

MSAD statement to the suspicious death of Babysana

It seems we are blessed with the big brains by mistake, a backbone is only what we all needed to suffer and to get colonized. The heroism engagement by orders, senseless disruptions and all the pestilent nonsense done in the name of Manipur or Kangleipak or whatever name led us to this situation, the normalcy of killing or death.

The recent suspicious death of N. Babysana, a seventh class student of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School, Canchipur who was found hanging inside the school hostel room on the 18th of July is quite mysterious. According to the family members and local news reports she was likely murdered and made to appear as if she committed suicide. It is a highly condemnable and shameful act.

The recent statement made by an office bearer of Manipur Human Rights Commission (MHRC) in the pretext of saving the school from closing by the agitators is funny rather than considering the "Right to Education" mentioned. The statement is made untimely and when people are struggling for "Right to Life" and when many Government primary schools, higher secondary schools and colleges in Manipur are in lack of teachers, staffs and other basic necessities. Despite the existing guidelines on giving recognition to private institutes and hostels, there is exponential rise in unchecked private schools and hostels without fulfilling even the basic necessities. MSAD sees the statement as the pretext to save the face of the Government and those in private business of education. What makes us astonished is the political gimmick of the State Government, where the Govt. keeps on transferring the cases to the CBI even for a clear cut and open secret cases too. It can also be mentioned that many cases which were transferred to the CBI are even yet to construe to any lead of the cases. People believing more in CBI enquiry is just a clear manifestation of a drastically failed State administration. Meanwhile for the power mongers in the government, handing over a case to CBI is

one of the easiest escape plans from the agitators. This inability of the colonial agencies in our state and people getting trapped into it is all what Delhi wanted to keep the colonial relationship intact. It can be mentioned that high profile cases ranging from the killing of Thangjam Manorama to a recent custodial killing of a cop, Manjur Ahmed, have been in the hands of CBI without any lead.

We are ruled by the tyrants of genius and succeeded by scoundrels where everything is systematically corrupted by economic and political interests. For the same reason, we have always been opposing the system passionately. This system only creates noble and sublimine, while the herds are dull in thought, feeling and possession, and also deprived of everything. So the fairest thing we can expect or experience from the system is more mysterious until it gets dismantled and built up from the ground zero. The increase in privatisation of education and healthcare sector to the extreme is demeaning and disrespectful of our taxpayers' money. It also shows the state's inability to provide the suitable and required quality to the people while we are not exempted to pay taxes for anything in the name of public welfare. The privatisation of such vital sectors led by profit driven motive only produces chaos and disrupt the society. It is high time to check and interfere in the matter. If not, the time bomb is ticking and it will blast in the near future where no one can escape unhurt. We share the grief of the bereaved family and also stand in solidarity with all the groups and sections of society who are demanding justice. MSAD will always take part and ready to take part in any ceaseless struggle until the real "Justice" is served for all the people of Manipur. MSAD appeals to all the sections of the society to rise against the injustice meted out to us. What we were facing is the illusion of Ghost, we have to fight the real enemy and the Ghost if we have to survive our physical death, since we all are death otherwise.

Three days training program for peasants started at Thoubal

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A three days training program for peasants called "Integrated Farming System, Processing and Marketing Thereof" is going on at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Hall at Thoubal. The training program is organised by KVK Thoubal and Manipur Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium Imphal under the guidance of National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM).

The program was inaugurated by M Joy Singh, IAS, Agriculture Department Commissioner, Dr. L Meghachandra Singh, Joint Director ICAR NEHR Manipur



Centre Lamphelpat, M.S. Khaidem, project coordinator of Manipur Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium Imphal, Dr. S. Zeshmarani Devi, Head and scientist of KVK Thoubal.

On the second day of the training program, Dr

Zeshmarani, Dr. Ng. Joykumar Associate Professor CAU, K. Sonamani KVK Chandulgi SMS Engineering, Dr. A. Tarajit KVK Thoubal SMS Agri Extension and SMS-PBG S. Surmangol will be the resource persons and on the third day farm manager of KVK

Thoubal E. Jiten, KVK Imphal West SMS-PBG S. Gunamani, Agriculture Department's assistant engineer I. Akendra and NIAM Manipur's Skill development and administration Deputy Director Dr. S. R. Singh will be the resource persons for the program.

As a part of the training program, a Farm Innovators' Meet was also held so that peasants can grow vegetables and other grains after they cultivate paddy from their fields. Sapam Lukhohi who is a successful farmer from Wabagai Thingel Leikai talked about how farmers can profit from growing variety of crops at their fields in today's program.

5th Oinam Charly Memorial Men's Open Day & Night 5-A Side Football Tournament concludes

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7 Star Langthabal lift the championship title of the 5th Oinam Charly Memorial Men's Open Day & Night 5-A Side Football Tournament, 2019 organised by the EC club at Singamei Oinam Thingel Lairembi Lampak. The tournament was sponsored by the Social worker Oinam Romen.

In the final match played yesterday both the 7 Star Langthabal and the FC Lamlai could not score any goal on each side. So the 7 Star Langthabal score more goal in the tie break. Altogether 47 team took part in the tournament which begins from May 18, 2019.

G-Five Heirok took the third place title and Surma FC (B) Wanging in the fourth place.



Intl. News

3 hunger-striking Indian nationals seeking asylum in US forced to hydrate

Courtesy AP
California July 29,

Three Indian nationals seeking asylum in the US have been forced to receive IV drips at a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Texas as they approach their third week of a hunger strike, according to their attorney.

Lawyers and activists who spoke with the men fear that force-feeding may be next. The US Department of Justice filed orders with federal judges last week that relate to non-consensual hydration or feeding for four men, according to a court official. Linda Corchado, the lawyer for three of the four men named in the court orders, said the fourth man is also Indian and is represented by another attorney. It's unclear if that man was also forced to accept an IV.

The men have been locked up for months - one for more than a year - and they are trying to appeal or reopen asylum claims that were denied, according to Corchado. As of Sunday, they had gone 20 days without food, she said. "My clients made the decision to begin a hunger strike to protest prolonged detention and what they believe were biased and discriminatory practices by the immigration court toward their cases," Corchado said.

ICE confirmed that there were detainee hunger strikes at its facilities in El Paso and Otero, New Mexico, late last week, but it would not comment on the claims of forced hydration or force-feeding. "All ten ICE detainees have

missed at least nine consecutive meals, triggering ICE hunger-strike protocols," agency spokesman Timothy Oberle said in a statement. "The ICE Health Services Corps (IHSC) is medically monitoring the detainees' health and regularly updating ICE of their medical status. Efforts are being taken to protect the detainees' health and privacy."

One of the hunger strikers in Otero was deported to India eight days into his hunger strike, according to Corchado. ICE does not confirm deportations. Corchado said her three clients stopped eating while they were at the Otero immigration detention facility to protest their prolonged detention. After more than a week of hunger striking, they were transferred to the El Paso Processing Center, which is about 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Otero, in West Texas. One of the men told the AP on Tuesday that he overheard medical staff say they were being transferred to El Paso for force-feeding.

On Thursday, Corchado met with her clients, who showed her IV equipment and needle pricks in their arms. She said they told her that medical staff showed them documents that they said were court orders for IV drips, but didn't give them copies. When the immigrants refused a protein-filled drink that would have effectively ended their hunger strikes, the medical staff started the IVs against their will. ICE did not immediately reply to a request for comment Sunday regarding

the forced hydration.

The orders are sealed and the court hearings are held in secret. At least one of the judges, Frank Montalvo, has ordered force-feeding in the past.

In January, nine men were force-fed at the El Paso Processing Center. Medical staff threaded tubes through their nostrils and down their throats before forcing a nutrient-rich liquid into their stomachs. ICE stopped the force-feeding in El Paso in February after a public outcry and a congressional inquiry. Two of the men were eventually released on bond. It's unclear what happened to the other seven.

The four men recently moved from Otero to El Paso are being held in the same room where the force-feeding took place, based on a description of the room given to the AP by one of the men.

Last week, one of the hunger strikers told the AP that he would resist receiving food until death.

When Corchado visited her clients in the El Paso facility on Saturday, they were so weak that nurses moved them to the visitation room in wheelchairs. Despite the danger of permanent injury, she does not want them to be force-fed.

"The practice of force-feeding while under ICE custody... is torturous and degrading," Corchado said in a written statement to the AP. "(My clients) continue to make sound and well thought out decisions to refuse medical care and those decisions must be respected."

Courtesy: The Straits Times
Dhaka July 29,

The foreign minister is absolutely right when he says the repatriation of Rohingyas depends entirely on Myanmar.

Mere expression of willingness by Myanmar to take back the refugees is not enough. Demonstrative actions must follow quickly on the part of Myanmar.

Regrettably, with every passing day the prospect of the Rohingyas going back to their own country is becoming bleaker.

With the expulsion of the majority of the Rohingyas two

years ago, Myanmar has put its final touches to their plans to divest the entire eastern Rakhine of the minority Rohingyas.

The destruction of Rohingya villages and the Myanmar army setting up bases in this area only show that Myanmar is not prepared for the repatriation which Bangladesh hopes would start before September.

It has been quite apparent from the beginning, when the final push against the Rohingyas commenced in June 2017, and given the circumstances under which a nearly million Rohingyas had to leave and take

shelter in Bangladesh, the issue of their going back was the last thing in the minds of the rulers in Naypyidaw.

Expulsion of the Rohingyas was not an accident, as the foreign minister has described the development in Rakhine, but a well-planned and deliberate act. It seems the agreement between the two neighbours was a ploy by Myanmar to buy time in order to finalise their plans of depopulating the region.

The renewed persecution of the Rohingyas in the pretext of anti-insurgency operation against the Arakan army,

since January this year, has reconfirmed the fact.

Bangladesh has been repeatedly calling upon the international community, particularly Myanmar's two big neighbours, to take a more active and robust position on the issue and prevail upon the Myanmar authorities to take back the refugees.

Merely wanting something to happen is meaningless unless that is supported by substantive action.

Concrete actions are needed also by the UN to convince the Myanmar government that genocidal acts will not pay in the long run.

News from South East Asia

Myanmar's real intent towards Rohingya crisis now transparent: Daily Star

Afghan V-P candidate injured as Kabul blast kills two, wounds 25

Courtesy: The Straits Times
Kabul (Reuters) July 29,

A powerful explosion hit central Kabul on Sunday (July 28), wounding Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's running mate on the first day of official campaigning for a presidential election and killing at least two others, officials said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which came as officials have been looking ahead to an expected resumption of peace talks between the Taliban and US diplomats in the coming days.

At least 25 civilians were injured in the blast on a road near the private Ghalib University, interior ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said.

Immediately after the blast, gunmen stormed a nearby building belonging to vice-presidential candidate Amrullah Saleh's Afghan Green Trend Party.

Mr Saleh was wounded by shrapnel before being evacuated from the office.

Photographs shared by a government official showed Mr Saleh sitting in a garden with blood stains on his right arm, surrounded by security guards. Afghan soldiers killed one gunman, but two others were still battling with Afghan forces in the blast site, Mr Rahimi said, adding 40 civilians had been rescued.

The attack underscored the risks facing the presidential election, which is scheduled

for Sept 28 but which has already been delayed twice this year.

It follows chaotic parliamentary elections in October last year which were marred by violence and accusations of widespread fraud as well as serious organisational problems.

Full results of the October parliamentary election were only released in May, almost seven months after the ballot. Mr Saleh, a former Afghan spy chief turned politician, is an uncompromising opponent of the Taliban and other hardline Islamist groups. He led the country's National Directorate of Security until 2010.

Mr Ghani, Mr Saleh and over a dozen other Afghan politicians, including Mr Hanif Atmar, another former intelligence

chief and Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a former warlord in the anti-Soviet Mujahideen, launched their two-month presidential election campaign on Sunday.

The elections have become closely intertwined with the peace process although the Taliban's refusal to talk to the Afghan government, which it considers an illegitimate foreign-imposed regime has left Mr Ghani sidelined from the talks so far.

Mr Ghani said in a tweet: "My brother, true son of the Afghan soil and first VP candidate of my electoral team, Amrullah Saleh has survived a complex attack by enemies of the state. We are relieved and thank the almighty that the attack has failed."