

‘Step back from the Edge’: An appeal for peace in Manipur

NEW DELHI, JUNE 26 (MExN): A group of 112 citizens, academics, activists, faith leaders, writers, journalists, trade unionists and civil society organisations on June 26 issued a joint appeal urging all communities in Manipur to “step back from the edge” and prevent the ethnic conflict from widening into a larger confrontation involving multiple communities.

The appeal, titled “Step Back from the Edge: A Citizens’ Appeal for Peace, Justice and Sisterhood in Manipur”, was released on the 51st Commemoration Day of India’s Political Emergency and expressed concern over the deteriorating security situation in the state, where violence that began in May 2023 between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities has recently seen tensions involving Naga and Kuki groups.

The signatories said Manipur has endured more than three years of violence, displacement, militarisation, fear and social division, citing reports of abductions, killings, retaliatory mobilisation, shutdowns, forced displacement and deepening mistrust.

They mourned those killed from Kuki-Zo, Meitei, Naga and other communities, acknowledging the displacement and insecurity faced by Kuki-Zo people, the grief among

Nagas over abductions and killings, including church-linked persons, and the losses suffered by Meitei families. They also expressed concern for women, children, workers, the elderly and smaller communities caught in the conflict.

The appeal strongly condemned the abduction and killing of civilians, saying hostages and detainees must not be used as bargaining tools and should be released unconditionally. It also welcomed the recent release of 14 Kuki detainees from Naga custody, describing it as an important gesture that demonstrated the possibility of restraint and reconciliation.

Warning against the conflict being reframed into wider ethnic and religious divisions, the signatories said unresolved issues relating to constitutional protections, land rights, state accountability, minority security and democratic governance risked being overshadowed.

The appeal said the violence could undermine decades of peace initiatives in the Northeast, including the Indo-Naga peace process that began with the 1997 ceasefire, and urged the Centre to preserve public faith in negotiated political settlements.

The signatories called on all armed groups and village defence

formations to immediately stop attacks on civilians, release all civilian detainees and hostages, disclose the whereabouts of missing persons, halt hate propaganda, respect places of worship and allow humanitarian access. They also appealed to women’s organisations to once again play a leading role in peacebuilding.

The appeal demanded that the Union and Manipur governments protect lives without discrimination, prevent armed mobilisation, recover looted and illegal weapons, investigate all killings and restore public confidence.

It further sought an impartial, credible and time-bound peace process involving Kuki-Zo, Meitei, Naga, Pangal, Mising, Hmar and other affected communities, with participation from women, church bodies, tribal institutions, student organisations, human rights groups, displaced persons and independent mediators.

The signatories also called for a judicially monitored probe into all major incidents of violence since May 2023, including killings, sexual violence, arson, destruction of places of worship, enforced disappearances, custodial abuse and the role of armed groups, security forces and

political actors.

The appeal sought urgent tracing of missing persons, dignified return of mortal remains, witness protection, psychosocial support for survivors, compensation based on need rather than ethnicity, safe humanitarian corridors, restoration of education, rebuilding of homes and protection of displaced persons without forcing their return.

It also urged religious institutions, women’s groups, students, trade unions, teachers, artists, journalists and civil society organisations to create local peace initiatives and appealed to the media and social media users to refrain from circulating unverified or inflammatory content.

The statement concluded that “the lives of Kuki-Zo people matter, the lives of Naga people matter, the lives of Meitei people matter,” and urged every community to reject “the script of mutual destruction”, while calling on the people of India not to ignore Manipur’s crisis.

The appeal was facilitated by the South Asian Solidarity Collective, Friends of the Earth (India) and the Delhi Solidarity Group.

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Nagaland invites public feedback on Labour Codes Rules

KOHIMA, JUNE 26 (MExN): The Nagaland Department of Labour has invited claims, objections, suggestions and comments from stakeholders on the draft Rules framed under the Labour Codes, which have been uploaded on the department’s official website for public consultation.

In a public notice, the department informed employers, employees, trade unions, establishments, organisations and members of the general public that the draft Rules are available on its official website for information and feedback.

The department said all stakeholders may submit their claims, objections or suggestions in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice.

Representations should clearly mention the relevant section or rule of the draft along with the justification or suggestions for consideration, it said.

The department said submissions may be sent to labcomm-ngl@nic.in.

It also appealed to all stakeholders to participate in the consultation process, stating that their cooperation and feedback would help ensure the effective implementation of the Labour Codes in the state.

NPCC PAC adopts 3-point resolution on Naga issues

KOHIMA, JUNE 26 (MExN): The Political Affairs Committee (PAC) of Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) on Thursday unanimously adopted a three-point resolution, raising concerns over delays in implementing peace agreements, the tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA), and demanding public disclosure of the recent oil exploration MoU signed with Government of India and Assam.

At a meeting held at Congress Bhavan in Kohima, the PAC urged the Government of India to demonstrate its commitment and sincerity to the people of Nagaland by implementing an honourable and acceptable political solution without further delay, stated

an update received here.

The committee took serious note of the delay in implementing the Framework Agreement and the Agreed Position by the GoI and “the dubious role of the State Government in demanding a Political Interlocuter at the ministerial level,” a demand that will only turn the clock back to where it started.

Expressing that the delay in implementing the tripartite MoA for the creation of the FNTA is “unacceptable,” the PAC held both the Union and state governments fully responsible for the issues that have emerged post-signing. It urged both governments to show sincerity and urgency in resolving contentious matters to fulfil the aspirations of the people in the Eastern Nagaland

Peoples’ Organisation (ENPO) areas.

On the recent tripartite MoU signed between Assam, Nagaland and the Ministry of Home Affairs to restart crude oil and natural gas exploration along the disputed border belt, the PAC acknowledged that oil exploration is the need of the hour given the state’s economic condition.

However, it demanded that the contents of the MoU be made public, cautioning that any “sellout” of the state’s rights over land ownership and revenue would not be acceptable.

The resolution was adopted by a committee comprising Working Presidents Khriedi Theunuo and C Apok Jamir, Vice President Capt GK Zhimomi, and General Secretary N Yona Konyak.

Longon vows to serve people as new Tax Advisor

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The Naga People’s Front (NPF), Noklak Division, on Friday organised a thanksgiving and felicitation programme in honour of P Longon following his appointment as Advisor for the Department of Taxes, Government of Nagaland. The programme was held at his residence in Noklak.

Longon, who earlier served as Minister for Health and Family Welfare from 2015 to 2018, expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio for entrusting him with the new portfolio. He described the appointment as an honour not only for him but for the community as a whole.

Terming the responsibility

an opportunity to serve the people, Longon said holding a portfolio was “like a shed that provides shelter to the people.” He acknowledged the significance of the responsibility entrusted to him and sought the continued cooperation and support of party workers in carrying out his duties effectively.

He also thanked the party leadership, workers and supporters for the felicitation, expressing appreciation for their trust and confidence. Reaffirming his commitment, Longon pledged to discharge his responsibilities with dedication while working for the welfare and development of the people.

Speaking on the occasion, Joint Commissioner of Taxes Imosong highlighted the functions and objectives of the De-

partment of Taxes. He said the department’s primary responsibility is to mobilise and collect revenue for the government, adding that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented across India on July 1, 2017.

Short speeches were delivered by NPF Noklak Division President Weisang, Noklak Division In-charge Vice-President S Chollen, and KTC President L Ngong. They congratulated Longon on his appointment and expressed confidence in his leadership.

The programme was attended by members of the NPF Noklak Division Parent Body, Women Wing, Youth Wing and Farmer Wing, along with representatives of the NPF 56th Noklak Assembly Constituency and party workers.

3rd batch of coaching sponsorship prog begins in Aghunato

DIMAPUR, JUNE 26 (MExN): The third batch of the coaching sponsorship programme under 34 A/C Aghunato has commenced under the leadership of G. Ikuto Zhimomi, Advisor for Land Resources, Government of Nagaland.

The programme is being sponsored through the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) Fund as part of efforts to support youth through education and career development.

A press release stated that the initiative has recorded positive outcomes through its first two batches, with several beneficiaries securing appointments through the Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC), Nagaland Staff Selection Board (NSSB) and various departmental examinations.

Encouraged by the results, the third batch has been launched to provide aspiring candidates with an opportunity to prepare for competitive examinations under professional guidance.

Nagaland to administer oral polio vaccine to over 1.40 lakh children

KOHIMA, JUNE 26 (MExN): Nagaland will observe National Immunization Day (NID) on June 28, with a target to administer oral polio vaccine (OPV) to 1,43,530 children under the age of five across all districts, a health official said on Friday.

The campaign is part of India’s nationwide effort to sustain its polio-free status, which the country has maintained since 2014. State Immunization Officer Dr Imkong Temsu Longchar, in a press release, emphasised that all children in the age group must receive two drops of OPV, irrespective of their previous vaccination history, to prevent the re-introduction of the virus from endemic countries.

“These drops are safe, free and essential to protect our children from the crippling effects of poliomyelitis,” Dr Longchar stated. “If exposed to the virus, it can cause lifelong paralysis and disability,” he added underlining the need for continued vigilance.

The immunization drive will be conducted on June 28 from 8 AM to 3 PM at designated polio booths. To ensure no child is missed, health workers will mark the left little finger of each child with indelible ink (non-toxic) after administering the vaccine. This simple step helps track coverage and guarantees that every child receives protection, Dr Longchar stated.

The directorate has ap-

pealed to parents and caregivers to bring their children to the nearest booth. It has also called upon civil society organizations, faith leaders, village councils, Lions Clubs, Rotary International, the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), and other community bodies to actively participate in awareness and mobilization efforts.

“Your trusted voices and networks are vital to ensure 100% coverage and to reinforce the importance of protecting every child,” the release added, urging the community to support health workers in safeguarding the future of the state’s children and keeping India polio-free.

Chümoukedima DCPU informs on abandoned newborn boy

CHÜMOUKEDIMA, JUNE 26 (MExN): The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Chümoukedima has issued a public notice seeking the biological parents, legal guardian or any lawful claimant of an abandoned newborn boy found in the district earlier this week.

According to the notice issued by District Child Protection Officer Nikito Zhimomi, the male infant, estimated to be about three days old, was found on June 24 at the local ground of 5th Mile Model Village in Chümoukedima.

The child was subsequently produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Chümoukedima, under the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the notice said.

The department has appealed to any person claiming to be the child’s biological parent, legal guardian or having any lawful claim over the infant to contact the District Child Protection Unit or appear before the Child Welfare Committee with valid documentary proof within the period prescribed under law.

The notice stated that if no lawful claimant comes forward within 60 days from the date of publication of the notice, further action will be taken in accordance with the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and the Adoption Regulations, 2022.

For further information, the public may contact the District Child Protection Unit, Chümoukedima, at 8787435019 or email dcpu-chumoukedima@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Bipemo R Jungi** son of **Renbhamo N Jungi**, residing at Bhandari Town Wokha, Nagaland, do hereby change my name from **Bipemo R Jungi** to **Bibemo R Jungi** for all future purposes Regd. No. **593/2026**, vide Affidavit dated: **18/05/26**, sworn before Notary Public at Dimapur, Nagaland.

Zunheboto DC urges accurate enumeration ahead of Census 2027

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A consultative meeting on Census 2027 was held at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner in Zunheboto on June 25, with district officials calling for accurate population enumeration and the cooperation of all stakeholders to ensure a transparent and error-free census exercise.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Principal Census Officer Dharam Raj, IAS, and attended by representatives of major civil society organisations, including the Sümi Hoho, Sümi Kukami Hoho, Sümi Totimi Hoho, Sümi Kiphimi Kuqhakulu, Zunheboto Town GB Association (ZTGBA), and all Gaon Bura (GBs) from villages under Zunheboto Sadar.

Addressing the gathering, Raj stressed the importance of authentic census data, stating that “there is no choice regarding delimitation” and emphasised that proper and accurate popu-

lation figures are essential to ensure every region receives its rightful and equitable share.

He also cautioned against duplication or multiple entries in the census, urging village authorities and civil society organisations to ensure that every individual is counted only once.

The deputy commissioner said accurate census data is critical not only for administrative planning but also for the equitable distribution of government resources, implementation of welfare schemes and future political representation.

He appealed to all stakeholders to extend full cooperation to make the Census 2027 exercise transparent, accurate and successful.

Representatives of the participating civil society organisations reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the census process and assisting the district administration in ensuring smooth conduct of the nationwide enumeration exercise.



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DH Dimapur updates official contact number

DIMAPUR, JUNE 26 (MExN): The Office of the Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Dimapur has informed that the hospital’s official contact number has been changed to 9383156227. In a notification, the Medical Superintendent stated that the number will serve as the hospital’s official phone number and is also available on WhatsApp. The public may contact the number for assistance and information related to the District Hospital, Dimapur.

Rio announces new NPF central office bearers

KOHIMA, JUNE 26 (MExN): Naga People’s Front (NPF) president and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has appointed new central office bearers of the party for the 2025-2030 tenure. In an appointment order issued from the NPF Central Headquarters in Kohima, Rio said the appointments were made in exercise of the powers conferred upon him under Clause 7(a) of Article V of the party’s Constitution. According to the order, Langhu Paulhning Anal has been appointed as the party’s Working President, while Joseph Adani and Johnson Ankang have been appointed as Vice Presidents.

NSCN (Khangō–Vusshe) raises concern over tripartite oil MoU

DIMAPUR, JUNE 26 (MExN): The NSCN (Khangō–Vusshe) on Friday raised concern over the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on June 11, 2026, between the Governments of Assam, Nagaland and the Union Government, for exploration and development of crude oil and natural resources in areas falling within or adjoining the Disputed Area Belt (DAB).

In a statement issued here by its MP, the NSCN (Khangō–Vusshe) cautioned that any initiative involving land and resources in areas where ownership remains contested must not be treated as a mere economic exercise. The group asserted that such matters are “intrinsically linked to history, identity, customary ownership, and the political rights of indigenous peoples.”

Referring to the Article 371A of the Constitution of India, which recognizes and safeguards Naga customary laws, social practices, and ownership rights over land and its resources, the group said, “These protections are not symbolic provisions but fundamental safeguards reflecting the unique historical and political circumstances of the Naga people.” It also maintained that “any arrangement, policy, or agreement that may directly or indirectly affect these

constitutional guarantees must be subjected to careful scrutiny to ensure that the spirit and intent of Article 371A remain fully respected and preserved.”

The NSCN (Khangō–Vusshe) underscored that genuine development cannot be pursued at the expense of historical rights or unresolved political issues. It emphasized that sustainable progress can only be achieved with the “confidence, participation and consent” of the people whose lands and resources are involved.

It reiterated that the Nagas have “never relinquished their inherent rights over their ancestral lands” and that their “history, identity, culture and territorial heritage of the Naga people remain inseparable from their collective consciousness and political aspirations.”

It cautioned that any attempt by individuals, organizations, or external forces to exploit prevailing circumstances for territorial, political, or strategic advantage at the expense of Naga interests would be viewed with “utmost seriousness.”

While acknowledging the desire of both Assam and Nagaland to pursue economic growth and developmental opportunities, the NSCN (Khangō–Vusshe) urged the governments to approach the issue with “utmost caution, transparency and accountability.”



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