

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE  
MAMIT DISTRICT, MAMIT : MIZORAM**

No. SP/MMT/RO/Covid-19/2020/ 707

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**SPECIAL REPORT**

1. On 18.4.2020 @2040 hrs, the Officer-in-Charge, West Phaileng PS received information from the Post Commander, New Kawnpui BOP, Mamit Dist. that two police personnel of 5<sup>th</sup> IR Battalion namely C/276 Zairemmawia and C/405 Lalhrualtuanga who were performing Covid-19 border sealing duty at Thaidawr junction, Mamit Dist. were physically assaulted by a group of young Chakmas from Kawnpui-I village, Tripura at around 1700 hrs. The matter was informed to the SP, Mamit by ASP, Mamit at 2220 hrs and as instructed, SDPO West Phaileng and OC, West Phaileng PS proceeded to New Kawnpui on 19.4.2020. SP, Mamit also visited the PO alongwith ASP, Mamit on 19.4.2020 and held a meeting with the village leaders of Zomuantlang and Kawnpui-I.

From the preliminary enquiry, it was found that on 18.4.2020, two Indian Reserve police constables from New Kawnpui BOP were performing Covid-19 border sealing duty at Thaidawr junction in between Zomuantlang and Kawnpui-I village. 5 (five) persons comprising of 3 (three) Chakmas from Kawnpui-I and 2 (two) Brus from Zomuantlang were also performing duty on behalf of VLTF. VLTF duty is jointly performed by members from Zomuantlang and Kawnpui-I as decided by the joint meeting of the leaders of the two villages. The three Chakmas from Kawnpui-I, Tripura were reportedly playing cards the whole day. The police personnel repeatedly requested them to stop playing cards and to properly perform their duty. But the requests made by the police personnel later turned into a quarrel. One of the Chakmas suddenly ran into Kawnpui-I village and returned with a group of Chakmas and started beating the police personnel with bamboo sticks and firewood. The incident happened at around 1700 hrs. The police personnel suffered injuries and were brought to West Phaileng PHC for medical treatment on 19.4.2020. They were then taken to Aizawl for X-ray examination.

A prima facie case was found and hence, a criminal case was registered vide West Phaileng PS Case No. 6/2020 Dt.19.4.2020 u/s 186/326/332/333/353 r/w 34 IPC. A WT message was sent to the Officer-in-charge, Vangmun PS, Tripura requesting him to provide assistance in making arrest of 4 (four) identified accused persons namely- 1) Purnolal Chakma, 2) Santilal Chakma, 3) Mohanlal Chakma and 4) Bimal Chakma of Kawnpui-I PS: Vangmun, Tripura. Accordingly, Vangmun PS had arrested the following three accused persons namely- 1) Santilal Chakma (31) s/o Danya Charan Chakma, 2) Mohanlal Chakma (27) s/o Bakal Moni Chakma and 3) Bimal Chakma (19) s/o Rasikya Chakma of Kawnpui-I PS: Vangmun, Tripura on 19.4.2020. The arrested persons were forwarded to Jampui Hills PHC, Tripura for medical examination on 20.4.2020. It was reported that one of the accused persons, Santilal Chakma escaped from the custody of Tripura Police during medical examination.

Meanwhile, a team consisting SDPO, West Phaileng and OC, West Phaileng PS who is the case IO reached Vangmun PS on 20.4.2020 to take the two accused persons into their custody and to produce them before the Court of the Judicial Magistrate, Mamit District. They were carrying FIR copy, printed FIR integrated form, prayer for transit remand, non-bailable warrant of arrest issued by the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Mamit Dist. and all other relevant documents. Tripura Police told the case IO and SDPO, West Phaileng that the arrested persons will be produced before the Court by Tripura Police only as it is their jurisdiction and that Mizoram Police can take over after the Court hearing. In the meantime, DySP(Hqrs), Mamit also reached Kanchanpur .

Tripura Police then produced the 2 (two) arrested persons namely Mohanlal Chakma and Bimal Chakma before the Court of Shri Amarjit Dey, Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (SDJM), Kanchanpur, North Tripura on 20.4.2020 and submitting a prayer for transit remand at the behest of Mizoram Police. At the same time, the case IO accompanied by SDPO, Mamit and SDPO, West Phaileng also made several attempts to submit a separate prayer for transit remand before the court of

SDJM, Kanchanpur. However, the SDJM, Kanchanpur, refused to allow the case IO or any Police officers from Mizoram Police to enter the Court room during as well as after the Court hearing as a result of which they were denied the opportunity to even produce any legal documents including prayer for transit remand before the Court.

Despite the attempts made by Mizoram Police officers, the SDJM directed them to move out of the Court premises. As reported by the officers present there, the SDJM had released the two accused persons on bail despite they were charged under non-bailable sections of IPC. Besides, it was reported by the officers that the SDJM, Kanchanpur kept the accused persons inside the court premises till around 2210 hrs. The local Police who were helping the Mizoram Police also withdrew themselves from outside the court premises at around 1900 hrs. It was also reported that the two accused persons secretly fled from the court room during a sudden shut down of the lights of the court premises at 2230.

2. On 20.4.2020 5 (five) MSU leaders from MSU Gen. Hqrs, Aizawl, 15 (fifteen) MZP leaders and members from MZP Gen. Hqrs., Aizawl and 2 (two) ex-CYMA Office Bearers from Aizawl accompanied by 5 (five) MZP members from W. Phaileng proceeded to New Kawnpui and arrived at 1710 hrs. These NGO leaders were accompanied by Police personnel from Mamit DEF and 5<sup>th</sup> IRB posted at New Kawnpui BOP. Pu V.L. Lura Hauzel, 2<sup>nd</sup>-in-Command, 5<sup>th</sup> IR Bn. and SDPO, West Phaileng stationed at New Kawnpui BOP to monitor the situation. Police personnel were deployed as security duty at various places around the area to ensure peace and security. MRP Constables from Mamit DEF namely C/32 B. Sanglura and C/5 Joel Zodingsanga of West Phaileng PS were deployed to perform border scaling duty at Thaidawr junction.

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