

An ex-student of Standard Robarth recounts atrocious experiences during her stay in the school's boarding

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An ex-student of Standard Robarth Higher Secondary School shared their nightmarish experience while staying in the school's boarding. Before I share my story, I request to not disclose my identity, the lady now doing her graduation told Imphal Times. She said, "The incidents that I am going to share today are what I actually experienced and witnessed during my stay in the boarding of Standard Robarth. I hope my side of the story helps in giving justice to

Babysana". Imphal Times taking the matter Produce below is what she narrated to Imphal Times:

With one elder sister and two younger sisters, I stayed in the boarding from 2009-2012 (class 5-8). During these 4 years of my stay, I witnessed the wardens physically abusing the students with such atrocity, but without any proper reasoning, like how terrorists apathetically torture people. It included me and my sisters, too. I hope people will trust what I am saying. Experiences since 2009:
1. When I entered the boarding for the first time, I witnessed two sisters and a girl being harshly beaten in the assembly ground for



running away from the boarding. Even Madam Landhoni was involved in beating them. One of the girls was very small. Instead of beating them if these homesick students were properly counselled, many students in the boarding would not have seen them in a bad light. The wardens made them lie face down and brutally beat them, like how animals are atrociously tortured. Seven wardens and madam Landhoni brutally beat the students innumerable times with canes without any sympathy and without even considering if it would hurt the students or not.

2. When I was in class 5, just because my name appeared like that of a boy when written backward on a bench, I was blamed for writing a boy's name and beaten while making me lie face down.
3. Instead of correcting students' mistakes and guiding them towards the right path, the wardens called whatever the immature, young students did as crime, labelled them as thieves, shameless, and brutally beat them in the assembly ground. When a student borrowed someone else's belt because they had lost their belt, the student was beaten by hanging on the belt.

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AMSU demands arrest of Standard Robarth School authorities; appeals to support bandh



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All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) today demanded the arrest of authorities of Standard Robarth School in connection with the mysterious death of Babysana. "Principal Pheiroijam Landhoni Devi, Coordinator Pheiroijam Romita Devi, Administrator Ibotomba, Head Warden Kamei Ileen and Dormitory warden Nongmaithem Jintny must be booked and interrogated within 12 hours", AMSU President Peter Laisram said in a meeting with media persons held today afternoon at AMSU Headquarters. AMSU President also said that the organisation has names of other teachers who could have been involved in the case and their names will be revealed later. AMSU also called a joint meeting with the parents of students residing in Standard Robarth boarding at Ima Khunthoknganbi Shanglen

on July 25 at 11 am. He further appealed the parents to attend the meeting and said that the organisation will not entertain the comments of the parents who didn't take part in the meeting. The students' body also appealed the people of the state to support the 24 hours bandh called by the JAC formed against the mysterious death of Babysana at the hostel room of Standard Robarth School. Ningthoujam Babysana, a student of class VII died in mysterious circumstances in her hostel room. School authority has been claiming the death as 'suicide'. "This bandh is a step towards finding the truth in this case", Peter said adding that if the government fails to find out the truth of the case, AMSU will intensify the agitation. AMSU also demanded the immediate release of its five volunteers who were picked up from Kakching in connection with the bandh.

Name the students' body which stops investigation of Babysana death case – Joykishan to PWG

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While appreciating the concerns of an outlawed group called PWG to the mysterious death of Ningthoujam Babysana at the Hostel room of Standard Robarth, MLA of Thangmeiband Assembly Constituency, Khumukcham Joykishan urged the outlaw body to name the students' body which stopped conducting investigation to find the cause of the death by favouring the Principal of the school. Speaking to media persons today morning, Joykishan said that even though he is very much against separatist movement as he believes in

the constitution of India, some good works taken up by them should be appreciated. He expressed dissatisfactions to many of the students' bodies and civil society organizations over their silence to the alleged heinous crime committed to a girl student. "Everyone of us who want justice to be delivered to the ill fated girl should raise their voice against the injustice done to her", MLA Joykishan said. He added that as appeared at some of the newspapers the armed outfit Peoples' War Group (PWG) had stated that one students' group had stopped the investigate by favouring the Principal of the School, Pheiroijam Landhoni



Devi. As the PWG had not mentioned the name of the students' organizations – image of all other students' body struggling for justice of Babysana are being spoiled.

As witnessed by the people of the state the AMSU had relentlessly agitated for justice of the ill fated girl supporting the cause of the JAC formed against the mysterious death of Babysana yesterday. Some other students' body like SSUM, SUK etc. had also extended their support to the movement of the JAC. However, which is the student body that the PWG was taking about. The PWG should made public the name of the students' organization which is standing in favour of the school. On the other hand, MLA Joykishan also lambasted the Education Minister and SP of Imphal West for trying to fool the common people by saying that two of the suspects had

been arrested. "If they have arrested them why they are not making it public", Joykishan said adding that they are only trying to divert the people's agitation. Joykishan also lambasted the government over failure to arrest a girl which has been spreading false news calling the death of Babysana's death as suicide. When a person who wrote anything against the government in social networking site can be arrested from anywhere in the state or outside the state, why the girl which has been spreading false story to incite anger to the public has not been arrested, Joykishan questioned the government.

Integrity protection day will be held on July 27

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ACOAM Lup, Kangleipak will be organising "Integrity Protection Day" on July 27, 2019. In a press release ACOAM Lup stated that on June 14, 2001, NSCN(IM) and India Government signed a ceasefire agreement without territorial limits. This agreement led to a huge movement in the state and 18 people laid their lives protesting against this agreement. The movement led to the withdrawal of the agreement of ceasefire without territorial limit on July 27, 2001. Event is organised to remember the victory of Kangleichas, ACOAM Lup states. Further, it appeals to the people of Manipur not to call any bandh or blockades on July 27 so that the event can be organised without any hindrance.

24 hours bandh called by the JAC demanding justice for Babysana affects normalcy in Imphal; banks, schools, colleges remain close



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The 24 hours Manipur Bandh called by the JAC formed against the mysterious death of Babysana at her hostel room at Standard Robarth School Canchipur has severely affected normal life in greater Imphal area. The JAC had earlier announced to called the bandh on July 25 but after

the publication of this newspaper a press statement issued in urgency called the announced Manipur bandh from 6 am today till 6 am tomorrow. Imphal Times had reported the earlier version of the JAC which confuses our readers in the hard copy edition however, in our web edition we have corrected the news report. During the 24 hour bandh called by the JAC and supported by AMSU and

various other clubs and organizations, Khwairambandh keithel, paona keithel, Thangal keithel remained shuts. Vehicular movement in the streets of Imphal were very low in number and no commercial transport service were seen plying on the roads. Banks, private offices, schools and colleges remain close. Attendance in the government offices are also very low.

At Thangmeibandh area Banh supporters came out in the road and stopped all short of vehicular movement. The JAC has been demanding proper enquiry to the mysterious death of Ningthoujam Babysana, a student of Standard Robarth and died in the hostel room of the school on July 18 and

also punishment of all those involved to the death of the student. Education Minister Radheshyam yesterday said that two suspects to the death of the students has been arrested however, the JAC demanded revelation of those arrested and speedy trial of them so that justice be delivered to Babysana.

Earlier, a student body SSUM had shut down the school expressing their anger over the death of the student. However, Manipur State Human Rights Commission (MHRC) instead of taking up suo motto case over the death of the student sent notice to the student body by taking up a case to closure of the school.

BJP MLAs submit memorandum to Governor Najma Heptulla

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BJP MLAs of the state who have been camping at New Delhi since the last couple of month for replacement of Chief Minister N Biren Singh had submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma Heptulla at New Delhi. Dr. Heptulla is on leave and Governor Acharya is at present in charge governor of the state. Dr. Najma Heptulla



in her Facebook page had uploaded a photo taken along with the dissident BJP MLAs. Source close to Imphal Times

said that the dissident MLAs still have hopes that the centre will change the chief Minister after the parliament session.