

Thousands mourn as mortal remains of Babysana cremated

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As the mortal remains of Babysana was cremated today at Haraorou, thousands shed their tears for the departed soul who died mysteriously at her hostel.

After prolonged movement the family members and JAC formed against the mysterious death of Babysana finally accepted the death body to perform the last rites. The JAC along with the family members took the dead body of Babysana who has been lying in JNIMS mortuary today.

A procession with many followers was also held starting from JNIMS passing through Ayangpali, Kongba, Canchipur road and to the hostel of Standard Robarth where she was found dead in suspicious manner, and offered floral tributes.

Unable to control his emotion, Babysana's father crossing his limits tried to barge the gate of the hostel with the Alto car he drive. However, police personnel who were present



there stopped the vehicle and calmed him down.

Despite the efforts to control the people, angry mob threw stones towards the school. The people further tried to storm the hostel but was stopped and halted by the police forces.

After much confrontation with the police only the family members were finally allowed to go inside the campus of the hostel to pay tributes to Babysana.

Further the procession continued and went back to her locality at Thangmeiband. Floral tributes were paid to the departed soul of Babysana at Thangmeiband THAU ground.

After paying floral tributes at Thangmeiband the lifeless body of Babysana was brought to Haraorou where her last rite was being performed. "Justice for Babysana" and "punish the murderer" fills the

air of the valley today.

As the procession of the Babysana passed along the road, hundreds of students and people came out forming a human chain on the road paying floral tributes to Babysana.

Police forces were stationed at various places keeping a strict vigil not to led any untoward incident.

N. Babysana who was a student of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School was found hanging at the dormitory for her hostel on July 18. The mysterious death of Babysana has made a hue and cry which even called a 24 hour state wide bandh by the JAC demanding to hand over the case to CBI and to conduct re-post-mortem.

Various protest has been staged in the past few days demanding justice to Babysana and speedy investigation. However the JAC still assured to continue the movement until an unless the mysterious death of Babysana was given justice even though her body was taken finally

Passing out parade of male followers held Govt. will punish culprits involved in Babysana death case: CM

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Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that Government is taking seriously on the death of Ningthoujam Babysana, student of Standard Robert Higher Secondary School and is committed to punish the culprits. This was stated by him at the Passing Out Parade of the 5th Batch of MR/IRB/CP Followers (Male) held at Manipur Police Training College, Pangei today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, Chief Minister said that the Investigating Agency cannot provide the updates of the case to the public daily. Chief Minister said that he personally met the members of the JAC on several occasions. The government had allowed performing the post-mortem twice with video coverage in the presence of the representatives of the JAC. The government has also written a letter to CBI to tackle the case so as to give justice to the family, he added.



On the occasion, Chief Minister announced that under the School Fagathansi mission, a total of 25 schools would be constructed amounting to Rs. 33.52 crores in the first phase. He said that the foundation stone laying ceremony for the construction of these schools would be held on 7th August this year. He mentioned that a total of 60 schools would be constructed one in each Assembly constituency. Stating that every promise of the government has been fulfilled, he added, seven women markets of the hill districts will start functioning within 15th August this year. He maintained that rain water harvesting projects have been started in hill areas such as Churachandpur, Chandel, Tamei, Chingai etc. Chief Minister mentioned that the present government is committed to deliver action

oriented policies rather than giving rhetoric statements. He stated that people have started appreciating the efforts of the police towards community policing. There is a drastic behavioural change in the Police department in the last 2 years, he added. He strongly condemned the bomb blast happened at Thangmeiband area yesterday and asserted that the culprits will be punished. A total of 567 newly recruited male followers passed out from the College today. The Chief Minister also wished all the passing out personnel for a great career ahead. MPTC Director R.K. Tutusana administered oath to the newly recruited male followers. Earlier, soon after his arrival, the Chief Minister reviewed the guard of honour and received salute of an impressive march past 14 platoons led by Parade Commander Shri Tongbram Suresh Singh. The Chief Minister also handed over the trophy and certificate of Best in Physical Training to Kh. Gobin Singh of 7th IRB of Heirok Part-II, Best in Drill to Tongbram Suresh Singh of 6th IRB of Ngaikhong Khunou, Best in Weapons to Isak Lianminthang Samte of 1st IRB of Zenhang Lamka, Jiribam, Best in Musketry to Chukeiling Gangmei of 5th MR of Khongjiong Duigailong, Best in Indoor to Meisnam Sanjoy Meetei of MPTC of Pundongbam Awang Leikai, Best in Over-All to Tongbram Suresh Singh of 6th IRB of Ngaikhong Khunou. Minister for CAF&PD Karam Shyam, Minister for Water Resources Letpao Haokip, Minister for PHED Losisi Dikho, Minister for Tribal Affairs and Hills N. Kayasii, Minister for Forest Th. Shyamkumar, Deputy Speaker K. Robindro, Deputy Chairman State Planning Board S. Rajen, MLAs, DGP, top police officials and family members of passing out personnel attended the function.

CM convenes meeting to discuss the issue of sand mining; labourers continue protest, stage rally

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With the uproar of various sections of people who live on the mining of sand and stones from river bed, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today convened a to discuss the issue on the Regulation of Illegal Mining Activities in the State.

As per a facebook post by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh wrote - Chaired a meeting on "regulation of Illegal Mining Activities in the state" today, attended by Ministers and MLAs, concerned officials of Forest and Environment, Commerce & Industries, Pollution Control Board and all DCs and SPs".

The Chief Minister further wrote - "Resolved to facilitate mining licenses to deserving individuals and groups at

specific areas through concern DCs and Officials of the Government and allow authorized mining activities to proceed. Also resolved to bring an awareness campaign to the public on prevailing regulations of mining activities in the state."

The meeting was convened today in the backdrop of the various agitations by labourers and truckers bodies who live on sand mining works. An organization called All Manipur Excavator, Local truck, Tipper Owners and Workers' Association had called 14 hour bandh across the state on August 1.

Whether today's meeting had initiated the association to call off the bandh is yet to be confirmed, however, source

said that the truckers and machinery's body still have not released any statement regarding the meeting convened today neither the body had had stated any U turn to their demand.

Meanwhile, large number of labourers under aegis of the Apunba Sinmi Lup, Awang Sekmai and Kanglembi today came towards the Manipur High Court to stage protest, however they were stopped at koirengel area a police team.

Earlier, a protest rally was staged at Bishnupur district by labourers of sand mining of Thongjaorok area. Truckers also joined the rally staged by the labourers of Thongjaorok. A labourer while speaking to media persons said that banning of mining is like

putting them to the pol of death.

"If we are left to starve as we have no work it is better that we were killed", an angry protestor said. She said that they will now go to the court to tell the judge to kill them all as they will face natural death. On the other hand, a protestor said that banning of sand mining is nothing but blocking of development. He said without sand and stone how could development be brought. He further said that before the mining of sand and stone are stopped it is better the government department like Public Works department should be abolished as without sand and stone no constructions can be taken place.

In Khangabok, paddy field gets water after cleaning Canal and drains by MLA Surjakumar

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Idle mind is devils' workshop, the saying seems true but when the mind is utilized properly and judiciously, it does bring joys not only to him or her but to other hundred and thousands of people.

Young and energetic MLA Okram Surjakumar, a representative from Khangabok Assembly constituency, besides being an opposition MLA (Congress), instead of instigating the farmers to criticize the present government over its failure to provide water in the field, utilized his wisdom and led the people in cleaning the silted canal and drains in the area and drained the water logged at Nunghou Dam



constructed across Wanging River at Sangaiyupham area towards the thirsty paddy field located at the periphery of Khangabok Part III ad Sangaiyupham area.

There are around 2500 pari of paddy field in the periphery of Khangabok Part -III and Sangaiyupham area. Inadequate rainfall dried the paddy field even though

there are water in the river. The water in the River remain logged at Nunghou Dam as the "Thambal Angangbi canal", an important water way towards the field,

remain piled up with wastage blocking the way. Not only the canal, but other drains which usually were constructed to carry the water too were failed due to negligence from the part of the government. Having understood the MLA Okram Surjakumar cleaned the canal and the drain using his own resources since a couple of days. Sooner the canal were clean water immediately flow towards the paddy fields and at least 1000 pari of field now have enough water to start cultivation.

If the river water continue to flow in the said canal for another 10 days, the farmers of the area will no longer worried even though there is not enough rain water.

One UNLF arrested

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A team of state force under the supervision of Dr. S. Ibomcha Singh, SP - Thoubal arrested a top cadre of the proscribed group UNLF from Heirok Bazar today morning. As per information from the police the arrested person has been identified as arrested Saikhom Sarat Singh@ Tomchou (53) s/o (L) S. Ibobal Singh of Heirok Part II Bazar, he is the self style colonel of UNLF at present. Police source said that he joined UNLF in December, 1986 through one Khundongbam Tomba@ Pambet(70) s/o (L) Kh. Itocha of Heirok Part II Bazar a/p Wangkhei Ning th em p u k h r i m a p a l presently Chairman. He got 45 days basic military training at Tonu, Myanmar under army number 33 of 1st batch, 1987.

Power to shut down for maintenance

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A statement by Chandramani Mangshatabam, DGM-IED2 of the Manipur State Power Distribution Corporation Limited (MSPDCL) said that MSPDCL is planning for plan shutdown on 3/8/219 Naoremthong, Samushang uku, Boriomakhong and Eroisemba etc areas will be under power outage from 10:30 am to 4 pm for maintenance work.

And on 5/8/2019 Langol, game village and Laimanai areas will be under outage from 10:30 to 4 pm for maintenance work.