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

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SPECIAL REPORT

As per information received, one kutchn house belonging to one Anil Chakma S/o Banimoy of Kawnpui-I, North Tripura was gutted by fire on the night of 20.4.2020 at around 2030 hrs. Regarding this incident, a team of Officials from Mamit District led by DC, Mamit and SP, Mamit visited Zomuantlang/Kawnpui-I today i.e. 21.4.2020 and held a meeting with the village leaders of both Zomuantlang and Kawnpui-I. A team from Mamit District and Tripura Police led by Addl. SP, North Tripura visited the site which is located in Tripura side of the border. It was learnt from Tripura Police that a case will be registered as and when FIR is received from the owner of the house, Anil Chakma. It may further be reiterated that the house is located at about 40 mtrs away from the border sealing point at Thaidawr junction.

It was found that when the incident took place, two volunteers from Zomuantlang Village Level Task Force namely Zarzoliana and Theithuiha and two MRP Constables namely C/32 B. Sanglura and C/5 Joel Zodinsanga of West Phaileng PS were performing Covid-19 border sealing duty at the said junction. It may also be mentioned that the owner of the house i.e Anil Chakma and family were away at the site of their jhum cultivation when the incident occurred. On sighting the house fire, the persons on Covid-19 duty also rushed to the site and found that some TSR personnel were also already present at the site. The house fire did not spread further as the house is located near the roadside and more or less isolated from the neighbouring houses. When the fire incident took place, Pu V.L. Lura Hauzel, 2nd-in-Command, 5th IR Bn. and SDPO, West Phaileng were stationed at New Kawnpui BOP.

During the visit, the Village Council leaders informed us that one Nogendro (23) S/o Lalrinsanga of Asapara, Dharmanagar Dist., Tripura who is stranded at Zomuantlang was also physically assaulted by the Chakmas during the incident on 18.4.2020 as he was accompanying one of the police personnel to collect food from the BOP. It was also reported that the Chakmas had snatched a sum of Rs. 20,000/- from his possession which he kept inside his bagpack. The veracity of the incident is being investigated into.

Kawnpui-I remain peaceful and sufficient deployment of forces have been made by both Mizoram Police and Tripura Police. While visiting the incident site, no information/allegation against any particular community over the incident has been received from the local residents and Tripura Police. However, it is observed that some people are trying to incite communal tension in the region by spreading rumours and baseless allegations against specific groups/community through social media. It is learnt from reliable witnesses that the Mizo teams comprising of MZP, MSU and YMA who visited New Kawnpui on 20.4.2020 had left New Kawnpui much earlier before the fire incident took place.

The situation is kept under close watch.

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