



Standoff between NSCN-IM and the Assam Rifles

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Troopers of Assam Rifles today cordon the a camp of the National Socialist Council o Nagaland (NACN-IM) which is not set up officially at Saihi Khunou in Ukhrul district.

Large number of Assam Rifles troopers gave ultimatum to the NSCN-IM cadres at the camp advising them to leave the camp as the camp is not a designated camp. A highly placed source said that the NSCN-IM cadres at the Saihi Khunou camp refuse to leave the camp.

The source said that Assam Rifles are being ordered from the highest level to flush NSCN out if the NSCN-IM are not within the confine of designated camps. The source added that the current NSCN -IM location is not officially designated.

At the time of filing this story the ARs are still at Saihi Khunou, the source said. The troopers insisting the cadres to vacate their present camp for not being under designated camp. On the other hand, the cadres are not prepared to move out. They are ready to face any music should ARs come to their camp, the source added.

Meanwhile, report added that the Tangkhul civil organisations are readying to protest ARs' confrontational attitude and actions which are totally bereft of...the spirit of peaceful negotiations. Mention may be made that the cease fire agreement signed between the government of India and the NSCN-IM is confined to the state of Nagaland.

When Imphal Times contact the Assam Rifles authority, they are yet to confirm the details about the standoff. The Imphal Times source however affirm that the standoff does take place and that the matter might settled as the NSCN-Im leadership has been talking with the Indian authority regarding the matter. Meanwhile the State government is yet to give any response on the matter. It is already known to the state government that the cease fire is limited to the state of Nagaland only.

Condemnation continues to pour against the burning of the St. Joseph School, Sugnu

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Condemnation continues to pour in against the burning of the St. Joseph School at Sugnu by unidentified miscreants on the evening of April 25. Even though police had arrested some suspect who are responsible to the burning of the school, many civil society body are not happy as no charge sheet has been filed against them.

The 'Zillai', Vaiphei Students Association, Chandel District Manipur expressed shock and anger to the burning of the premier educational institutional in Sugnu area. "The uncivilized action of some misguided people who resorted to violence will greatly hamper the future of all the students studying in the school", a statement released by Secretary Information and Publicity of Vaiphei Students Association said.

The Association also reaffirmed its commitment to stands with the management of St. Joseph School and assured to offer each unflinching support in the rebuilding works for the sake

of the students' community. The Hill District Private School Association, Manipur also expressed strong condemnation to the torching of the St. Joseph School Sugnu.

"For long, the hill people are living in the dark deprived of civilization and development and it is proud to say that it is through the private schools with limited resources in hill districts of Manipur that many of our children got the privilege to compete with the outside world", the statement signed by Rev. Rd. Joykumar (Vice President of Hill District Private School Association, Manipur) and Seikhom Kipgen (General Secretary, Hill District Private School Association, Manipur) said. The statement further said that to bring a holistic development of the students, it is sometimes inevitable to use corrective measures. It should be realized that building of a student is collective work of the teachers, parents and the society. The association also sought cooperation of all the stake holders for better education in future. The association also appealed

the authority concerned to leave no stone unturned in finding the arsonists, put them on trial and make them realize their inhumane act so that it is not repeated in future. The Chandel Naga Peoples' Organisation also echoed the pain and sorrow of the people to the burning of the St. Joseph School.

In a statement the CNPO said that the psychological trauma perpetrated at the learning

institutions which had provided good humanly services in the area for the past many decades by the miscreants of the criminal activities which happened on April 25 is strongly

condemnable and such barbaric and inhuman activities should be denounced by all civilized society. The CNPO also appealed the perpetrator to shun violence and give chance to peace.

ADC Chandel assured speedy investigation to the burning of the school

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Chairman of Autonomous District Council Chandel D. Ringo along with Executive members KSM Mathew and Sheithang Haokip today paid inspection visit to St. Joseph School Sugnu to take stock of the situation being face by the school authority in the aftermath of the burning of the school building on April 25 night. The ADC Chandel team met principal of the School Father Dominic and John THangalet Haokip, Chairman of the JAC formed against the burning of the St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Sugnu.



Father Dominic briefed the ADC chairman about the sequence of event that happened which probably cause the burning of the school by miscreants. Chairman of the JAC John Haokip expressed dissatisfaction to the government machineries'

inability to arrest and punished those responsible in the burning of the school. ADC Chandel Chairman D. Ringo term the incident as most unfortunate. He prayed God to not repeat the kind of incident while condemning the burning of the school in the strongest term.

The Chairman assured to urge the Chief Minister for speedy investigation to the matter so that those culprits involved in the burning of the school are punished at the earliest possible time. He also assured all help in the reconstruction of the school building.

Poster campaign against corruption begins

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With the main objective to eradicate corruption Manipur People Democratic Front (MPDF) all sets to begin poster campaign at various significant places.

Speaking in a press meet Secretary of MPDF Sapam Samungou said that fighting against corruption and eradicating it is the only hope for the people.

He said that even though everyone said that they don't want corruption but everyone lacks the knowledge on how to remove and eradicate it. He said that how to eradicate corruption should be the question everyone should asked.

He further said that pamphlet will also be distributed to highlight the details of the corruption and also the



drawbacks of corruption. He said if the corruption is not stopped that there is no future for the nation and added that eradication of corruption is the only way to achieve good governance. Highlighting the needs for a firm stand by the legislature regarding corruption Samungou said that legislatures firm stand can eradicate it easily in a few

minutes time. He also said that the government has already sanction huge amount to deliver safe drinking water to deliver to the people by Singda project but it fails to deliver it and added that such is the example of corruption. He further questioned who else rectify such wrongdoings and added that it should be done by the government.

President of MPDF N. Nodiachand said that not only Manipur, India all its states under it faces a lot of problems because of corruption. He added that in order to remove corruption he highlighted the need for the intellectual to eradicate it. He said that if the intellectual plays an important role in it. He further stressed that if corruption is not eradicated than younger generation will become a habit and subsequently becomes hereditary to the younger generation.

Spate of attack on journalists continues in Assam

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Within a week of two journalists being attacked in the state, another journalist has been reportedly attacked in Jorhat district. The journalist has been identified as Rajiv Borah, former member of Jorhat Press Club. Rajiv Borah is currently serving as President of E-Media and also works with DY365. As per a report in Pratidin Time,

he was attacked by a gang of 5 miscreants in KB Road near Doss and Co.

The attack caused him severe injury after which he was rushed to Jorhat Medical College and later shifted to Sanjivani Hospital for better treatment. The incident took place near the Jorhat Police Station.

Jorhat police has arrested one culprit who was involved in the attack who has been identified as Jyoti Prasad Das.

Thunder storm strike back

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A storm which lashed in Manipur late today evening left a trail of destruction behind. There was a power outage in the evening minutes ahead of the storm as trees falling and snapping electric cables and even poles being uprooted. Shops and make ship huts were

destroyed during the storm. Consequent to the power outage, water supply also was stopped.

Roofs of several schools and colleges collapsed under broken trees or were blown off. Likewise in the villages the gale winds took off the roofs of houses and even walls caved in with people narrowly escaping with their lives.

IAFOM observes 9th Foundation Day

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Indo-ASEAN Friendship Organisation Manipur today observed its 9th Foundation day at the residence of its President retd. Col. K. Ibohah Singh.

Former Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Th. Lokeshore, Retd. Chief Engineer Lalarni, Proprietor of Public Electronics Chandramani, DR. AD Singh and other well wishers of the organization attended as special guest on the occasion.

Vice President of the IAFOM, Tomba Singh while welcoming

to members of the association expressed high hope of the future of the organization.

"We are now confident that we will be able to continue our service for the people with support from people like former Speaker, former Chief Engineer, Advocates and Doctor. Retd. Col. K Ibohah , who is the president of the AIFOM chaired the foundation day function.

General Secretary of IAFOM, K Seityajit, in his speech said that the organization was formed with motive to give support to the new entrepreneurs. He said that with the coming of the Act east policy , it is a must for the

people of the state to take the advantage of being in the state which is going to be a gateway to the South East Asia for India. He said that the youth of the state should take all opportunity of the Act east policy and for that organization like the IAFOM will provide all possible assistance.

Former speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly Th. Lokeshore while encouraging the members of the IAFOM said that the IAFOM should continue its service in the coming future. He said that members should not make U-turn to the kind of initiative that has been taken up.

Dr Ravi Wankhedkar elected as Treasurer to World Medical Association

From a correspondent
New Delhi, April 29,

Dr. Ravi Wankhedkar has been elected to World Medical Association (WMA) as its treasurer. Dr Ravi hailing from Dhule, Maharashtra was unanimously elected by the body of 113 Nations in the council of the WMA in Santiago, Chile. "The Indian Medical Association has been a Founder member of the WMA

ever since 1947, and his success is the success of Indian Medical Association and its increasing role in WMA," said Dr. Santanu Sen, National President, IMA. Prof. Dr Ravi Wankhedkar is an anorectal surgeon practising in his own hospital along with his wife Dr Meena Wankhedkar in Dhule, Maharashtra. He is known amongst doctors of India for his tough stand against the NMC Bill and proactive

Health policies. IMA in association with WMA recently conducted an International Conference highlighting the increasing cases of violence against doctors and medical fraternity and ways to curb them down in Mumbai. IMA plays an active role in formulating the policies of the world body. A joint statement was released during the eve." Said Dr RV Asokan, Honorary Secretary General, IMA