

Manipur under siege: Normalcy crippled, administration collapses, protest galore

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Manipur once more witnessed a total shut down with all form of lives put to a complete halt as people across the state particularly in Valley districts and some part of Hill districts cease normal lives and stage protest against any solution make between the NSCN-IM and the GoI that hurts the sentiment of the people of the state.

1000s of people formed Human chain and shouted slogan to protect the integrity of Manipur under the aegis of Coordination Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI). At Many places here in Manipur sit-in-protest were staged giving warning of serious consequences if any unwanted agreement is signed between the NSCN-IM and GoI.

Government offices, banks and other government set up remain shuts during the total shut down called by the COCOMI making the administration a total collapse.

National media report said that the stalemate over a separate flag have been resolved between the two however a separate constitution will be discussed later. The two entities are likely to sign the agreement at 8 pm today.

When thousands across the state are protesting any unwanted settlement brought between the two cadres of the NSCN-IM were seen praying at its camp at Hebron. There was also report about mass prayers at many churches in Naga dominated areas.

Facebook vlogger RK Ichantombi picked up

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Facebook vlogger, RK Ichantombi, who is being followed by over thousands of people was picked up by a police team today after she had uploaded her voice comment supporting the statement of Narengbam Samerjit and Yambem Biren who had declared to form an exile government of Manipur State Council.

She had openly supported the exile government which is punishable under the same section of the Indian Penal Code that has been applied to Samerjit and Biren.

An unconfirmed source also added that two other associate of Salai Holding Private Limited have also been picked up for questioning by the Imphal Police.



Coordination Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) is also organizing a mass rally today evening in protest against any -ve move by the government.

Sensing trouble state government has taken up various security measures across the state. Additional troop of CRPF have been deployed at many places in

Imphal besides cordoning of Major Government offices with barricades and barb wire. At present police have also alerted all security force to prevent any untoward accident.

Amidst the total shut down a 'Run for Unity' event was organised by the State Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry at the Khuman Lampak Sports

Complex. The Run for Unity marathon was flagged off by state Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Letpao Haokip in the presence of Education Minister Radheshyam Singh, Lok Sabha MP Dr RK Ranjan Singh, Chief Secretary of Manipur Dr Suresh J Babu and several top brass Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry officials.

PREPAK welcomes the exiled government

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Proscribed group People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) while welcoming the announcement by Yambem Biren and Narengbam Samerjit about a formation of an exile government expressed strong supports to them.

"The announcement of the independence of Manipur from India and the formation of a Government in Exile government called Manipur State Council on 29/10/2019 in London is whole heartedly supported by PREPAK", a statement said.

The statement said that after the annexation of Manipur by India in 1949, there have been various revolutionary movements, both democratic and armed, and even though

PREPAK believes in armed revolutionary movement, they have also been extending their trust and support on democratic ways to restore the nation's lost independence, said Leibaak Ngakpa Luwang, Secretary-in-charge, Publicity and Propaganda, PREPAK, in their statement. PREPAK believes that the restoration of the lost independence is only possible when people start participating in their own respective capabilities. The statement expresses PREPAK's support for the democratic step of Yambem Biren and Narengbam Samerjit by taking asylum in the United Kingdom and requests people to support it, considering it a part of the revolutionary movement. The armed rebel group recounts the 2000 years old history of Manipur ruled by 84 kings and

the event on September 21, 1949, when India forcefully made King Bodhachandra sign a merger agreement using military force without consulting the hill and valley people.

It further adds India announcing Manipur as a Part-C state on October 15, 1949, under the control of a Commissioner. After 70 years of their rule, people of Manipur have been living like slaves and facing the tortures of their draconian laws and black laws, says the statement. Adding to this, the rebel group says that various people of Manipur are now coming out openly against India's rule, expressing their desire to live with the taste of freedom even for a day instead of living this meaningless life.

This itself proves that it is a result of years of struggle by

various revolutionary groups, says PREPAK and further states that the successful development of freedom struggles in countries around the world is the right spirit of revolution and is possible only because of people's strength of unity. Only the strength of unity and truth can overthrow the colonial rule, not with divisive thoughts, adds the statement. In their latest statement, the armed rebel group further expresses that it is now clearly visible that the revolutionary movement for freedom that the people have been fighting to achieve for years is somewhat approaching its fruition because of the decision of the two respectable personalities. The statement concludes with PREPAK requesting the people of Manipur to support them in their movement.

2 Amur Falcon with satellite transmitters released

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Two Amur Falcon birds deployed with satellite transmitters were released today at Puching Village, Tamenglong, Manipur. Both the birds are female. The birds are named as 'Irang' and 'Puching', weighing about 155 gm and 195 gm respectively. The birds were released by the chairman of the village in presence of all the villagers. The satellite tagging activities are being carried out by Dr. Suresh Kumar and his team from Wildlife Institute of India in support of Tamenglong Forest Division, Forest Department, Manipur. Three more birds will be tagged in this season. Moreover, One juvenile Amur falcon, which was not suitable for tagging, is put with ring and was released.

Tagging exercise was carried out today morning by the Dr. Suresh Kumar and his team. It is historic as the all expert were



from India only this time.

The tagged birds were released By Dr. Suresh Kumar after a prayer from the pastor of Puching village for safe passage and in presence of Chairman Ramkhonang Gonmei, staff of Tamenglong Forest Division and large number of villagers at around 7.00 am.

It is history for Puching Village for the hunting ground of Amur falcon being transformed to Dancing ground for the Conservation of Amur falcon. It is an indeed proud moments for the village Authority of Puching, Tamenglong Forest Division, Rainforest Club Tamenglong, and Scientists of Wildlife Institute of India.

The team of Tamenglong Forest Division led by Shri Arun R S and Scientists led by Dr. Suresh Kumar of WII were camping in Puching since 21st October for GPS satellite transmitters to at least five Amur falcons this year. After several attempt with canopy mistnet yesterday three birds were captured. Out of the three two birds were selected for tagging.

NSCN-IM accepts Ravi's solution on 'Greater Nagalim', likely to sign agreement at 8 pm today

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National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) is believed to have accepted the solution offered by Centre's interlocutor RN Ravi on its demand for a 'Greater Nagalim', even as the stalemate over a separate flag and constitution continued. The matter about flag has been stated solved and it is likely that the agreement will be signed at 8 pm today, a report at Economic Times said. Two rounds of discussions held on Wednesday remained inconclusive and both sides would meet for another round of talks on Thursday, officials said.

The draft agreement between the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) and Centre's interlocutor, sources said, acknowledged equal rights and benefits for Nagas staying in Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh but didn't offer its integration with Nagaland.

The map of 'Greater Nagalim' on the NSCN-IM website comprising 'all Naga-inhabited areas' shows

120,000 sq km across the Northeast and Myanmar.

The demand for Nagalim has always created agitations in Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. "As per the proposal, Nagas staying in Manipur, Assam or Arunachal will benefit from the accord," a senior Naga leader told ET.

About the demand for a separate flag, a senior NSCN-IM leader said: "This is a complicated situation. Formulations could not be completed on Wednesday. There will be another round of discussions with a 15-member delegation on Thursday. We are hoping for a positive outcome."

An all-party Manipur delegation is expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah

over the issue.

Deputy CM Y Joykumar is leading the 20-member delegation.

Several organisations and political parties in Manipur are demanding an assurance that Centre should protect the state's territorial integrity.

There is apprehension in Manipur that the conclusion of talks may affect state. In 2001, Manipur went up in flames and even the state legislative assembly was targeted.

Many people lost their lives when the ceasefire between the Centre and NSCN-IM was extended without territorial limit.

On Wednesday, Kuki groups took out a rally in Churachandpur in Manipur seeking protection of their land.

Minister's wife seeks action for defaming her husband on social media

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Wife of Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar

Mrs. Thounaonjam Ongbi Babita is all set to take action against the persons who had uploaded photo of her husband posing with DJ Soda taken at Delhi Airport by writing post that both are leaving for a trip to Germany. Talking to Imphal Times, Babita said that she is taking the matter seriously as it is no difference from assassinating the character of her husband. Recalling on how the photo had taken Babita said that she along with her husband, son and daughter happened to be on the same flight that DJ Soda fled from New Delhi. As DJ Soda being an international

celebrity was given accompanied as my husband being a Minister of the state where she visited.

"Myself along with family took many photographs at the Airport before we departed", Babita said.

The misleading photo was spread through social media - Facebook and Whatsapp was found to be uploaded by one Sinam Phajaton (Facebook Identity) and after she found the post Babita made an oral complaint to the Police.

"I will teach those spreading misleading information a lesson so that they don't repeat such action in the future" Babita said while talking to Imphal Times. Babita also sent many other photos taken with DJ Soda and her family members.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed at Chandel District

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All over the country the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is being observed as the National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with the theme "RUN FOR UNITY".

As observed all over the country, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, was also observed in Chandel District today. As part of the observance a "Run for Unity" was organised by the Nehru Yuva Kendra in coordination with the District Administration Chandel, from indoor stadium to the Mini secretariat. The event was flag off by the Deputy commissioner Chandel, Krishna kumar.

As part of the observance wreaths and floral tributes were paid to the photograph of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Rashtriya Ekta Pledge were also taken at a function organised at the Mini secretariat, Chandel.

On the occasion sports items which were sponsored by the Nehru Yuva Kendra were distributed by the Deputy Commissioner to several Youth Clubs and the Schools of the district.

Today's function was attended by Superintendent of Police Chandel N. Madhuni, MP, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. A. Chinlenkhomba Meitei, SDOs, SDCs, DHOs, students and any officials and public of the district.