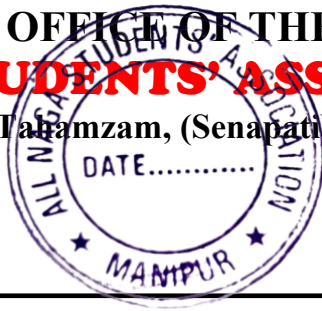




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Greetings from the office of All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM) to all the esteemed fraternities from different media house.

Esteemed office of the United Nations(UN), Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organizations(UNPO) and self determined Nations of the World. Here and again, the Naga people speaks up for our legitimate and inherent rights.

Nagas have been living in their own God's given homeland since time immemorial as a free people in our own way having traditional system and customs much before the birth of India as a nation in 1947 and Myanmar erstwhile Burma in 1948 respectively as a sovereign people without any external dominance. We don't want somebody's land and we never tried to craps or control even a piece of land that belongs to other, likewise, we don't want anybody for that matter any external forces having control over our land. We are the master of our land and we will never accept and surrender to such monstrous force no matter how big they are.

An arbitrary Imposed (imaginary) Indo-Myanmar Border (IMB) - A Historical Injustice to the Naga people:

It may be reminded that, in the 1950s, a grave historical injustice was slapped to the Naga people by arbitrarily dividing the Nagas' homeland by the then Prime Minister Jawaharal Nehru and the then Prime Minister U Nu is indeed a painful tyrant act to be recalled. Therefore, for the Nagas, scrapping of FMR and Border fencing construction is just like a rubbing salt in the old wound which is highly unacceptable act of dehumanization.

Disruption of Peaceful Co-existence - Scrapping of FMR & Border Fencing:

As such, abrupt abrogation of FMR and construction of physical border fencing along the imaginary IBM has adversely impacted and disrupted the natural flow of community and familial interdependent relationship which is an intrinsic aged old tie of the people living straddle in border areas are at stake and facing a series of problems without any remedy. In many areas, there are instances of a family holding land on both sides of the border wherein, resulting in denial of access to their own ancestral lands. Ironically, it runs through the house of Longwa village chief leaving the sleeping rooms in the Indian border and the kitchen falling in Myanmar.

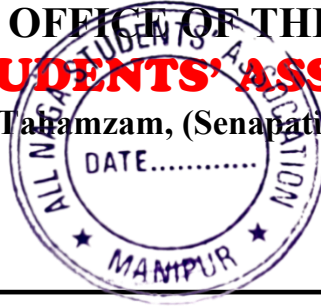
Scrapping of FMR & Border Fencing in the pretext of Drugs and Illegal Immigrants – An Illogical Move:

The lop-sided narrative of the Government of India and the state government of Manipur for ending the FMR and the construction of Indo- Myanmar border fencing/wall along the imaginary borders has displeased many frontier communities. Rather, the government should first clean their system that is harboring and supporting the menace. ANSAM implore the leadership of GoI to end the hide and seek game employed by MHA and roll back the policy of scrapping FMR and construction of border fencing.



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Scrapping of FMR & Border Fencing – Contradiction to UNDRIP:

India being ratified nation to the United Nation Declaration on the rights of Indigenous People should also respect without contradiction, what has guaranteed the rights for the peoples living straddle in the international borders as in Article 36; “Indigenous peoples, in particular those divided by international borders, have the rights to maintain, and develop contacts, relations and cooperation, including for spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social purposes, with their own members as well as others peoples across orders”. Thus scrapping of FMR and forced construction of fencing amidst the Naga homeland is a sheer contradiction to the UNDRIP wherein the India is signatory to.

Way forward – Respecting Historical and Traditional Boundary & Logical Conclusion of Indo-Naga Political Conflict based on Framework Agreement.

While respecting the sentiment of the government of India, we would like to put on record plainly that the plea of the Association is not an antithesis to the policy of India nor an anti-India campaign because respecting the historical and traditional boundary of Nagas in regard to IBM will serve a fair dividend to both the Nagas and the GoI in the long run, as we embark on the relationship of peaceful co-existence with mutual respect. Therefore, instead of symptomatic treatment over the chronic issues in the region, GoI must sincerely engage on the negotiating table to resolve the protracted Indo-Naga political issue logically based on Framework Agreement that would serve as a permanent solution to various problems and usher in peace in the north-eastern states of India.

And, if at all, the Indo-Myanmar Border is to be fenced for the reason best known to the Government of India, proper demarcation of actual border line based on historical and traditional boundary should precede to any physical construction work to avoid an irreparable ramification and unprecedented uprising of the people.

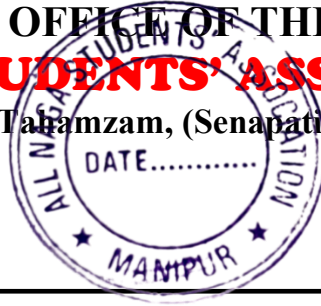
Peoples’ Movement Against the Scrapping of FMR and Border Fencing:

At the backdrop of offensive actions employed by the government of India upon the rights and security of our land and people, this Peoples’ Movement is launched by the All Naga Students’ Association, Manipur as the voice and conscience of people backed by Naga apex bodies; United Naga Council (UNC), Naga Women Union (NWU) and its constituent and subordinate Units to register our sentiment and our collective stance over the issue of existential threat to the Nagas.



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The office of ANSAM also seriously viewed and condemned the high handed actions of officers like the Superintendent of Police and Additional Superintendent of Police, Senapati District who have blatantly challenged and disrespect the Naga peoples' movement. Such officers should move away from the district they are posted for the good of all. Further, the outrageous and unfounded lodging of FIR against the All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM), Senapati District Students' Association (SDSA), Maram Students Union (MKS), Mao Students' Union (MSU), Poumai Naga Students Union (PNTM), Thangal Students' Union (TAJ) and Zeliarong Students' Union-Senapati Zone (ZSU-SZ) at Senapati Police Station must be withdrawn immediately. I urged all the Naga populace to rise up against this repressive action of the government to silent the people's voice and criminalizing the people conscience.

Fair and square, the Peoples' Movement will be reverberating across Naga homeland until the GoI respect the rights and sentiments of the Naga people and meets our rightful demands that are immediate stoppage of the ongoing physical border fencing construction work along the artificial Indo-Myanmar Border (IBM) running amidst the Naga ancestral domains and reinstatement of Free Movement Regime (FMR) immediately.

Nagas are one and we will live together as one people. In the midst of all the challenges and repressive policies of the government of India, we shall march forward together in unison and overcome someday in the name of Christ for our dearest Nagalim.

(Th. Angteshang Maring)

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