

## Political crisis remains unsettled; BJP Central leaders to review MLAs performance during the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Election

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At what could be term as a twist to the political drama over the move by dissident BJP MLAs for replacement of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Central leadership of the BJP is all set to review the performances of the BJP MLAs of various constituencies in both Inner and Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituencies in the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Election, a source told Imphal Times. Whether the development is related with the political crisis or not is matter yet to be confirmed, however, the complex nature of the political crisis in the BJP led coalition government in the state has left no choice to the central leadership of the BJP but to remain silent. On the other hand, source further stated that half of the BJP MLAs are still in the dissident camp but some have left the camp. News report appeared at some of the local dailies said that 17 BJP MLAs have signed for replacement of N. Biren Singh from the post

of Chief Minister. But as per source at least 10 BJP MLAs now are not in the dissidents' camp. In the current state Assembly there are 21 BJP MLAs, 8 congress MLAs and 1 TMC MLA joined the BJP to support the government however, they are still yet to be counted as BJP MLAs officially. The source further stated that it is from among the 21 BJP MLAs that will decide the fate of N. Biren Singh. Talking to Imphal Times, an important BJP leader whose background is the RSS said that the RSS had never interfere with the government formation or change of leadership even as BJP is their 'Parivaar'.

"During the visit of one important RSS member in the last during December last year in Manipur we did not informed about it to the government and had not taken any assistant from the government", one RSS member told Imphal Times when asked whether the appealed as reported to a newspaper could decide the fate of either N. Biren Singh or Th. Bishwajit.

Another source from New Delhi said that as the arithmetic fails to prove in the number game, the central BJP now believes in Chemistry to strengthen BJP government in the state. The Chemistry in the strengthening of the BJP government in the state of Manipur however, is in the hand of the Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly, Yumnam Khemchand. This is being stated as the Speaker can decide the fate of 7 Congress MLAs at any time as the case for disqualification of them remains with the speaker. At this crucial stage of Manipur's political theatre, Speaker Yumnam Khemchand, who got elected as BJP MLA remain as the most matured politician. His stand to remain as neutral as he is the speaker of the state assembly without joining any of the side is appreciated by various political analysts.

To solve the political blunder, the decision to review performances of the BJP MLAs in the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Election by the central BJP leadership appeared as

the only means to solve the crisis amicably.

BJP MP Dr. RK Ranjan won the 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha Election by getting 263,632 votes that is 34.72% of the total vote caste. Rival Congress candidate O. Nabakishore gets 245,877 votes and defeated. A review on votes that the BJP candidate got constituency wise may be a chemistry to show the performance of the BJP MLAs. The source said that BJP being one of the largest political party in the world and most disciplined party will do the needful for solving the crisis without hurting any MLAs or Ministers but by strengthening the party.

The source further said that MLAs and Minister who are on the side of the Chief Minister had reported to Central BJP leaders stating that the dissidents are of those MLAs /ministers who tried to sabotage the party in the Lok Shaba election at both seats and were against the NAMO mission. Meanwhile, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is likely to return Imphal tomorrow.

## Central leaders will come and decide for solution – Th. Bishwajit

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Minister Th. Bishwajit, who is believe to the leaders of the dissident BJP MLAs revolting for replacement of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today said that central leaders of the BJP will come to Manipur and solve the present crisis. The Minister arrived at Imphal Airport today

afternoon. He has been in New Delhi since political crisis erupted in the BJP led coalition government over the leadership crisis.

Talking to reporters soon after his arrival at Imphal Airport, Minister Bishwajit said that there is nothing like dissidents among the BJP MLAs. Skipping to reporters queries regarding the change of Leadership Bishwajit said that he is not the authority to

speak anything about the party matter.

"The Central BJP leaders will come and bring a solution to the present crisis", Bishwajit said.

On a question regarding the removal of PWD and Power from him, Bishwajit said that removal of portfolio is in the prerogative of the Chief Minister. Bishwajit however said that blame on both the department for the present

financial crisis is baseless.

On being asked whether he will accept if the portfolios are return to him, Bishwajit said that he will think over it.

The Minister appealed the media fraternity not to mislead the people by playing divide and rule among the BJP MLAs. "I am not the authority to say anything regarding the indifference but it will be the central leaders who will decide", Bishwajit said.

## Fitting tribute paid to martyrs 2001 June uprising



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Fitting tributes was paid to the Martyrs of June uprising of 2001 at Kekrupat today.

People from all the walks of life came to pay homage to the departed souls who sacrificed their lives while safeguarding the integrity of the state on June 18, 2001 protesting against the June 14 Bangkok Declaration where a dubious and contentious clause 'without territorial limits' were added to the agreement signed between NSCN (IM) and Government of India ceasefire agreement which provoked the people of the state to openly revolt against it. Various government buildings including the state assembly, official residences of the MLAs, Ministers and political party offices were burnt down during the agitation. Various persons from different communities paid homage to the departed souls at the Kekrupat memorial

complex.

Revenue Minister Karam Shyam, Education Minister Th. Radheshyam, MLA Suchindro @Yaima, Ex-MP Dr. T. Meinya and Wife of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, N. Ongbi Heiyanu were also seen paying tribute to the martyrs of June uprising at Kekrupat. AMUCO and UCM observes the day as "18<sup>th</sup> The Great June Uprising Day and Unity Day" at Kekrupat, as usual. Speaking to the reporters, Chairman of the 18<sup>th</sup> Great June Uprising Day and Unity day Observation Committee, Devan Sharma said that Manipur was an independent nation until India annexed the nation on October 1949. He added people need to recall on how the 18 precious lives were lost and 3 other in the following protest in June 2001. He further said that with the immediate response of the people and the shut down called by different civil society organisations to protest the declaration and the ultimate

mass protest on June 18, in which the 18 people were killed in firing and the way in which the State Assembly were burned down by the angry protestors. He continued that offices of the different political parties were also torched.

Divide and rule policy was exercise between hill and plain, Devan added and said that the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for safeguarding of the land must not be forgotten.

In connection with the "18<sup>th</sup> The Great June Uprising Day and Unity Day" a blood donation camp was also held at Kekrupat. Similar blood donation camp was also held at Thoubal Wangma Taba. The blood donation camp was organised by Royal Fitness Academy Gym, RFA Thoubal under the supervision of Blood Bank & Transfusion Unit, District Hospital Thoubal under the theme "Tears of Mother cannot Save Her Child, But your Blood Can"

## Societal understanding will help improve the rehabilitated individuals: Th. Radheshyam

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Education, Labour & Employment, Minister Thokchom Radheshyam said that the understanding of the society towards the rehabilitated individuals can help them in coping and returning to the normal life. To fight against the substance misuse, it is important to create awareness about the ill-effects of alcoholism and substance abuse on the individual, the family and society, he added. The Minister was speaking as a chief guest at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Holistic Vista Substance Use Disorders Treatment Centre, Nynthemcha Karong on Monday. He explained that drug abuse is a social disease, a problem that has to be addressed in a collective manner and free the society from the issues of substance abuse. He said that after rehabilitation, when the individual returned to their families it is of utmost

importance that the family members and friends treat them with trust and love, for suspicion can easily relapse the disorder of the individual into being an abuser again. He also warned about the effects of passive smoking, the inhalation of smoke, called 'second-hand smoke' by persons other than the intended "active" smoker which directly affects the life of others.

Th. Radheshyam, sharing his experience of working as counselor, said that not a single individual wants to become a bad person. Everyone understands that there is nothing more important than 'life'. But somehow due to certain circumstances and influence people tend to incline towards the wrong path, becoming an offender. However, one's decision and confidence to become a better person brings a holistic change to one's life and to the life of others. He added these individual becomes an example for others

who had undergone the same struggle of being a substance abuser.

Th. Radheshyam also emphasized on the importance to safeguard the youngster from substance abuse. He urged the attendants of the celebration of Holistic Vista Substance Use Disorders Treatment Centre to become the guide who would save the generations to come from substances abuse. He said there are thousands of people who need help and proper guidance to return to normal life by overcoming these issues and creating mass awareness is of utmost importance.

Chief Editor, Kangleipakki Meira, Wangkhemcha Shyamjai informed the gathering that the government official has also assured to extend help according to need and requirement of the inmates of the centre. He said that every locality of State is also fighting against the drug abuse as one of the main causes to safeguard the future.

## Manipur Maoist urges for unity and strengthening mission journalism, patriotic regional forces

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Manipur Maoist in a statement on the condition of Manipur said all questions of the people regarding the revolutionary movement must be answered. The statement said that the government is terrorizing the people in the name of NSA and fake encounters and the rebels are also doing things which are against the people. The price of one kilo of rice has shot up to fifty rupees. At such a time, instead of keeping the rice for those who need it, people will definitely garland him. Saying that one is a communist, one is concerned about the people, is reading Marxist literature will not result into anything. One has to show that one is a communist through their activities, only then people

will accept the person as a leader. On the other hand, the editors of news papers are now the panelists of the discussion programs in the electronic media. They discuss on important matters giving the public knowledge about those matter but they still carry advertisement of the government without even considering the parties which are giving these advertisements, without even thinking that the ruling party is good or bad. The more advertisement they get the more money they earn for their newspapers. In this context, we can think about why people are taking 200-300 rupees and participating in the election. The gap between theory and practice has affected this society badly. If one is little educated, one does not want to activism, in order to be called a think tank many are doing PhD and publishing books. Intellectual activism is not just going as chief guest in programs but

working with the revolutionaries and standing with them shoulder to the shoulder in the revolutionary movement.

Maoist Communist Party Manipur is not disheartened in any away since the urge for change among the poor and toiling masses of Manipur is ever increasing. People have lost faith in all the national parties. Now people do not trust that India will give us a good future. This is a good objective condition for the revolutionary movement. At the point, we need to develop mission journalism, patriotic regional forces, progressive intellectual activism, and democratic social activism and collectively work together. Maoists are trying to develop the regional forces, in this context. North East Development Party (NEIDP)'s ideology is based eclecticism and they are gathering whoever they could find to strengthen their organization. Given this, Maoists will not

include this party in the unity based on regionalism till they change their organizational practice. Manipur People's Party which is the one of the oldest political parties in Manipur and the problem ailing them was the financial irregularities. There is no confusion regarding PRJA. So, there is nothing much to talk about them.

Maoists are keeping a close eye on the matter however the party will take definitive action towards people who swindle party funds. Furthermore, the remaining regional parties are centrist and given that they are not building their organizations, they are not yet part of this unity. Maoists are doing whatever they can to help the armed parties however it has not interfered in their internal affairs. If they create problems for the people, Maoists will withdraw all the help, the statement stated. The statement urges the people for their support in the building tactical unity with other forces.