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Dated Aizawl, the <sup>th</sup> 8 May, 2020.

To,

1. The Dy. Inspector General of Police (CID), Mizoram.
2. The Sr. Superintendents of Police, CID (SB).
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**Subject:** *Post lockdown: Suggested precautionary security measures on communal front - regd.*

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of message vide No.16/C(R1)/2020 (1)-1323 dt.30.04.2020 received from Joint Director, Criminare, New Delhi on the subject cited above for information and necessary action.

**Encl:** As above.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Post lockdown: Suggested precautionary security measures on communal front

In the present situation fraught with COVID-19 pandemic, parts of the country are witnessing a fragile communal ambience with high level of distrust, suspicion, anger and alienation between Muslim community in general and non-Muslims, mainly Hindus.

2. Allegations of COVID-19 infection spread by Tabligh Jamaat (TJ) workers, indecent conduct of quarantined/hospitalised Muslims with medical and police personnel, violation of lockdown norms, insistence on Namaz in mosques or in groups and attacks on medical teams/police working for safety of their health developed a sense of anger among Hindus towards TJ in particular and Muslims in general. Meanwhile, reports/rumours of infecting fruits/vegetables/currency and even water resources by Muslims at some places have further created suspicion towards them, as deliberate attempt by Muslims to spread the virus. Cyberspace buzzing with such contents, coupled with calls for socio-economic boycott of Muslims, had its effect on psyche of a section of Hindus, which prompted them to prevent Muslims from venturing in their areas as well as sale by Muslim vendors/hawkers at some places.

3. On the other hand, initial portrayal of TJ by media as prime carrier of virus in the country, narrative in social media against Muslim

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community holding it responsible for spread of virus and calls of economic boycott having its effect at some places has disenchanted a large section of Muslims. They apprehend that economic boycott of their community might continue and further intensify after termination of lockdown, impacting their livelihood. Besides, registration of cases against TJ leadership, arrest of some Muslims for their involvement in riots in North East Delhi (February 23-25) has deepened the sense of despair amongst a large section of Muslims, already perturbed over developments ranging from CAA, RJB/BM verdict, Triple Talaq, etc. They have also viewed Prime Minister's call for lighting earthen lamps/candles as imposition of Hindu traditions on them.

4. Meanwhile, certain other developments like attempts to portray present circumstances as discrimination against Muslims on religious ground by some Muslim organisations/vested elements in international arena, especially Gulf countries, and appeal for trade boycott of India, besides anti-India comments by some prominent Muslim personalities has further antagonised Hindus, who have now started suspecting patriotic credentials of such Muslims. Lynching of two Hindu saints and their driver by mob in Palghar district of Maharashtra and subsequent narratives built by various sections of media has further enraged Hindus. Besides, permission to open some shops with the onset of Ramzan in spite of continuation of lockdown has annoyed a section of Hindus, as they viewed it as appeasement of Muslims. On the other hand, vested elements have been successful in increasing level of resentment among Muslims by circulating fake news of ban on Azaan in their holy month of Ramzan, which has shown its considerable effect in several states.

5. Present distrust and anger has already led, since the announcement of lockdown, to 26 communal incidents (Bihar & West Bengal-5 each, Uttar Pradesh-4, Jharkhand-3, Maharashtra & Rajasthan-2 each, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh-1 each) resulting in death of five persons and injuries to around 80 others across the country, besides a large number of cases and arrests in connection with communally targeted comments on social media. In such a state of charged passions along communal lines, during inter-mingling of people from both the communities post lockdown, slightest provocation like teasing, targeted comments, bias along communal lines in economic transactions or cow-slaughter, etc. might lead to communal clashes. Probability of such communal confrontations is high in areas, which remained COVID hot-spots or which have been witness to instances having communal overtones during the lockdown. Though during Ramzan, reactions from Muslims'

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side might not be forthcoming, but violation of social distancing norms during Namaz or in markets may evoke protests from Hindu side, thereby ushering in communal confrontations.

6. In view of the afore-mentioned, adequate vigil and security arrangements would be required in the areas which are communally sensitive, have majority Muslim population or mixed one and especially which are Corona hotspots, besides those which have witnessed instances of communal nature in lockdown period. A close watch would also be required over attempts to disturb the communal harmony through circulation of provocative or communally targeted contents on Social Media. Active involvement of Community Liaison Groups and credible local personalities would be required to promote maintenance of communal amity.

7. Our officers in the field shall promptly communicate inputs of relevance to State authorities having impact on law and order situation.

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