

Editorial

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Mr. Chief Minister, clean the dirt that will stand as obstacle to your government

Turmoil in the political theatre of Manipur over the demand for replacement of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has finally been settled. October 2, was perhaps the Judgment day and N. Biren Singh, after meeting with the central leadership of BJP came out with smiling face while the dissident MLAs camping at Delhi for over two and half months were left with no choice but to restore at the position that they have been before waging the war for the change of Chief Minister. N. Biren Singh victory, at this crucial juncture, is not worth celebration. Politically he had proved himself as the best among the equals, but things will not be the same to that of his two and half years of his government. During the said period the opposition political parties (Congress) was the only hurdle but after his victory he had created many enemies who are capable of organizing negative force without making their presence to any kind of works taken up under his initiatives.

From a footballer to journalist then politics, there has never been any U-turn for N. Biren Singh. He was a successful football players, as a journalist, when he was the editor of the highly demanded Imphal based local daily "Naharol Gi Thoudang", N. Biren Singh's personality in leading the state media fraternity is known by everyone. In politics too, he has now reached to the top. In ground level politics too he is still the master. When most Muslim community across the country particularly in the state of Manipur are soured with the ideology of BJP, N. Biren Singh's years long experience with grass root community succeeded in winning the heart of thousand Muslims particularly from his own Heingang Assembly Constituency in the Lok Sabha Election. Issues of contentious CAB was successfully subsidised, the demand for the ST status as well as the ILPS like legislation by two different groups is being handle with extreme care using all his resource he gained during his association with the Civil Society members of the state, when he was the editor. Having understood the ethos of the common people he had introduced many programme to get in touch with the common people. The entire country is lauding N. Biren Singh for his "Meeyamgi Numit" and "Hill Leaders Day" where he personally met the common people and listened to their grievances. Setting up of Anti Corruption cell, establishment of Lok Ayuktta, filling of vacant chairperson for Manipur State Human Rights Commission and also vacant members of the RTI commission and not the least, the strengthening of the State Vigilance department. The various activities of N. Biren Singh as the Chief Minister of Manipur reflected his aspiration to make or change the state of Manipur to a welfare state. There are other things like introduction of the CMHT, Go to village Mission, Go to Hill mission, which the Chief Minister launched to felicitate Health care facilities to the poor and also to provide all benefits that are provided for the poor people under various schemes of the India government. Indeed two years is a short period to take up so many programme for the welfare of the state. Perhaps, N. Biren's achievement in the two years of his government for the people of the state and the kind of appreciation that he gets from the common people of the state may be the reason for denial of replacing him.

The later part of two and half years of his government is going to be a tough period. Even though the dissidents BJP MLAs had defeated, the wind seems not settled yet in the N. Biren Singh led Ministry. People across the state as well as the center knows that N. Biren Singh was able to form the government with support from MLAs of other parties including one from the main opposition Congress Party which got 28 seats in the last assembly election. BJP got only 21 seats. Of these 21 BJP MLAs half the numbers have wage war for replacement of N. Biren Singh. These MLAs might felt humiliation in front of their voters of their respective constituency and if one analyzed the character of Elected representatives by conducting Indian Democracy election, almost all MLAs have some capacity to do anything good or bad.

Point bringing here is that, these dissidents will now stand as obstacles to whatever good programme being taken up by the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, as defaming him will justify and save them from the humiliations they face due to the recent defeat. As reported there are some Ministers who are among the dissidents BJP MLAs and these Ministers will in no way cooperate to the Chief Minister willingly. This suggestion is speculation but it is possible as we are human being. As of now majority of the Manipuri people both from the Hills and the plain like N. Biren Singh to be the Chief Minister. Except for those middlemen and middle women who act as bridge to the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh is still clean Politician with no scams or charges of criminal act. And besides, he only has one legal wife, that gave him support in every work he did.

Point wanted to bring here is that N. Biren Singh needs urgent reshuffle of his Ministry. Drop out those who will remain as obstacle and replace them with those who are loyal to the people of Manipur - no matter young or old. "In politics everything is possible", former Chief Minister Radhabinod Kotjam once said.

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Those Days, even teenage girl with baby on back were not spared

On the evening of 27th November, 1997, Miss Farida Begum (16) with her brother's baby on her back was buying cigarettes for her father from one Mohammed Tahir's shop at Chaobok Mairel Khul (a locality of Lilong under Thoubal District) at around 10 pm. No sooner when she was asking the cigarette, some army personnel numbering about 30 accompanied by some surrendered militants, who came from the army camp posted aside the Lilong Police Station, soon paraded towards the shop where she was buying things. At the same time, two other girls were also buying something from the same shop while some person are seen chattering near the shop as usual. Then to their surprised, those armies rounded up the shop and without asking anything they started destroying things kept in the shop. And after that they pull out the shop owner Mohammed Tahir and his son Mohammed Apik, and subsequently roughed up inhumanely.

At the same time, Farida Begum was whisked away some 500 mts. south of the shop. Moments later, gun shots were heard. Her relatives

rushed to the spot from which the sound came, and to their horror, they found Farida lying dead with the baby still on her back. Miraculously, the child survived the liquidation, but the scene was horrible. The baby's body was completely

prevented their Brig. Shri Rajendra Singh from going out of the post because the situation being tense. Official reports said that locals didn't allow the police to recover the dead body after the firing came to end.

armies soon kicked open the door where most of the womenfolk were hiding in fear. They were then beaten up black and blues. Later on, the house caught fire from the torches seized from the womenfolk by the army.

The father of the deceased Mohammed Chaoba, a police naik, when contacted by this writer on the following day told that he was informed about Farida's arrest by his son, Mohammed Atau Rahaman. He immediately hastened to the Lilong Police station and apprised the officer-in-charge, Mohammed Giasuddin about the situation. Surprisingly, the O.C. expressed his inability to take actions upon the army without the knowledge of the Thoubal S.P. Instead, he advised Mohammed Chaoba to file a case against the army. At this remark the latter told the former that he was in charge at that time, and it was his duty to locate the where about of the girl and under what condition at that moment she was in. Dejected, and disgusted with himself and unable to discharge his obligation as a policeman, he returned home only to find his dear daughter dead.



From the diary of Editor

smeared with human bloods. Cryingly enough, my dreamy and ~~filled my head~~ 'Che! Che! Ee! Ee!' (This means Sister! Sister! Blood! Blood!), said the appalled and shocked locals.

As the news spread the local people in wrath stormed the Lilong police station protesting against the killing. The agitators also surrounded the adjoining areas at where the army held their camp. Reliable source said, the army

The irate mob mostly women, with their torch on their hands dismantled the police station fences, took down sign boards and damaged a few numbers of police vehicles. The security personnel opened fire several rounds to put down the exasperated mob. Following it, they ran for cover and 30 of them hid near the foot of one house which belonged to Mohammed Sirajuddin just opposite to the station. But the

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PREPAK greets people of WASEA on 42nd Foundation Day Questions the rationale behind living under the shadow of colonial rule

Inconclusive issues and matters: History of the world tells us that making a revolution is not easy task. Revolutionary movement is very different from the normal life that many lead. If the necessary ingredients of revolution start lacking, it is natural that the revolutionary will also begin to fade. Given this, the revolutionary movement and the society have an intimate relationship. People of Kangleipak faced British colonialism in the 19th and 20th century. Today, we are facing the colonialism of a sectarian Indian state.

With this situation at hand, India is leading WESEA in an anti-revolutionary path to break the spine of the people of WESEA. India is cropping up rich contractors in WESEA who serve as compradors to exploit our resources and oppress the people. In name of trade and commerce, through WESEA illicit drugs and substances are smuggled and the place is being developed as a profitable market for these harmful substances.

Indian armed forces are taking advantage of this situation, using this conflict as a source of income. It is important that every community native to WESEA must understand this. WESEA has become a market where the world sell its cheap commodities and has become a transit point for drug trafficking. Indian military, police, political class and bourgeoisie are all involved in this. When British colonized China, the colonial masters made the Chinese youth addicted to Opium. The same is happening now in our land.

The newly emerging bourgeois class of WESEA are expanding their interest from the city centre to the outskirts. They are buying swathes of paddy lands, turing these

valuable paddy lands into farm houses, using these places to spread the epidemic of capitalism. It is made the situation more complicated. It is same as the anti-revolutionary movement waged by the landlord class of Russia, known as *Mir*, to dismantle the 1917 Russian revolution.

Indian colonial rule has curbed the educational institutes of WESEA and is oppressing this society. It is worth mentioning that Hitler's Nazi rule first attacked the educational institutes to oppress other communities. Colonial India has violated all human rights that people of WESEA deserve till today. Given this, India figured among countries with most cases of human rights violations in the recent 2019 list of United Nations. This clearly show India's back rule in WESEA. India masking herself as a democracy conducts authoritarian rule using AFSPA-1958, Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA)-2019 and National Security Act (NSA) in WESEA. India has violated the freedom of speech and expression that people deserve. Representatives of JAC, clubs and meira paibi, who are carrying forward the people's movement, are slapped with criminal cases to silence them.

What has been done to Kashmir is a clear act of Parliamentary Dictatorship. Kashmiris are now locked inside their homes, children have been detained, students are not going to the schools and there is a ban on media, a war has been waged against the people of Kashmir. Many countries and United Nation have opposed these measures. This savage Indian nationalism, democracy and Hindutva, in broad day light, are

making attempts to turn WESEA into 'mayang leipak' through Citizenship Amendment Bill. It wants to turn WESEA into a 'settler colony' with mayang becoming majority in native lands.

What stand we should take: Indian Occupational Forces have stamped the people under their boots and tortured the people at their gun point. It has now lasted almost 70 years. Not only this, their conspiracy to wipe the indigenous communities of WESEA out from the face this planet is now being brought up afresh. It has come to point where the people of Kangleipak are at verge of being wiped out from history of human civilization. In order to save ourselves from this devastation, we need to search the basis for our liberation and take the path of national liberation. In order to liberate our nation, we must wage an armed struggle against the enemy so that we do not get trapped by the enemy. People of the world will not take the sacrifice of the revolutionaries lightly and history will not forget their sacrifice.

Today, India is playing divisive politics in WESEA in order to ferment tension between different communities. In the name of development, India is snatching our natural resources and wealth. Oil, water, power and plants and herbs have been taken away from us using the might of the Indian Constitution. Given this condition, if we are dreaming of autonomy and share-sovereignty under the India system, it is a huge mistake. Now, Article 370 has been scrapped from Jammu and Kashmir. This matter compels us to be careful. All the communities in WESEA must understand that

we will find nothing in the constitution of India which will befitous. Communities in WESEA, which colonial India calls Northeast, must come together and collectively fight to regain the freedom that was snatched from us so that we can decide our own fate.

Losing sight at the face of divisive policies of the enemy, differences have emerged between compatriots, tension has been fermented and brothers are fighting brothers in Kangleipak. All these unbecomings are rotting the roots of our movement against Indian colonialism. If Indian armed occupation and Hindu cultural domination which has been going on for ages are not resisted, then India will eventually engulf the people of Kangleipak leaving no trace. Act East Policy, Trans Asian Highway and Railway will serve to wipe the indigenous people of the region out. With a racist population policy, India is bringing CAB to turn Kangleipak into 'mayang leipak'. The people of WESEA and organisations with the objective of national liberation must face the situation with seriousness. The people of Kangleipak must abandon the illusion that they will benefit from Indian constitution and we must save our society from the destruction caused by Hindutva. For this, the only way is to build an independent, progressive and an egalitarian Kanglei society. In order to achieve this goal, the people from both hill and valley must come together and take part in the national liberation struggle which lies in front of us. For this, we need to march towards the battle fronts of our revolutionary national liberation movement.

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