

IAF officer set to face criminal case for missile that downed Mi-17 chopper

Agency
New Delhi May 21,

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has removed the Air Officer Commanding (AOC) Srinagar Air Base, the senior-most officer of the base, for circumstances related to the crash of an Mi-17 helicopter near Srinagar on February 27 after it came under friendly fire, even as a Court-of-Inquiry (CoI) continues to investigate the matter.

A final report is yet to be submitted.

An IAF spokesperson declined comment on the matter.

On February 27, even as Indian

and Pakistani jets were engaged in a dogfight in the Nowshera sector, a Russian-made Mi-17 helicopter of IAF crashed. All six airmen on board the helicopter were killed. The helicopter was downed by a surface-to-air missile of IAF which mistook the aircraft to be hostile, initial inquiries have revealed.

As the inquiry nears completion, IAF is considering whether or not it should slap criminal charges against those found lacking.

"There will be no tolerance of lapses," said a senior defence ministry official who asked not to be named. Culpable homicide

not amounting to murder is one of the charges that IAF is contemplating pressing against those found guilty by the CoI. "Unprecedented as it might be, IAF leadership is clear that such lapses are not repeated," the official added.

The AOC has been removed because the incident happened on his watch.

The preliminary inquiry into the accident has allegedly indicated several lapses leading to the tragic accident. For instance, the air traffic control called the helicopter back even as air engagement between Indian and Pakistani fighters intensified.

"Ideally, the helicopter should

have been sent away to safer zone instead of it being called back to the base," said a second senior defence ministry official who did not want to be named. "The incoming helicopter should have been vectored into the pre-designated zone meant for friendly aircraft to hold till the alert was called off," the official added.

All bases have designated airspace for friendly aircraft in case of an air-defence-alert. "Air defence platforms such as missile systems, air defence guns etc. are kept free; they are free to engage any aircraft which doesn't identify itself as a 'friendly' either through the IFF or by remaining confined to the airspace designated for friendly aircraft," the second senior officer added.

In this case, the Identification of Friend or Foe (IFF) - a

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identification system that

informs the air defence radars

whether incoming aircraft is

friendly - was switched off,

against the laid down protocol.

After a "near-air-miss" incident

in Jammu and Kashmir in 2018

between a C-130J, a US-made

transport aircraft, and a

Russian-made Su-30 fighter

aircraft, IAF Headquarters

directed all aircraft coming into

land to have their IFF systems

on. Surprisingly, the Srinagar

Air Base had issued

contradictory orders. "Had the

IFF system been on, air

Assam Rifles Organizes Career Guidance Workshop In Ukhrul



IT News
Imphal May 21,

Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a one day career counseling workshop at Ukhrul on Yesterday 2019.

The workshop was conducted as an interactive session with students interacting with MrRanjan Kumar Baruah, a professional counsellor, recipient of National Youth Award and Founder of North-East Youth Foundation. The students

of class 12th and various other colleges in Ukhrul were provided guidance and expertise towards various career options available to them. Over 350 students attended the workshop and interacted with MrBarua and other domain experts one on one thus providing an in-depth insight into various career opportunities available to them.

The participants were elucidated about the significance of career planning, goal setting and confidence building. Various scholarship schemes, CSR

fellowships and essentials of entrepreneurship were also explained and discussed in detail during the interaction.

The students were seen engaged deeply during the seminar, enquiring about the career options in various streams, institutions available and timeline to apply for the same. The school and college authorities conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to Assam Rifles for organising such a unique workshop for the benefit of students in such remote areas.

Lava eruption noticed near Agartala

Agency
Kathali (Tripura), May 21,

Volcanic lava type inflammable liquid has been reported profiting out of the ground in the outskirts of Agartala in Madhuban under Kathali village since Wednesday morning.

This is the fourth incident in the state in a year time. Last year three such incidents were reported from Sabroom in the southern part of the state close to Chittagong in Bangladesh.

Local's noticed by the roadside near electric polls some underground lava-type eruption and fire that melted the poll and which has triggered a sensation among the locals.

Meantime, scientists from the Tripura Space Application Centre (TSAC) reached the spots and examining the reason behind the fire and molten rock-like material found there.

Avisek Chaudhuri, leading geologist of TSAC after examining the spot and analyzing the samples collected from the spot in his first reaction said that geochemical examination is required to come to a conclusion but there is a similarity with the Sabroom the incident in which one was due to subsurface volcanic activity.

He added that the fire, smoke and other materials running out of the ground is often due

to a fault line that passes through that area beside the displacement of the underground tectonic plates in that region and which is creating huge subsurface heat causing the incident.

However, the matter is a concern for the state government of northeastern India's Tripura which is highly vulnerable to earthquakes as it lies in seismic zone V.

The seven northeastern states - Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, and Manipur - are considered by seismologists as the sixth major earthquake-prone belt in the world.

The region experienced an earthquake measuring 8.7 on the Richter scale in 1897. Over 1,600 people had died in that quake.

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Kangpokpi, The 21st May 2019

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It is hereby notified for general information that Smt.Mangneikim Sithlou W/O Shri Paominthang Khongsai of New Saikul, under Saikul Sub-division, P.O. & P.S Saikul, has applied for registration of Gift deed of an area of 3 acres between Shri Shri Paominthang Khongsai S/O Lunjang Khongsai of New Saikul P.O. & P.S New Saikul Saikul Village Saikul Sub-division, Kangpokpi District as donor and Smt.Mangneikim Sithlou W/O Shri Paominthang Khongsai as donee. The boundary of the said land is prescribed hereunder:

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South : by the land of T.Gojang;
East : by the Ichai river
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