



Thousands pay homage to PLA Martyrs on the occasion of Martyrs Day

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Atleast three thousand people irrespective of their communities today paid floral tributes to the PLA members who have been killed in the course of the revolutionary movement at Cheiraoching memorial complex on the occasion of the martyrs' day which was organized by Family Committee for Observation of 13 April. The 'Martyrs Day' is being observed every year in memory of the Tekcham gun battle of June 16, 1981 where seven revolutionary cadres were killed and the Kodompokpi gun fight of April 13, 1982 where nine PLA combatants were killed. Speaking to media person petitioner No.2 who is also a member of the Family Committee for Observation of 13 April, Khudrakpam ongbi Medha expressed gratitude to all the people of different communities who come to Cheiraoching to pay homage to the departed



'martyrs'. She said that the number of people who gathered to pay homage increases every year. She said that it was very unfortunate that the journalist weren't allowed to enter the home site from 8 am in the morning to cover it because of an order instructed by DC. She added that every year the journalist were allowed to take cover the

observation. She also said that the 'Martyrs Day' was observed with due permission of Court. Floral tributes were paid at the memorial tomb starting from 6 in the morning and the offering of homage continued till 4 in the evening where it was previously extended up to 5pm but then shortened because of an order. However, police took

up strict security measures in and around Cheiraoching in relation with the occasion where all the people who came to offer tributes and pay homage to the 'martyrs' were verified by police at the foothill. A medical camp was also organised at the foothill in connection with the 'Martyrs Day'. The large number of people who came

to pay homage to departed PLA cadres and leaders at Cheiraoching also paid floral tributes to the statues of National heroes Thangal General, Paona Brajabashi, Bir Tikendrajit and Hijam Irabot. It can be mentioned that the PLA cadres killed in the gun battle at Kodompokpi were Thoudam Kunjabihari of Kakwa Nameirakpam Leikai, Thoudam Loken alias Amujao of Kakwa Nameirakpam Leikai, Paka of Heirok, Pakhanglakpa alias Puki of Keishampat, RK Khorumba alias Gyane of Moreh, Sorokhaibam Kameshwar alias Kanta of Heibongpokpi, Khudrakpam Chaoban of Kwakeithel Moirangpured, Naorem Rajen of Kakwa Naorem Leikai and Moirangthem Premkumar of Tera Sapam Leikai. And the seven PLA cadres killed at Tekcham were Ibohah alias Biramangol, Yaima alias Indrajit, Koba alias Rajen Macha, Langlen alias Kacichandra, Inao, Khogen and Joy alias Shanti.

PAM appeals the people to boycott BJP regarding the agenda of CAB highlighted in its manifesto



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People Alliance of Manipur (PAM) who spearheaded the movement against the Contentious Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) in Manipur today appealed the people of Manipur to boycott BJP for its manifesto which assured to pass the contentious CAB if they come to power in the upcoming Lok Sabha Election. Speaking to media persons at SSUM office Keishampat, Convener of PAM SM Jalal appealed the people to support the democratic protest which will be organized by PAM from 15 April to 17 April against the Agenda of CAB highlighted in the election manifesto of BJP. He further questioned BJP how they see the people of Manipur as they further tried to pass the anti people CAB which will wipe out the native people and will destroy their identity thereby neglecting various protest and

agitations which just settle down a bit because of not tabling the bill at Raja Sabha. In contrast to the various movements regarding the anti foreigner issue that has been doing since the 80s and to make a law for the natives, he said that BJP has ignored all the movements of the people where people have died because of it. He further highlighted the election manifesto which points out that the identity of the North East could be saved even though if the bill is passed and stated that such promise is a hoax to the people of the state. SM Jalal concluded that introducing the contentious CAB in the election manifesto and assuring to pass it if they come to power again showed that BJP doesn't think about the welfare and the interest of the people and added that they stand against the people of Manipur.

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Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla and Chief Minister of Manipur among others wishes the people of Manipur on occasion of Cheiraoba

BJP slams Congress regarding Laws on Asylum

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BJP slammed Congress party in relation with the manifesto which highlighted to implement Laws on Asylum. Speaking to media persons BJP's spokesperson Bijoy stated that the Congress manifesto which points out to implement Laws on Asylum if they came to power will be very harmful to India as well as North East and Manipur in particular. The Laws on Asylum was highlighted in the foreign section 16 clause 6 of the manifesto. Bijoy said that the Laws on Asylum is more dangerous than CAB which will lead to demographic imbalance, social tensions and conflict to the nation. He said that India refuse to sign United Nation

Convention on Refugee and there are 40 countries including India refuse to sign this convention on Refugee since 1951. Highlighting the threat which will be caused by the signing of Convention regarding refugee he added that if India signs the Convention on Refugee than any refugee around the world can enter to the Indian soil and the illegal refugees cannot not be driven away or arrested. He also said that food and shelter should be provided to them. He continued that Congress manifesto has also a clause to sign such conventions. He added that Congress will surely sign 1951 United Nation Convention on Refugee and 1967 United Nation Protocol on Refugee. Such signing of the two conventions and protocol regarding the refugees will

lead to chaos throughout the entire nation, he added. Bijoy said that United Nation Protocol on Refugee 1967 allows any international refugee that enter the Indian soil and also powered to provide a way of living for the refugee. He added that a travel card will be provided to the refugees by UN High Commissioner on Refugee to roam freely on other countries that signed the convention and protocol. Citizenship should be given to them. After Vietnam War, a massive refugee crisis occurred and the population were distributed to other countries that signed the convention and protocol. He said that Congress always tries to bring up CAB issue misleading the people while they try to implement a more dangerous Law on Asylum.

EGM & AMWJU Condemns media gag order.

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The Editors' Guild Manipur (EGM) and All Manipur Working Journalists Union (AMWJU) takes strong exception at the 10th April 2019 order of the Imphal West district magistrate which barred the media from covering the floral tribute being paid by family members of deceased members of proscribed armed insurgent group, the PLA, at a memorial at Cheiraoching, Imphal West. The two bodies- EGM & AMWJU, observed that the

floral tribute which is being organized by a committee of the families of the deceased PLA members were covered by the media year after year following a court order that allowed the families to pay their respect to the deceased members. It is, therefore condemnable that this government should choose to issue bar order to stop media coverage of the tribute paying. We consider this as an attempt to muzzle the media and urge this government to not to resort to such measures in future, in the interest of democracy.

Campaigning intensifies for remaining six phases of Lok Sabha elections

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Campaigning has further intensified for the remaining six phases of Lok Sabha elections. Senior leaders of various political parties are holding rallies across the country to woo the voters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address four rallies in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka today. In Tamil Nadu, Mr Modi will hold

rallies at Theni and Ramanathapuram. In Karnataka, Prime Minister is scheduled to hold public meetings at Mangalore city and Bengaluru. BJP President Amit Shah will address rallies at Badayun and Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh this afternoon. Congress President Rahul Gandhi will campaign in Karnataka today. BSP chief Mayawati will address rallies in Badayun and Bulandsahar.

Traditional water festival kicks off across Myanmar

Courtesy Xinhua
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Traditional Thingyan water festival has kicked off in Myanmar's regions and states in full swing Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein on Friday extended wishes to the people for a happy water festival and prosperous new year. Thingyan water festival will last until April 16 and the new year will fall on April 17, in which Myanmar people decide to turn over a new leaf and leave misfortunes from old year. Yangon region's water throwing pavilion was unveiled Friday by the chief minister in front of the region's City Hall located in downtown area of Yangon city. The opening ceremony was



followed by the performances by the Myanmar traditional dancer troupes in colorful dresses with Thingyan music. Special celebrations featuring "Walking Thingyan Festival" was also being celebrated by people roaming around the city to receive the water-throwing from

pandals where people throw water using hoses. Meanwhile, Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung also ceremonially inaugurated a water-throwing pandal in the country's second largest city Mandalay, calling for peace

and socio-economic development across the country starting from the new year. Among Myanmar's 12 seasonal festivals throughout the year, the Thingyan water festival represents the grandest which is believed to bring

peace and prosperity to everyone. Myanmar people annually celebrate traditional Thingyan water festival to welcome new year as other Southeast

Asian countries such as Songkran in Laos and Thailand as well as Chaul Cham Thmey in Cambodia. As part of celebration of the festival, people throw and douse water onto one another to wash sins and to make clear the moral impurities from old year.