

Drunken AR personnel detained Ambulance carrying patient, harassed driver at Khudengthabi

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Weeks after Myanmar Government authority had raised the issue of frequent checking and harassment to their citizen by Assam Rifles along the Imphal - Moreh road, a drunk Assam Rifles reportedly detained an ambulance carrying a lady patient at Khudengthabi check post for over 30 minutes despite plea by the driver of the vehicle.

The incident happened on 2 days back (Oct 26, 2018). As per report a lady patient

was carrying towards Imphal for an Emergency treatment to Imphal in an Ambulance of Sub-District Hospital Moreh at late evening. When they reached the Khudengthabi Checkpost a Drunk personal of 12 Assam Rifle detained them without listening to the staff of Moreh Hospital who plead that he was carrying a lady patient to Imphal on emergency. The security personnel

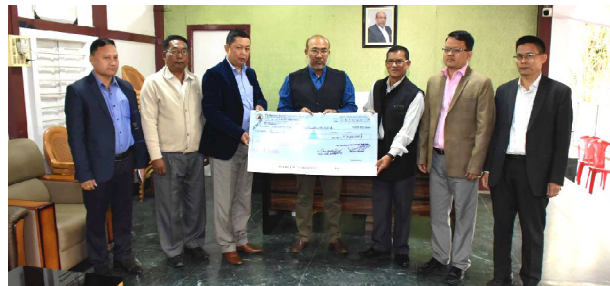
reportedly replied them to wait for a while by saying to take permission from their Officer. After 10 minutes the Personal doesn't came down from the Bunker. The Driver of the Ambulance went up and asked them to do little bit faster as there is an emergency patient which have to carry at Imphal for emergency treatment. The personnel of 12 Assam Rifle in the checkpoint allegedly threatened the

driver to remain silent by pointing his gun towards the driver.

A s per report no higher official were present and the security personnel forced the driver to open the bonnet of his vehicle.

After detaining for around 30 minutes for reason known only to the drunk personnel of the AR, the ambulance was allowed to proceed after 30 minutes.

MSCB becomes diamond sponsor for Manipur Sangai Festival 2018



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Manipur State Cooperative Bank Limited (MSCB) sponsored a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs for the upcoming Manipur Sangai Festival 2018. The Managing Director of MSCB A. Subash Singh and other officials handed over the cheque to Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in the presence of Director Tourism W. Ibohal Singh at a solemn ceremony held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today.

Expressing his happiness, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that it is a sign of positive

development that people are extending their support and co-operation for grand success of the upcoming Manipur Sangai Festival 2018. He mentioned that more individuals and companies are approaching the government for the sponsorship of the upcoming Sangai Festival 2018.

Chief Minister stated that the Princess of Thailand and Chief Ministers of Sagaing and Mandalay region of Myanmar will be joining the Manipur Sangai Festival. He further mentioned that for the first time in the history of

Manipur, the U.S. Ambassador to India will also be present during the Festival. The Manipur Sangai Festival 2018 would be held at three venues viz. Keibul Lamjao, Imphal (Hapta Kangjeibung and Lamboikhongnangkhang) and Mao, he added.

Mentioned may be made that with such sponsorship, the Manipur State Cooperative Bank Limited becomes the second Diamond Sponsor for the upcoming event. Earlier, the Panthoibi Housing Finance Company Limited had donated a sponsorship amount of Rs. 5 lakhs for the Festival.

Manipur Maoist vows announce final decision on Thangmeiband Rape case

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Armed rebel group Maoist Communist Party, Manipur (MCPM), is a statement made available to media houses in the state today the rebel group is all set to let the public know the course of action that the rebel group is taking up soon as the outfit has taken a final decision regarding the Thangmeiband Rape case. After collecting stories of both the victim girl and the alleged rapist MLA of the ruling party, we have come to the conclusion that we will make public the resolution adopted by the party on what action will be taken up against the rapist MLA.

The press statement of the Manipur Maoist also alleged that the rapist MLA from the ruling which is undergoing trial at Court as an accused is using all his power and money to mislead the judgment. The outfit also alleged that among those fighting for justice of the victim girl, the outfit had identified some of the black sheep which often contact the accused MLA and are trying to suppress the movement for justice.

The statement also stated that they have identified some of the people objecting the decision for putting up of the Matter to the National Women Commission.

"These people knows that once the issue is put to the notice of the national women

commission it will draw the attention of many and it is natural that more support for delivering justice to the rape victim will come", the statement said and asked why some people objected the putting of this matter to the notice of the National Commission for Women", the statement said and asked if these few people objecting the right move wanted to suppress the movement for getting justice to the people. The Maoist seems to be taking the matter so serious that they now said that the Manipur Maoist is not afraid of blasting bomb to get justice to the people. The outfit caution the MLA to confess his crime.

Women Empowerment by Creating Opportunities

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15 Assam Rifles under the aegis of 9 Sect AR provided assistance to Social Development Organisation and Meera Paibis of Yaurabung Village for setting up a vocational training centre in the village on 27 Oct 2018 wef 1000-

1200 hrs. As part of connecting to people through means of various programs being organised by Assam Rifles units, 15 Assam Rifles today took a major leap in the field of Women Empowerment through providing them with infrastructure and equal opportunities to showcase their skills and to be self

reliant. Women play an important part in development and upliftment of every society and giving them equal opportunities is our moral right. Furthermore providing correct infrastructure and equipment to women in the rural parts of Manipur can actually work wonders in their favour as they have extreme talent and skills but lack of amenities undermines their output.

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The Thadou Students' Association, General Headquarters (TSA-GHQ) and Romngmei Naga Students' Association, North East India (RNSO-NEI) expressed strong displeasure with the recent imbroglio over Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in the state.

In the consultative meeting held yesterday at Manipur Press Club, Imphal and after deliberate discussion, both the TSA and RNSO came to learn that the recent crisis over

financial lapses for EMRSs was due to disagreement between the School Management Committee of the three EMRSs, Tribal Affairs and Hills Department and Finance Department of the state government.

While the School Management Committee of the three EMRSs in the state should have not threatened to shut down the schools to the panic of student bodies and parents, the government authorities should have done the needful in a timely manner to avoid any inconvenience

to the functioning of the schools.

The meeting resolved the need for a permanent solution. "There is urgent need for a direct direct funding of the EMRS by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs because there is no state share in the funding, which is purely a grant-in-aid to the state government as per article 275(1) of the Indian constitution by the Government of India. As such, we urge the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to look into the matter immediately for a permanent solution", The meeting resolved.

TSA & RNSO cautions EMRS School Management Committee and State government

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People suffer amid transport strike in Bangladesh

By Siam Sarower Jamil,
Dhaka, Oct 28

A countrywide 48-hour transport strike that began on Sunday morning caused immense sufferings to passengers all over the country. Following the strike, almost no passenger buses, three wheelers, taxicabs and goods laden trucks, covered vans and pick up vans are seen to run on roads and highways in the capital and different districts. Earlier, Bangladesh Road Transport Workers Federation on Saturday announced a 48-hour countrywide work abstention from Sunday demanding changes to the newly enacted Road Transport Act, 2018.

In the capital, many people were seen walking or travelling by rickshaw to reach their destinations - sometimes paying

double or triple the cost of the usual fare.

CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers and rickshaw pullers are charging excessive fares taking advantage of the situation, alleged commuters.

Transport workers obstructed movement of different transports, including BRTC buses, all over the country. In the capital, no inter-district buses left Gabtoli, Mohakhali or Sayedabad terminals in the morning.

No buses also entered in these terminals from other districts. Saidabad Bus Terminal Owners' Association president Abul Kalam told Imphal Times that they had tried to run buses in the morning but failed.

No long route buses started from Chattogram, Sylhet, Narayanganj, and Rajshahi on the day. The federation organising

secretary Mokhesur Rahman told Imphal Times that till 12:00pm they did not get any message from the authorities to discuss on their demands.

Their demands include making all offences by road accident 'bailable', cancellation of the provision of fine Tk 5 lakh for involvement in a road accident, keeping a representative from their federation in any probe body formed for road accident, fixing minimum educational qualification for getting driving licence to class-V, and stopping police harassment on roads.

Earlier on October 12, the workers' association, decided to launch demonstration by going on a two-day work abstention from October 28 to press home their eight-point demands that included amendments to the Road Transport Act, if their demands are not met by October 27.

PPFA appeals for maintaining communal harmony among people

By T-Navajyoti
Guwahati, Oct 28,

Patriotic People's Front Assam (PPFA), expressing concern over government inactions against fabricated and unruly comment & activities by some individuals, has urged the people of Brahmaputra and Barak valleys to maintain communal harmony in the time of crisis. In a statement, issued to the media, the forum of nationalists maintained that every Indian has democratic rights to express his views and adopt actions, but that must not go beyond the practiced roads. Moreover, participating in any political debate, one should not threaten the

opponents, even verbally.

"We have observed that on the issue of Citizenship amendment exercises (by the Union government in New Delhi), a section of individuals in Assam have made illogical and unruly comments leaving aside their political conscience. We agree that the voice of dissidents should be raised in need, but that must not encourage indulging in illegal activities," said the PPFA.

It may be noted that following the Assam Bandh by many organizations and Asom Gana Parishad sponsored rally against the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 on 23 October 2018, various individuals representing different

organizations start making outrageous comments against particular communities. Some of them even did not hesitate to declare that they would 'attack' the opponents to impose their point of views.

"What is shocking that, the State government and concerned authorities remain mute spectators to such unruly comments & activities by some individuals in the public domain. Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal, also in charge of State home portfolio, should treat it as his call," asserted the forum. Finally, the forum appealed to everyone living in Assam including the politicians,

former rebel leaders, social activists etc to exercise restraints over comments on various socio-political issues and respect the opponent views. It also requested the social media users to be judicious while putting their views in alternate media maintaining due decencies.

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