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## Driver murder case: Angry mob storms police station

**Kohima, Sep. 6 (EMN):** Following the arrest of the alleged main accused in the September 2 killing of a taxi driver and subsequent detention of two more persons this morning in Kohima in connection with the case, an irate mob on Wednesday stormed the capital town's South Police Station (PS) demanding to 'see the prisoners.'

Initially, taxi drivers under the banner of the All Nagaland Taxi Association (ANTA) had gathered at the Raj Bhavan junction, angered by what they stated the police 'giving contradicting information' about the whereabouts of the three accused persons. They claimed that while some police officials said that the accused had been taken down to Dimapur Central Jail, some reportedly said they were being held in Kohima.

Taxi services in Kohima came to a halt as the crowd grew and turned into an angry mob. They later marched to South PS.

The police cordoned off the entry to the police station. The officer-in-charge tried to reason with the crowd. He explained that two more accused were apprehended this morning by Kohima police, but the investigation would be conducted by Chiephobozou police as the 'main case was filed in Chiephobozou PS.' However, the crowd ignored the



An angry mob demanding to 'see' the persons accused in the murder of a taxi driver seen here storming south police station in Kohima. The police have said that the accused persons were habitual offenders.



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explanation and insisted on 'seeing' the three accused.

By late afternoon, relatives of the victim along with youths of their community joined the crowd and the number swelled to several hundreds. The mob then forced their way through the gate of the police station and stormed into the building while the clearly outnumbered police stood and watched helplessly.

After failing to locate the accused in the police station's lock-up, the crowd regrouped outside the PS building, but officials of the ANTA, Chakhesang community and the victim's family members who held a swift meeting with the subdivisional police officer (south) and other police officers at the police station managed to pacify the crowd and dispersed them.

The ANTA's President Vibasetuo Solo and SDPO (south) Atu Zumvu informed separately that the protesters had served a 4-point demand: to provide ex gratia to the family of the victim; not to

grant bail to any of the accused under any circumstances; capital punishment for the culprits, and a fast track investigation.

It was also informed that the ANTA will have an 'open meeting' near the Raj Bhavan on Thursday at 9 am where the decision for its next step of agitations will be discussed and finalized.

**All three accused are habitual offenders, says police**

Kohima police on Wednesday issued a press release stating that the three persons arrested in connection with the murder of Kohima-based taxi driver Swüdüve Nakro were found to be habitual offenders.

Summarizing the findings of the case, police said one of the accused, identified as Toishe Aye (28) of Zhekiye village and resident of 'A' Khel colony in Satakha town under Zunheboto district was caught along with the victim's missing taxi by Satakha police on September 4 and were subsequently handed over to Kohima police.

Following this, Kohima police ap-

prehended two more accused of the case, namely, Daniel Yimchunger (31) of Mukanchim village (not recognised) under Peren district and a resident of Supply Colony in Kohima's PR Hill colony, and Avito Zhotso (41) of Jakhama village and a resident of Upper PR Hill Kohima.

According to the police, during the house search of accused Daniel Yimchunger, '83 Nos of blank demand notes of vehicle Tax (2017-2018) issued by the Government of the People's Republic of Nagaland, NSCN/GPRN (K), 3 Nos of detached blank information slips for union traders and contractors (yearly tax of 2017-2018) issued by Government of the People's Republic of Nagaland, NSCN/GPRN (K) were recovered and seized. Also, one Maruti Alto 800 (white) bearing registration number NL01H/9287 belonging to the third accused, Avito, which was used for proceeding to Satakha on September 2 last and returning back to Kohima on September 3 was also seized.

According to the initial statement

given to the police by the three arrested persons, Toishe and Daniel stated to have connived and hired the said local taxi from PHQ Point Kohima at around 8 pm on September 2 on the pretext of proceeding to Wokha. After reaching Zheiyüzie at Chiechama village, the two accused reportedly asked the taxi driver to stop, at which point, Toishe took out a pistol to threaten Nakro. A scuffle was said to have followed, wherein the other accused, Daniel, hit the taxi driver on the head with a club of bamboo root, simultaneously resulting in the death of the latter. After dumping the dead body below a marketing shed, the culprits reportedly proceeded to Tseminyu and from there, Daniel called Avito, who was in Kohima.

When he (Avito) arrived at Tseminyu, the three of them stated to proceed to Satakha where accused Toishe stayed back with the victim's taxi while the other two returned to Kohima on September 3.

"The two accused Toishe Aye and accused Daniel Yimchunger have voluntar-

ily admitted before the police to have committed the murder with the motive to steal the local taxi and make easy money.

As per the police records, accused Toishe Aye who is a Captain of NSCN (K) is already found involved in Police Case for two counts of crime, once in 2008 at Mokokchung for illegal possession of arms and the other at South P.S Kohima in the year 2013 for extortion. The other accused Daniel Yimchunger who is a 2nd Lieutenant of NSCN(K) is also found to be involved in three count of crimes at South P.S Kohima in connection with extortion and illegal possession of firearms in the year 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively.

"The third accused Avito Zhotso is also found involved in South P.S Kohima case for three counts of crime committed in the year 2011, 2012 and 2015 relating to extortion, theft and robbery," the police release stated. The trio were said to have been produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate Kohima today and they are remanded into police custody for conduct of thorough investigation.

Meanwhile, Kohima police has assured that 'all possible efforts' will be made to ensure that a thorough investigation is conducted and charges are filed against the culprits appropriately.

## First Indo-Naga CF remembered amid calls for peace

**Kohima, Sep. 6 (EMN):** A solemn programme commemorating the first Indo-Naga Ceasefire which was declared between the government of India and the Federal Government of Nagaland (FGN) on the 6th of September 1964 through the initiative of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC), was held at Peace Camp Chedema on Wednesday.

How the 1964 event is still relevant to the present day generation, was the crux that was discussed at the event.

"I believe the ceasefire (1964) can be said to be the first sign of recognition by Delhi that a solution by suppression with superior



Niketü Iralu

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military force or economic development could not nullify the legal validity and legitimacy of the position that the Nagas has established," says peace activist and former NBCC Peace Committee chairman, Niketu Iralu.

He is of the view that today, the Nagas are observing an event that is historic for them.

While acknowledging that every Naga village has its story of its people 'who came out and gave everything', Iralu stated that any discussion around 'the ceasefire' is a discussion about the greatest, the most

meaningful and difficult experience of the Naga people at the most painful and difficult times.

"The Chief fact about the Naga struggle is that it cannot be treated by Delhi as an illegal, anti-India or anti-national struggle for secession from India- unlike the other liberation struggles that erupted in India after August 15, 1947. The Nagas had made their position clear before the British empire," he asserted.

Indirectly remarking on the division in the present Naga society on the lines of factions, tribes, organisations etc, the activist under-

scored that there is a dire need to emphasize the birth of Naga nationality to the younger generation as well as the need to redefine the prevailing Naga situation.

The most important questions the youth of today are asking, as per his observations, are: 'did our grandparents do the right thing in launching the Naga struggle? Was it necessary? Have the Nagas achieved anything or have we covered any distance forward?'

"Our honest answers to these questions will be the most important thing we will do for them and the future of the Naga struggle in the totally changed world in which they are going to live in their lives," Iralu said. He stated that the society and the highly challenging issues that the younger generation is inheriting from the older generation demand that the latter are truthful, realistic and free from their hates and prejudices.

"Year after year we, the older generation, have looked at what has happened during the past and made our own conclusion to reaffirm our long held

positions which we have defended," he pointed out, and stressed on the need for the leaders and elders to introspect whether they were honestly seeing themselves as others were. He felt that the Nagas are now at a point where things can be offered to them if they catch what God is trying to show them. If the leaders grasp this (point), he said, it will start a process where there would be less lies and less negative opinions about one another.

Iralu stated that the present generation was left with a difficult legacy, however, it is clear that sovereignty is not Nagas' problem but India's as Nagas know what sovereignty means to them.

Also making a reference to the Bible, he pointed out that the book of Genesis, chapter 4 has much relevance to the Naga society today.

The programme was chaired by SABAK executive secretary Rev. Hotkhu P Zhimomi, while a prayer for peace was pronounced by Wiswema Baptist Church pastor Rev. Puthavil Neikha.

## NPF unhappy at MP Rio 'impersonating Liezietsu'

**Dimapur, Sep 6 (EMN):** The Liezietsu-led group of Naga Peoples' Front (NPF) has alleged that Member of the Lok Sabha Neiphui Rio 'impersonated' Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu during a recent event.

The media cell of the NPF central issued a press release on Wednesday. "The Naga People's Front is shocked to read in the media the sheer audacity of former Nagaland chief minister and Lok Sabha MP Neiphui Rio impersonating the president of NPF Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu and attending the 2nd conclave of the North East Democratic Alliance at the national capital yesterday," the press release stated.

The "shameless and unmitigated insolence" in "projecting himself as a person he is not at the national level," and the "gall and temerity he has to impersonate the president of the NPF" is "obnoxious, revolting and incredible," the note stated.

The press release declared the NPF party to be a "responsible political party duly registered with the Election Commission of India and functions according to laid down constitutional norms, and not at one's whims and fancies." The office bear-

ers of the party, including the president, are appointed according to the provisions of the constitution of the party, it stated.

"And as far as the party and the ECI are concerned, the president of the Naga People's Front is Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu, and not a charlatan unable to decide whether he is of the Democratic Progress Party or would like to cling on to the political party from which he has been suspended," the press release stated. The group asserted further that the "unconstitutional government headed by TR Zeliang is on borrowed time and surviving through the mercy and largesse of the BJP government at the centre." But the courts of law, the press release went on, 'shall not be so generous...'

"The unholy duo of TR Zeliang and Rio, having failed to convince the legislators supporting them to merge with the BJP, may not find it very comfortable to convince the BJP High Command that everything is honky dory, and the bigger charade they have to pull off - convincing the Courts that they can fool everyone all the time - lies ahead of them in the weeks to come," the press release added.

## Kohima to impound stray dogs to improve 'capital's face'

**Our Correspondent Kohima, September 6 (EMN):** To keep a check on the ever increasing menace of stray dogs in Kohima town, the Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) in collaboration with Angami Students' Union (ASU), has come up with the dog impoundment law, which was formally announced on Wednesday by the deputy commissioner of Kohima Rajesh Soundararajan in the KMC's office premises.

The newly-introduced regulation also looks to improve the 'face of the state capital' as no dog would be allowed to wander around the town without its owner. Unattended dogs will be impounded by two trained KMC dog catchers. The regulation will be enforced from September 11, 2017. Any dogs found wandering will be caught and kept at the dog pound located at the KMC garage (KMC parking/ Chäü), the KMC's administrator Kethosituo Sekhose said. The official informed that

cages and nets will be used for catching dogs.

A dog once caught will be taken to the pound centre. However, dogs can be reclaimed by their owners during a statutory holding period of dogs which will be seven days at the maximum.

However, all the expenditure including food, medical care etc during the confinement period will be reimbursed or realized from the pet's owner, it was informed.

To reclaim a dog, the owner has to submit their identity proof, any ID, to maintain a register for entry of all particulars of the said dog. The time to claim a dog will be from 9 am to 1 pm on all working days, it was informed.

After expiration of the holding period, if the owner fails to claim their dog, the authority shall dispose of the dog as deemed fit. The KMC's administrator has informed about the option of even 'disposing the dog to any other person

who desires to own it and this may come with a price.'

Apart from the regular bill, the penalty for first offence under the law is fixed at Rs. 1000 while it is Rs. 1500 and Rs 2000 for the second and third offence. After the third penalty, it was informed that Rs. 1000 would be added for every subsequent time. Frequent defaulters would even be penalized to the extent of not being allowed to rear dogs anymore, according to the rules and regulations.

For strict implementation of the dog pound management, the ASU will also play a role while all the panchayats under the KMC have been informed to sensitize their respective areas in this regard.

The ASU's president, Visako Rino, has lauded the KMC saying that 'dog impoundment' was a positive step toward building a 'smart city.' Rino assured that the ASU will do its best to sensitize people on this newly introduced facility.

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

William Shakespeare

Mirror Takes



There's nothing like fetching water directly along from the road but filter and use okay, you can't trust government roads."

WEATHER TEMPERATURE	
KOHIMA	Max: 26° Min: 18°
DIMAPUR	Max: 36° Min: 23°
KOHIMA	RF: 3mm RH: 91%
DIMAPUR	RF: 0mm RH: 94%
* Rainfall (RF) * Relative humidity (RH) Temperature in State Capitals	
Aizawl	26° 21° Itanagar 30° 22°
Agartala	33° 26° Shillong 23° 18°
Gangtok	26° 17° Delhi 34° 25°
Guwahati	33° 25° Kolkata 34° 26°
Imphal	29° 21° Chennai 34° 26°