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Imphalites are prone to Respiratory problem, Hepatitis, Cholera, Dysentery, and Typhoid-Report

With the failure of the state government Machineries to clean up the garbage mess, Imphalites today are prone to various diseases like Respiratory infection, Hepatitis, Cholera, Dysentery, and Typhoid etc., Medical experts told

A Medicine professor from RIMS, who did not want to disclose his identity while talking to Imphal Times reporter, said that as the major Market places in Imphal area particularly the Khwairamband Keithel Ima Market has been filled with garbage, Imphalites who are on marketing are now prone to various viral infections. About those vendor ladies many would have been already infected by the virus from the piled up

garbage.
" Not only that the filth causes serious diseases, but also mental health is being seriously disturbed due to the unpleasant odours", the doctor who is afraid of disclosing his identities fearing action for speaking to media person by his superior said.



separation of the Electronic and medical waste with that of the household and vegetable waste is also causing serious threat to the health problem of

Imphal Times, reporter while interacting with some of the vendor ladies in Khwairambandh Keithel found out that most of them are having health problem which is probably caused by the filth.

Memchoubi Devi, who sell vegetable at Nagamapal site, while talking to Imphal Times reporter said that since the last few days she had been bearing the unpleasant odours from the garbage pile up some few feet from here ndor stall.

"I use to ran out leaving by vegetables brought for sell, as I was not able to tolerate the odour some times, but I have to come back as without selling my vegetable my family will have to starve", Maibam Ongbi Hemabati, a vegetable seller said.

This reporter showed sweats streaming on her face as she braves the summer heat to sell her vegetable. When asked if she had any health problem, she said itching at her arms and some body part disturbed her a lot. She added that during the last couple of days she felt dizziness.

nuter, who passed near

vomiting, while this reporter was talking to the vendor lady. When tried to help him he said that he can't bear the smell of the filth so he felt like vomiting. He identified himself as Romesh from Sagolband when asked his identity.

Is this kind of problem caused by the filth, which the government machineries failed

by the IMC authority as the Lamdeng Solid Waste management Plant refused to unload the garbage waste since the last few

The Lamdeng Solid Waste Management plant was set up with assurance to dispose the garbage of all the Imphal area but many problems are being faced



to clean up? When this was asked to the Medicine doctor whom Imphal Times Contact, he said there is no doubt that the kind of health problem is from the filth which was piled up for days.

The garbage in Imphal area particularly in Khwairambandh Keithel has not been picked up since the last couple of days

by the IMC authority as the Plant has been handed over Ahmedabad-based Innovative Eco Care Private Limited and Thermotech Systems Ltd. Literally speaking, the Lamdeng Solid Waste Management Plant today is a complete waste as it seems to be no

Myanmar frees Reuters journalists jailed for reporting on Rohingya crisis

Courtesy- The Guardian

Two Reuters journalists imprisoned in Myanmar for their reporting of the ethnic cleansing of Rohingya Muslims have been pardoned and released after spending more than 500 days in jail.

Wa Lone, 33, and Kyaw Soe Oo, 29, were arrested in December 2017 and accused of breaking the colonial-era Official Secrets Act, and have been imprisoned in Yangon's

Insein jail ever since.
The pair were released on Tuesday as part of an amnesty of 6,520 prisoners by President Win Myint. The chief of Insein prison, Zaw Zaw, confirmed Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo had been freed. Speaking moments after his release, Wa Lone said: "I'm really happy and excited to see my family and my colleagues. I can't wait to go to my newsroom. I am a journalist and I am going to continue to

Images showed Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo's emotional reunion with their wives and children hours after being released. Wa Lone's first child, Thet Htar Angel, was born while he was behind bars so this was the first time he was able embrace his

daughter as a free man. Kyaw Soe Oo was pictured holding his daughter, three-year-old Moe Thin Wai Zan, tightly. During the trial she would steal brief embraces with her father outside the courtroom before he was bundled back to jail and would cry "Papa, Papa!" as the van drove off. "Now the three of us can hug each other and we are so happy for that," said his wife Chit Su Win.

Stephen J Adler, the editor-inchief of Reuters, said he was "enormously pleased that Myanmar has released our courageous reporters, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo".

"Since their arrests 511 days ago, they have become symbols of the importance of press freedom around the world. We welcome their return," Adler said. Amal Clooney, who joined the

legal team working on their case a year ago, paid tribute to the "incredible determination" of Reuters "in their pursuit of justice for their brave reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo".

"It is inspiring to see a news organisation so committed to the protection of innocen men and the profession of journalism," said Clooney. "I hope that their release signals a renewed commitment to press freedom in Myanmar. Responding to the news, foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt emphasised that he had personally raised Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo's case with Myanmar's State Counsellor, Nobel laureate Aung San Suu

Kyi, back in September.
"I am extremely grateful she has listened to me and many

clear miscarriage of justice. In a world where media freedom is under attack this is a rare glimmer of hope," tweeted Hunt. He later said he hoped the

release marked the first step in a bigger re-evaluation of the Myanmar government's approach on the need for accountability for the alleged genocide of the Rohingya Muslim community in Rakhine province.
"Obviously we hope that is

can be a the start of a new chapter of our relations with Myanmar and that same myanmar and that same openness can be applied to what is happened to the Rohingya in Rakhine province," he told the BBC. Dan Chugg, the British ambassador to Myanmar, highlighted the judicial failings that had led to the pair being jailed. "These journalists were convicted in a case which did not follow due process and ignored the concept of innocent until proven guilty said Chugg. "In taking the decision to free Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo just a few days after the supreme court's final decision, the Myanmar government has recognised the shortcomings of the earlier judicial procedures and demonstrated its commitment to upholding the rule of law.' At the time of their arrest, the pair were working on an indepth investigation into the brutal violence carried out against the Rohingya in Rahkine state by Myanmar's military in August 2017 which forced more than 700,000 people to flee to Bangladesh and led to accusations of genocide. This year, the pair were given the Pulitzer Prize for their reporting on the massacre of Rohingya civilians.

Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, Myanmar nationals who work for the international news agency, have continuously maintained their innocence and stated they were set up by the police who planted official papers on them at a meeting. After a drawn-out trial which was widely regarded as a sham, with flimsy evidence and contradictory witnesses including a policeman who told the court he had been instructed to set up the sting operation, the pair were sentenced to seven years in

prison in September. The pardon of the pair, by the Myanmar president, comes after 16 months of mounting pressure from international governments, diplomats, human rights organisations and even religious figures, which up to this point had appeared to fall on deaf ears. Aung San Suu Kyi has also repeatedly rebuffed calls by figures such as British foreign such as British foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt and US vice president Mike Pence for her to pardon the pair, and within Myanmar there has been sympathy for them.

Night curfew in Nagaland-Sivasagar border reinforced

Agency Dimapur, May 7,

The Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Sivasagar, Assam has reinforced night curfew from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am in the 5 km belt in Assam side of Sivasagar district bordering Nagaland state with effect from May 22 for a period of 60 days. ADM, Sivasagar in an order said night curfew has been imposed as a precautionary measure to prevent occurrence of anti-social elements/ extremist/unlawful activities coming across the Assam/Nagaland border in the belt of Sivasagar district.

The order stated that movement of any person/ group persons/any vehicular traffic are prohibited during the period of the curfew. However, magistrates, security personnel of army/ CRPF/Police and civil officials deployed on duty are exempted from the purview of the prohibitory order.

No valid reason for suspension, suspension order meant to malign political image-Seram Neken

Imphal East Zilla Parishad nber Seram Neken today said his suspension from primary membership of BJP is baseless and handiwork of certain vested partymen. Speaking to this daily in the

aftermath of news report regarding his suspension from the BJP that appeared in local dailies and the social media, Seram Neken who represents the 14-Uchekon Nongchup Zilla Parishad constituency claimed that he has not done anything against the party, that is worthy of suspension. 'I am a bonafide citizen of India and an active member of BJP', he said while claiming he has been contributing to the party physically as well as morally for the last few years of his association.

Some people with vested interest in the party always tried to oust him from the party, he lamented and recalled that he has always been left out of invitees' list for almost all programmes and events of the programmes and events of the party. His being an active member residing in the Thongju Assembly Constituency has never been accorded due recognition. Even in the BJP grassroots level meetings held in his own locality, he has been left out deliberately for obvious

reasons, Neken alleged. It may be recalled that an office order issued by General Secretary of BJP Manipur Pradesh, N. Nimbus Singh dated 4th May 2019, conveyed that the primary membership of Seram

Neken has been is put under suspension. The same has been circulated in social media and published in local dailies.

. Neken related further that even though the order was circulated through the social media and media houses for publication. copy of the same has not been given to him. 'Why the publication in media seems to be more important while personal copy is not served to the concerned person', he asked while stating that the intention of the publication of suspension order in media is only to tarnish his image in the

society.

Informing that he has submitted a letter to National President of BJP to intervene into the matter to bring justice to party workers, Neken sought clarification from the state BJP authority regarding the valid reasons for

evidence. He charged the state BJP of trying to malign his political image for vested political gains.

Seram Neken is a member of Imphal East District Zilla Parishad, representing 14-Uchekon Nongchup ZP Constituency consisting of three Gram Panchayats in

125 anniversary of Pettigrew Junior High school held



Imphal, May 7.

Quasquicentennial Jubilee for Pettigrew Junior High school held today at the premise of the school situated at Singjamei Mathak Thokchom Leikai. Speaking at the function ZEO,

Zone 1 Imphal West Khumukcham Sucheta said that the observation of the ceremony has a tremendous significance. She added that

not only the students will know about the history of the school, it will also give a sense of belongingness and highlights the essence of the

Major Devadutta of 6th Assam Rifles said that the school has a close relationship with the history of Manipur. He further said that their forces help the school in various ways like arranging educational tours for the students.

celebration attended by local guardian of the area Thokchom Achou, President of Senior Citizens Forum Singjamei Mathak Thokchom Leikai Leihaothabam Nadiachand and President of Youth Welfare Organisation Thokchom Ranbir as the Presidium members of the

function. Floral tributes were also paid to the portrait of William