

Anti Repression day :

Army brutalities under the shadow of draconian Act AFSPA highlighted

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Manipur observed the Anti Repression Day at Lamyamba Sanglen today in commemoration to the landmark agitation on July 15, 2004 where 12 mothers staged naked protest at the western gate of Kangla in Imphal against brutality of the security forces. The brave ladies of Manipur shouted slogans - "Indian Army Rape Us Kill Us", "We are all Manorama's mother" when they took out their clothes in front of the Indian Security force protesting the rape of Th. Monorama by Indian army.

The observance was organised by the observation committee on anti-Repression Day, 2019.

Addressing the observance, Convener of Observation Committee P. Sobita reminded the history of Manipur after the colonial era how Manipur being a sovereign nation having its own constitution with its democratic solution

merged into India. She highlighted how Manipur became a dependent state in every aspect socially economically, violating various human rights by the government after being merged to India. Sobita further added that the draconian law Armed Forces Special Power Act 1958 where several human rights organisation around the world opposed and demanded to repeal it immediately, was imposed to Manipur. After 1980 under this draconian act thousands of

people of the state were murdered, raped, make the body disappear, she added. She said that more than 1500 cases of extrajudicial execution was there and several security forces were under trial for it. A tragic incident took place on 11 July 2004 where Thangiam Manorama was brutally raped and murdered by Indian Army. As a strong protest against such inhuman act 12 mothers staged naked protest at western gate of Kangla thereby removing the Assam Rifle's camp from Kangla because of the incident, Sobita added.

She concluded to fight unitedly against the draconian AFSPA. Speaking as a resource person Executive Director of Human Rights Alert Babloo Loitangbam lauded various activities played by the 12 mothers. He said that the mothers of the land has been taking a vital role where they stand in the frontline fighting against the cruel laws imposed by the government. Babloo stressed that today is a phase of taking over the activities by new generation from old generation. How to

sustain the movement initiated by the mothers is a point to ponder by the new generations. The killings were halted to a certain degree by the movement of the mothers after incident of Sanjit and Ravina. He also highlighted the wrong doings of the security forces as per the report of the Supreme Court. Babloo further said that a report with five primary issues will be brought up to the UN

on July 19 2019. The report will focus on suspension of right to life; lack of effective remedy, non recognition of ethnic minorities, plundering of natural resources and political right to self determination, he added. Floral tributes were paid to the two deceased mother namely Loitam Ibotombi and Mutum Ithemhal who took part in the naked protest. A souvenir named Road to defiance anti Repression day

was also released on the observation. Consultative member of UCM RK Ranendrajit, President of AMWJU Bjoy Kakchingtabam, Former Dean of Human and Environmental Science Prof W. Nabakumar, Chairperson of the observation committee Anti Repression day Kh. Anandi, Former Dean of School of Social Science Prof Ksh Bimola were the presidium members of the occasion.

Dead body stealing case: Police arrests prime suspect; LCA relaxes indefinite bandh, to continue agitation

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Following the arrest of a prime suspect involved in the stealing of coffin along with dead body of D. Thamnok Lamkang, who is the founder and Ex-chief of Challong Village from the Cemetery of the village Lamkang, Chiefs Association (LCA) Chandel has suspended the indefinite band at Imphal-Moreh route along the National Highway - 102, however the Association said that they will continue to stage protest.

D. Thamnok Lamkang passed away on May 18. Talking to reporters at Tenggoupol Police Station, SP Th. Vikramjit said that after receiving a complaint about the stealing of the coffin and dead body of late D. Thamnok Lamkang from the cemetery by the deceased wife Sk. Shomlun on June 19, the Tenggoupol district police has been investigating over the matter after registering a case.

"In the course of investigation the police team manage to arrest a prime accused who was directly involved in the case yesterday", Vikramjit said and

added that on preliminary interrogation the police are hopeful that the dead body will be recovered soon. Search operation are being carried out at places where the dead body could have been hidden, Vikramjit said. The Tenggoupol district SP appealed the Lamkang Chief Association (LCA) to lift the indefinite bandh as the police are close to find the after the arrest of the main accused.

After meeting the SP Tenggoupol, Chief Spokesperson of the LCA Petter Lamkang said that as per request of the SP and the district administration and to enable the police team to go ahead with their investigation the LCA decided to relax the indefinite bandh. He however said that until the dead body the Ex-chief of Challong Village is recovered the Association will continue to stage protest by way of sit-in demonstration on the road sides. He also cautioned the police of resuming the indefinite blockade if the dead body has not been recovered. It may be mentioned that D. Thamnok Lamkang passed away on Many 18 this year at

Riverlane Village in Chandel district. He was 90. He has been working among the Lamkang Anal community for over 40 years. His last rite was performed in May 20 evening at Challong Village Cemetery.

On June 15, when the wife of late D. Thamnok Lamkang went to the cemetery to pay homage to her husband the graveyard was found dug and the coffin which the dead body was put was also found missing. SK Shomlun informed about the incident to the Village Authority and after a search in and around the place SK Shomlun reported the matter to Tenggoupol district Police on June 19 and an FIR has been registered.

Demanding arrest of the culprits involved in the stealing of the coffin along with the dead body various CSOs had called indefinite bandh at Imphal Moreh Road and Pallel Candel road on June 26. But was called off after authority assured to fulfill their demand.

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh stated that media plays an important role in enhancing the reach of government schemes and in filling the gaps of service in remote parts of the State. This was stated by him at the media briefing during the joint Meeyangi Nimit and Hill Leaders' Day held at Chief Minister's Secretariat today. Addressing the media persons, Chief Minister lauded the efforts of the media houses for their commendable humanitarian service and their role in creating consciousness and promoting various welfare schemes in the society. He appealed the media houses to their service and support the government to bring inclusive development in the State.

On the occasion, Chief Minister expressed that under the 'War against Drugs' campaign, recently, the combined team of Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB) and Police busted a Brown Sugar manufacturing factory which led to the seizure of large quantity of drugs worth over Rs. 100 crores in the International market. Those Police and NAB personnel

who were the part of the crackdown will be given due recognition in the forthcoming Independence Day Celebration, 2019. Those personnel will be given Chief Minister's Commendation Award for their outstanding service, he added. He stated that the government will felicitate the team tomorrow and will give a reward of Rs. 10 lakhs to the team for their distinguished service.

Maintaining that there is a sigh of relief among the farmers as the monsoon rainfall has finally arrived in the region, he stated that the government is trying its best to provide irrigation facilities to the paddy fields of the State. Chief Minister said that large numbers of Irrigation pumpsets were distributed to the farmers recently. Various River Lift Irrigation (RLI) schemes have started functioning so as to provide irrigation water in various parts of the State. He mentioned that the government will procure more Irrigation pumpsets to combat any water shortage in the paddy fields of the State. In a query regarding the row over the border pillar in Tenggoupol district, he maintained that a joint survey

comprising of officials from both the countries will be conducted whenever any dispute arises.

During the function, Chief Minister handed over the loan cheque of Rs. 7 lakhs to Mayengbam Shyamchandra Meitei, a progressive farmer from Wangoo, Kakching district. The loan is being given by Manipur State Co-operative Bank.

The Chief Minister personally attended to around 400 complaints and met nearly 1200 people from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Principal Secretary (Health) and Nodal Officer of Meeyangi Nimit Vumlung Vualnam, Commissioner (Planning) and OSD to CM Sumant Singh, Secretary to Shri N. Geoffrey, IG (Adm) I.K. Muivah and other senior Government officials assisted the Chief Minister in assessing people's complaints.

Officials of different Government Departments like Health, Minority, Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes, Social Welfare, Education (S), SBI, Manipur State Co-operative Bank Ltd. and Police were also present at the CM's Secretariat complex to resolve people's grievances instantly.

IMF liquors banned at Andro

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In a move to preserve the age old tradition, Andro Village which is famous for its local brew across the state have banned use of Indian made foreign liquors or Foreign liquors in and around the jurisdiction of the Village. The banned of was imposed by the local club of the village Andro Kharam Lekai Park Committee. The committee have did not impose any prohibition to the use of liquors produce in the village.

4.6 kgs opium seized

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A team of CDO Thoubal led by Shri Sachidananda Soibam, Addl. SP(Ops)/Thoubal and Insp. N. Sadananda Singh, OC-CDO /Thoubal under the supervision of Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh, SP/Thoubal arrested (1) Mr Kanshouwa Morangphun (37) s/o K. Modun Machi Mathak Part - 1, (2) Mr Medarshang Angmun (40) s/o (L) Mr Medarshang Angphun Machi Mathak Part - 1, and (3) Mr Dangsha Manglem (39) s/o Dangsha Mothil along with 4.6 kgs of opium and one Maruti Van Silver in colour bearing registration number MN 01W 8891 from Kakching Lamkhai near oil pump at around 11 am today. The arrested persons along with the seized opium are being handed over to Kakching Police station

Tension runs high in Khumbong after police picked up 9 agitators

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Tension runs high among the people of Khumbong area after police picked up 9 agitators who were demanding repairing of Khumbong to Nambol inter village road yesterday. Report said that after the plea for repairing of the Khumbong to Nambol road stretch since the past many days, the local clubs and meira paibi stage protest by blocking the inter village road by digging a pit in the middle of the road using a JCB yesterday evening. Police team which rushed the site reportedly seized the JCB excavator and picked up the

owner of the JCB. The owner of the JCB and the JCB excavator were however released later. But the police team picked up nine other protestors and detained in custody.

Angered over the arrest large number of people of the Khumbong area gathered and staged protest since early morning today. A public meeting condemning the arrest of the agitators was held this afternoon. The meeting decided to boycott the MLA of area if the inter village road between Nambol and Khumbong have not been repair at the earliest possible time.

KCP –MC bans Credit Society Micro Finance Sangakpham; says will investigate Lamjingba Finance

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Armed rebel group KCP-MC said that the party will start investigation to Private Bank as it has received various complaints about these banks sucking the blood of poor people besides being a hideout of illegal money of rich people.

The outfit said that as for the Credit Society Micro Finance Sangakpham, the party has put banned in activities like collection of interest and recovering of loan with immediate effect. The outfit in the statement said that no person should pay the debt for loan in the form of interest to the said private bank. If any persons pay interest for loan to this bank the outfit will have no option but to collect the same amount that they

paid to the bank, the statement said. It added that the outfit did not demand any money to this bank as the party had stop collection fund. However as the director of the bank has been spreading false propaganda and fabricated story to malign the image of the party, the statement added and said that the director has been spreading propaganda of rebel group has threatened the office and have been challenging the armed rebel group.

The KCP-MC said that they party had never called to any of the private bank in Manipur, had never talk with any of them nor sent any communiqué to any of the private bank. The banned is to teach the Director of the Credit Society Micro Finance Sangakpham a lesson as he has been spreading false

propaganda to malign the image of the party. If in case some people who tried to earn easy money contacted them they should find out whether they are real cadre of the outfit or not, the statement by KCP-MC said. While announcing ban on collection of loan or interest by the said bank the KCP-MC further said that if the Director of Credit Society Micro Finance Sangakpham fails to clarify on why he has been trying to malign the image of the revolutionary movement, all staffs of the bank should resigned from the bank.

As the private bank has been challenging the revolutionary movement the outfit finally is compelled to investigate the functioning of the Private bank across the state, the statement added. It said that, as the first step

the outfit will investigate the Lamjingba Finance of the Lamjingba group, however, will give one week time for publishing the details of its function. The KCP-MC said that they have information about rich people hiding their black money at Lamjingba Finance. May be the complaints is right or may be it may be wrong, but the outfit will see how the Lamjingba Finance clarifies over the complaints of the people. If in case the Lamjingba group fails to give a public statement then the outfit will consider the allegation true considering the prima-facie evidence base on the peoples' complaints. The KCP-MC further added that the party had never made any monetary demand and if in case any demands are served they are imposters.