct 19,

On October 16, to the surprise of the shop keepers located at the connected road stressed between Paona Bazar and Governor road just a few yards opposite to Usha Cinema Hall, which has been closed for years due to security reason, a person dressed in black started collecting parking fee. The shop keepers when enquired on why he collected parking fee, the person simply answer that he was working under and NGO which have person from the Imphal Municipal Corporation for collection of parking fee.

“This is the first time that the IMC granted permission to an

NGO for collection of parking fee from the connecting road which was closed long time back”, a shop runner told this reporter.

Traffic problem has been a big issue of Imphal town since the last couple of decades. Showing serious concern to the inconveniences of the people, Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh convened the first ever meeting of the Traffic Regulation and Parking Committee meeting on April 25. However, the outcome of the meeting fails to do any change to the traffic management. From Keishampat junction till Thangal Bazar any roadside seems to be converted as parking space.



Even as the TRPC is the sole authority to allot parking area, no specific parking area, has been allotted at any specific place. Yet, there was a resolution to charge more fee if a vehicle is parked more than its necessities.

Following that the Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) is franchising NGOs to collect parking fee from anywhere where they felt necessary. Still now the IMC authority continues to offer permission to any NGO for collecting

parking fee. For reason best known those, NGO collecting parking fee never bother on where the vehicles were park at the roadsides particularly at Paona bazaar. Double parking, triple parking were allowed if they are paid the parking fee. No, authority of the IMC or the traffic police counter check the way that the NGOs arranged the parking system.

The connecting road between Paona Bazar and Governor road has never been officially declared as parking space yet vehicles use to park as the road has been close at the other end of the governor road for security reason. How could the IMC allow NGO to collect

fee for parking at this site when it was not declared as a parking site by the TRPC. Imphal city is already facing problem due to road side vendor which the police received severe criticism from section of people when they tried to clean it. Now, the parking arrangement at Paona bazaar and Thangal bazaar should be properly checked and those fail to comply with government order should not be allowed to continue their service, a former police officer told this reporter.

He further added that the IMC or the traffic police should immediately announced the parking site and that penalty should be given if the number vehicle cross limit provided to them.