



Crackdown on NSCN-IM; Central agencies raids house of leaders

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Another Christmas has passed with no settlement in Nagaland amidst dark clouds of a possible breakdown of negotiations.

Central agencies have raided houses of a top NSCN (IM) leader in connection with 'terror funding', by implication blaming the rebel group of being involved in unlawful activities.

The houses of Alemla Jamir was raided by the NIA last week. It is not clear if anything incriminating was found. Alemla is the wife of Pungting Shirmrang alias James Jamir who is a member of the Steering Committee of NSCN (IM) and also a relative of Thuingaleng Muivah, General Secretary of NSCN (IM).

On December 20, the premier investigation agency re-registered a case under relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act for terror financing of NSCN (IM), said an NIA official.

Alemla is alleged to be working for NSCN (IM) and was detained at Domestic Airport T-1, New Delhi, with a cash of Rs 72 lakh by the Income Tax officials on December 17, the official said. Later, she was arrested by the Special Cell on the same day, he added.

The case relates to the terror funding of NSCN (IM) wherein funds were being taken by cash courier Alemla from Delhi to Nagaland on the instructions of Pakhahao Ikres Muivah, the wife of Thuingaleng Muivah.

The searches carried out at the

houses of Alemla led to the recovery of four bulletproof jackets, 28 prohibited ammunition of 7.62, 9MM and 12 bore, one drone along with batteries.

Seven bottles of expensive foreign liquor, uniforms of Naga Army, pistol holsters, magazine pouches, prohibited wildlife articles, incriminating diaries were also recovered from Alemla's houses.

"Other stuff recovered include photographs, digital devices including Chinese smartphones, video recorder, spycam, hard disk, pen drives, memory cards, recorded audio cassettes and a laptop," the NIA official said.

Certain incriminating

documents and insurgency-related literature have also been recovered during the searches, the official added. On Monday, a special NIA Court sent Alemla to five days' police custody, he said.

Analysts say the Centre is trying to create huge pressure on NSCN (IM) because the rebel group is not relenting on its demands for a separate flag and a separate Constitution for Nagas.

Alemla has perhaps been targeted because her husband Pungting is said to have reached China with many fighters to seek support from the neighbouring country if negotiations with the Indian government fails.

AILU Delegates left Imphal for National Conference

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A seven members Delegates of lawyers left Imphal to attend 13th National Conference of All India Lawyer's Union (AILU) which will be held at Kochi, Kerala from December 27-29, 2019. The National Conference will discuss the ways and means to strengthen judiciary to make India a strong and vibrant democratic and secular country. The Manipur

Delegates will place a brief and concise report on the present development in Manipur specially on the ongoing Indo-Naga peace talks and its possible impact in the state and on the CAA movement. The Delegates will move resolutions for a Law University and Lawyer's welfare schemes in Manipur. Approximately 500 Delegates from all over the country including some foreign Delegates are

attending the conference and eminent lawyers and retired Justices of Supreme Court will address the conference.

The seven Delegates are 1) Puyam Tomcha Meetei (President), 2) Salam Pari Luwang (Secretary), 3) Wahengbam Herendo (VP), 4) Maisnam Jagjit (VP), 5) Moirangthem Dhanajit (Treasurer), 6) Moirangthem Anand and 7) Khangembam Brajit Singh.

NIA raids Akhil Gogoi's residence

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted a raid at activist Akhil Gogoi's residence in Assam's Guwahati.

Gogoi was arrested by the Assam Police on December 12 as a preventive measure amid protests against CAA and a case was registered against him.

5th Singju Festival from December 28

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The 5th edition State-Level Manipur Singju Festival will be held from December 28 to January 6, 2020, at District Sports Complex (Kodompokpi Ground), Wangjing, Thoubal District.

The festival will be organised by Singju Yokhat Lup (SYOL) in collaboration with Wangjing United Club.

Speaking to the media during a press meet held at Wangjing Sports Complex yesterday by Convenor of Singju Festival Committee 2020, Laimujam Pratap Singh conveyed that the festival will be organised under the theme "Save Our Indigenous Food, Culture and Integrity". He added that the festival aims at promoting this indigenous food (Singju). Nearly 100 stalls will be opened at the festival site and sell/exhibit different indigenous food.

UBI loanee complaints notice of intended sales; alleges tampering of his Bank Cheque

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A loanee of the United Bank of India (UBI) Imphal Branch complaints against serving of Notice of Intended Sale under the SARFAESI Act 2002 and urged the DGM & Chief Regional Manager, Chief Manager and the Assistant General Manager of the UBI to withdraw the same as the of Notice of Intended Sale served to him on 12/12/2019 is alleged of being quashed by the bank itself in Lok Adalat held on 14/9/2019.

The loanee, a government employee also alleged the bank of tampering his Bank Cheque of Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/-, that he submitted to the bank for installment

payment of the loan and alleged the Bank of non placing of deposited money in between the year 2013 to 2017, amounting to Rs. 2,19,500/- to the loan account. The complainant S. Indra Singh, of Haoreibi Mayai Leikai, Imphal West, is an employee of Horticulture department, Government of Manipur. He said he borrowed the Housing loan from the UBI at the capacity of his service. However, as he was placed under suspension from 24/4/2013 till 2017, he deposited a total amount of Rs. 2,19,500/- in addition with the tampered cheque amount.

"During the period of my suspension when I was not getting any pay, I deposited a total amount of Rs. 2,19,500/-

(Rs. 1 lakh withdrawn by bank staffs from my UBI Bank account number 0254010513920 by overwriting/tampering the Bank Cheque of Rs. 50,000/- + Rs. 1 lakh + Rs. 20,000/- + Rs. 50,000/- + Rs. 49,500/-) at my Housing Loan Account No. 0254300100596 in between the year 2013 (24/4/2013) and 2017", S. Indra Singh wrote to the Bank officials.

He said that he will clear the outstanding Loan Capital amounts (Dues) only after deducting the fix deposit amount as well as the deposited amount of Rs. 2,19,500/- on installment basis within three years from the date of receiving official letter in connection to that from the UBI.

EGC Shanglen and Community hall inaugurates at Wangbal Part-II

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MLA, Okram Surajkumar has inaugurated Educational Gym Club (EGC) and Community hall at Wangbal Part-II, Khangabok, Thoubal District, today.

The MLA also inaugurated a public playground fencing of

Wangbal Part-II. MLA Surajkumar said that in order to develop his constituency electricity and water are one of the most important factor. He added that there will be some lack of development in his constituency but now electricity is improved. He further said that water will

also improve before the month of March of the coming year.

The function was attended by Wangbal Gram Panchayat, Pradhan, H. Manichandra, Members of Construction Committee, Members of District Block Congress Committee, Thoubal and KBCC Mahila members.

De Jure Government of Manipur argues the legitimacy of 'Instrument of Accession'

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De Jure government of Manipur presently taking asylum at London has argued the legitimacy of the instrument of accession signed by Maharaja Budhachandra on August 11, 1947.

Spokesperson of the government Narengbam Samerjit, who is also the Minister of Foreign Affairs & Defence, Manipur State Council, Government-in-Exile, in a statement said that the British suzerainty and Paramountcy did not lapsed till August 15, 1947 as the Indian Independence Act, 1947 or India (Provisional Constitution) Order 1947 still was to enforce. The spokesperson was referring for all the princely states of



India that has been annexed in accordance to the signing of the Instrument of Accession.

In connection with Manipur, the statement said that as per the Manipur State Constitution Act 1947 and Manipur State Administrative Rules 1947, the Constitutional Monarchy System was introduced and the then

Governor General of India Mountbatten had accepted it so Maharaja Budhachandra cannot signed any agreement by representing the erstwhile nation.

Following the illegitimacy of the Instrument of Accession, there cannot be any called Manipur Merger Agreement to merge the state of Manipur to India, the statement said.

NPR preliminary step towards NRC; to be rejected: Popular Front

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Popular Front of India National General Secretary M Muhammed Ali Jinnah has stated that the cabinet cleared National Population Register is nothing but the preliminary step towards the preparation of National Register of Citizens.

A statement said that the central government does not contend that NPR is a comprehensive identity database of every usual resident in the country. Since

this database seeks to collect demographic as well as biometric particulars of the individuals, it will be an all inclusive data collection which makes it totally different from usual census survey. Reply in Rajya Sabha by Kiran Rijju, Minister of State, in November 2014 and the Annual Report of the Central Home Ministry 2017-18 and 2018-19 disclosed that NPR is the first step towards NRC. The endeavour of NPR does not pertain to usual census pursued as per the Census Act of 1948. The home page of the

official website of NRC Registrar also exhibits an NRC window. All these point to the sinister agenda behind the preparation of NPR, a dubious way of launching controversial NRC. There is something fishy behind expedited move for the NPR in the wake of the nationwide agitations against Citizenship Amendment Act and NRC. Mr. Jinnah has called upon the central govt. to revoke the decision to implement NPR, and appealed to the citizens of the country to reject this process.

There is no harm in backtracking on CAA: Archbishop of Mumbai

By Raju Vernekar
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Cardinal Oswald Gracias, the Archbishop of Mumbai, stressed on the importance of having an inter-religious dialogue, and the responsibilities that come with being "men of service" on the occasion of Christmas.

Addressing the media, on the occasion of Christmas, Gracias, who is also the president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India, said that up till now he held multiple offices and realised that it was important to be men of service and have faith in God, no matter which religion we belonged to. "There are many challenges and one might be pressured to do the wrong thing, but in such cases, it is important to do what is right. If you appease people, then you will repent later", he added.

On the political turmoil in the country over the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC), he said, "Religion should never be



Cardinal Oswald Gracias

made a dividing factor. I am very keen on inter-religious dialogue between people of different faiths which will knock off any prejudices and eventually help, understand and appreciate each other. I want the Catholic community to be at the forefront of this to build bridges."

Reacting to the anti-CAA protests, he said, "Violence is not right. A continuous discussion must take place.

The students should be ready to come forward and discuss their difficulties, and the government should be willing to engage. The government wants a better India and if after reflection, if they feel that they have committed a mistake, then there is no harm in backtracking. We need to look at the larger picture."

"If we truly feel strongly about India, then we must work for the country, to the point of being ready to sacrifice for it. Therefore, the most important part is that of reflection and exchange of ideas. Reading and knowing the thoughts of others helps one's own thoughts to mature and will conceptualise a better India. This is what should be our priority," the Archbishop said.

The Cardinal celebrated his 75th birthday, at the Cathedral of the Holy Name at Colaba, in South Mumbai, which is the seat of the Archbishop and the 'Mother Church' of the Archdiocese, on X Mas day, amid followers, friends, well-wishers and parishioners.