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Tension grip Kairang area in Imphal East after an alleged drug peddler died in mob action

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Tension runs high between locals of two neighbouring village in Kairang area in Imphal East, after an alleged drug peddler, who sustained serious injury in mob action, succumbed to his injury on the way to hospital yesterday evening at around 11 pm. Large number of people from the locality of the deceased vandalized 2 houses belonging to two members of the Anti Drug Committee today morning. Two of its members, Md. Punaa and Md. Achon Shah of Keirang, who took the alleged drug peddler injured in the mob action for treatment at the Hospital located near

Heingang Police Station, were detained in police custody and another 10 members including President of the Anti drug body were also pulled up by the police today morning. Large number of locals and relatives of the deceased vandalized the office of the 'Anti Drug Joint Committee, Kairang, Khudok, Khabeiso' around 11 pm yesterday. Report said that the Anti drug Committee members has been keeping strict vigil in and around the area after receiving complaints about the presence of drug peddlers in the area. It added that two drug addicts were rounded up by the committee last night at around 10 pm and on their revelation it was known that Md. Abdul Helim Shah was the man they were looking for quite some times. The members of the Anti Drug Committee hauled him and interrogated him at PYA ground at Kairang. During the course of the interrogation some of the members turned hostile and started assaulting him resulting serious injury. It was at that time that some among them intervene and took him to the hospital at Heingang. The two persons

(drug users) who were caught were reportedly set free after they identified the peddlers. The report further said that following the news about the dead of the alleged drug peddler and subsequent arrest of the two members, a meeting was convened today morning to discuss the issue. As the meeting was attended by locals from both localities – one belonging to Heingang Assembly Constituency and the other Khurai Assembly Constituency differences of opinion put the meeting into a chaotic situation. While some opines for staging a rally against the dead terming it as mob action some refused on the ground that they don't need any such rally. The confrontation began and turning the situation into hostilities. The office of the Anti Drug Joint Committee, Kairang, Khudok, Khabeiso' was vandalized and turn to another house but the arrival of security team timely prevented further untoward incident.

Imphal Times condemns attack to Journalist

Imphal Times strongly condemns the attack to a reporter of "Echel Daily" newspaper while covering the crime scene occurred today morning at Kairang area in Imphal East. The Reporter Bikram, was attacked by a person using a rod directly at his head but was safe by a Police officer who was present at the site. The rod hit at the back of Bikram. Such act of vandalism to reporters who are on duty is strongly condemnable by each and every people of the state.

Shirui Lily Festival 2019 to be celebrated on October

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State flower Shirui Lily is not going to bloom in October month - everyone know, but the state cabinet had resolved to celebrate it in the said month. The decision was taken in the first meeting of the Organising Committee of 3rd State Level Shirui Lily Festival 2019, held at Chief Minister's Office yesterday where Chief Minister N. Biren Singh

chaired MLA of Chingai AC Khasim Vashum, MLA of Phungyar AC K. Leishiy, MLA of Ukhral AC Alfred Kangang S. Arthur, Chairman of Ukhral ADC Dr Yarosho Ngalung, Principal Secretary (GAD) V. Vumlumang, Commissioner (Tourism) Smt. Nidhi Kesarwani, Director (Tourism) W. Ibohal, members of various CSOs of Ukhral, Headman of various villages of Ukhral district attended the meeting. The meeting discussed about

YFPHR denounces re-commencement for construction of Imphal Railway Station at Sagoltongba

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Youths Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) expressed strong condemnation to the re-commencement for construction of Imphal Railway Station at Sagoltongba, Imphal West. The announcement was made by NK Prasad, General Manager N.F. Railway along with other officials keeping aside and neglecting the demands of indigenous peoples, who are deprived of their rights over their lands and resource since the railway work was commenced destroying the natural environment. "We all have witnessed the facts about the violation of Indigenous People's Rights by not conducting social and environmental impact assessment, safeguard measures and not respecting the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous people wherein free prior and consent of the people was neglected before any

developmental projects starts in the land of indigenous peoples", a statement by its convenor Phajaton said. It added that the ongoing construction of railway tunnel had affected many villages, water sources and indigenous means of livelihoods where the ongoing construction of railway line passes through. It also highlighted fact about the Tairenpokpi Village which is suffering from acute shortage of potable water and also for agricultural & domestic purposes as the natural source of water from the stream have been diverted for their construction purposes of TT12 and further releasing the cemented waste to the streams which leads to the agricultural field. As a result of the same the water supply project which runs under the PHED Department remained defunct since the last two years. The major area is that the paddy fields of Kadangbi loukol is damaged by the

cemented and contaminated water, the statement said. "Viewing the facts about the environmental & agricultural destruction, the affected villagers from different districts along with human rights organisation condemned and protested against the construction of railway line without proper steps are taken up", the Youth Forum said and added that it is unfortunate that without meeting the demands of indigenous people, the N.F. Railway along with Government tried to complete the project as soon as possible. It is very clear that the ongoing railway project is not for the welfare of the people but to destroy the indigenous peoples of Manipur. The Youth forum also urged the NF Railway and government to stop the construction works until proper social and environment impact assessment and safeguard of indigenous peoples rights and livelihood are assured.

Traffic along both National Highways in Manipur affected due to the 24 hours general strike called by the KSO

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Traffic along both National Highways of Manipur connecting Manipur with the rest of India as well as the National highway connecting border country Myanmar through Moreh has been severely affected due to the 24 hours general strike called by the Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) demanding release of its 10 office bearers of KSO Gunpi Blocked who were arrested by police in connection with the arson of St. Joseph School Sugnu. Report reaching here said that all inter-state transport service remained cancelled and private vehicles, goods trucks and oil tankers too stay off the road due to the general strike. At Imphal-Dimapur road

large number of KSO supporters stopped all sort of vehicular movement from Motbung to Taphou Kuki Village near Senapati. Around 100s of passenger buses and mini taxi coming from Dimapur and Kohima have been reported stranded at Senapati district head quarter.

Talking over phone a passenger, who is stranded at Senapati expressed displeasure over the inconveniences created to them due to the bandh. "I have been told that Manipur is today a bandh free state and I wonder how such a claimed would turn out to be joke", Suman Singh, a passenger said.

He questioned the government on why the state government makes no security arrangement for the vehicles coming from Dimapur.

All sort of Imphal-Moreh transport services have also been suspended for today as bandh supporters blocked road at many places along the route. The bandh also hit Id-Myanmar border trade and Namphlang Market which used to be crowded everyday looks deserted today.

On the other hand report said that the bandh hits hard disturbing normally in Churachandpur district. As many as 3 passenger Diesel auto were vandalized by the bandh supporters. Market place, shops and all sort of establishment remain shut in the district during the 24 hour general strike.

Vehicular movement along the Imphal Jiri road has also been affected as all transport service suspended today due to the bandh.

KCP MC claims bomb at Bishop House

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Armed group Kangleipak Communist Party- Military Council, today claimed the bomb that was placed at Bishop House, Mantripukhri, Lamlongei, yesterday. A statement signed by Comrade Lanchenba Meitei, Secretary, Information and Publicity, Military Affairs said that Educational Institutes

which are running under the Catholic Education Society, Manipur should not spread Christian religion using the educational institutes. The outfit said that they had attack to stop the action of cultural imperialism.

Coming of Hinduva fascist in Manipur led by the BJP and the suppression of the people taking advantage of the present position of the revolutionary movement,

many activism to engulf the Indigenous people has been noticed.

The statement further said that the catholic school society stand against the statement of the outfit and continue to spread Christian religion using educational institution as a tool.

The statement added that to save the indigenous people of Manipur the outfit will stand against the cultural imperialism.

Maoist claimed bomb at Khurai; says last warning

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Armed group Maoist Communist Party Manipur today claimed responsibility of placing the bomb in front of the gate of contractor Yumkham Sitesh Singh, at Khurai Thoudam Leikai, who is also the brother-in-law of present RIMS Director. The armed group said that the bomb was placed as last warning for converting the Health Care service institution into a market for contractors.

The statement signed by Comrade kyonghan

Mangang, Coordinator, Standing Committee, said that Maoists have given the final warning to Yumkham Sitesh Singh in relation of corruption charges about the RIMS contract works. Earlier, Maoist and Kangleipak Communist Party- Military Council (KCP-MC) had already stated in a press statement about him (Yumkham Sitesh Singh) and his brother in law i.e. Present RIMS, Director.

The statement further said that the person is close nexus with the Director and with some of the formal leaders of the CSOs, claiming and threatening as outfit's to the people by expressing what will they (MAOIST) do.

Maoist added that the person is accused in the large amount of corruption of RIMS, contract works and appointing jobs in the Health care services.

The outfit added that they keep eyeing on the person from earlier and he also criticized KCP-MC by saying how many of them are in the group.

The Director has appointed his own men in the Engineering Cell Consultant from Oinam and one SE from Sagolband Meino Leirak awarding contract works to his brother in law and relatives, the statement said.

The statement added that the Engineering Cell Consultant and SE should not continue to stand against the outfit's if other otherwise the outfit's is ready to give punishment to the duo but Maoist will not compromise RIMS, Director and his brother in law Yumkham Sitesh Singh.

The statement said that the action of Yumkham Sitesh Singh is very reactionary so that the outfit comes to a decision of giving a penalty to the person. It appealed the locals of Khurai to stay away from the Sitesh family.

First world food Safety Day Observed

DIPR
Imphal, June 7,

Commemorating the first ever World Food Safety Day, State Food Safety Authority, Manipur today organized World Food Safety Day under the theme "Food Safety, everyone's business". At Medical Directorate Board Hall, Lamphelpat, Imphal, today. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018 adopted

June 7 as the World Food Safety Day.

Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Director of Health Services and Additional Food Safety Commissioner, Dr. K. Rajo said that unsafe food is a threat to human health and we must take precautionary measures. He urged the concerned officials to check properly the labels mentioned in packaged food items for the safety of the public. He further appealed to all the

Designated Officers to strictly regulate the food industry towards preventing avoidable crises. It is necessary to organize maximum public awareness in propagating the message of safe food habit, he added.

Designated Officers of

Imphal East, T. Brojendro Khaba Meitei and Designated Officer of Imphal West, Y Satyajeet Singh also delivered a speech focusing on Food Safety Act, rules and regulations. Quoting that 'If it is not safe, it is not food', Y Satyajeet Singh cautioned the public that the public should not take it for granted that the food consumed is safe.

On the occasion, a pledge on World Food Safety was also administered by the Chief Guest.

Additional Director, Medical Directorate, Dr. Sashee Kumar Mangang attended the function as Guest of honour among others.