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Interpol alerts State on Salahuddin

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Meghalaya police received an Interpol alert to keep strict vigil on Bangladeshi politician Salahuddin Ahmed, who was arrested here on Monday.

Ahmed, who entered Meghalaya without valid travel documents, is currently lodged at the room meant for the under trial prisoners at Shillong Civil Hospital under heavy security cover.

He is yet to be produced before the Court.

"We have received an Interpol alert on Tuesday from CBI which is the Interpol

agency in India about the arrested person", DGP Rajiv Mehta told The Shillong Times on Wednesday.

The state police chief said that Meghalaya police responded to the Interpol alert by stating that Ahmed is in police custody.

"We are waiting for further direction from CBI for the future course of action", the DGP said.

Asked whether the CBI team will arrive here to quiz Ahmed, Mehta said that no such information has come from the investigation agency. (Contd on P-10)



Salahuddin Ahmed in Shillong civil hospital on Wednesday. (UB)

BSF red faced over Bangla MP's easy entry

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The Border Security Force (BSF) guarding 440 kilometers of Indo-Bangla border in Meghalaya is red faced as to how the top opposition politician from Bangladesh, Salahuddin Ahmed, a former Minister managed to sneak in to India.

Speaking to The Shillong Times, BSF PRO SK Singh asserted that BSF does not

know how he must have crossed over to India saying BSF manages a long and porous border with Bangladesh.

The BSF official has also ruled out any inquiry into the incident.

The top opposition politician from Bangladesh who was reported missing since March 10 last surfaced in Pynthorunkhrah locality on Tuesday early morning and Meghalaya.(Contd on P-10)

Govt initiates process of withdrawing cases against pro-ILP leaders

New spl court judge to take final call

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The State Government has initiated the process of withdrawing criminal cases registered under Meghalaya Maintenance of Public Order (MMPO) Act against the leaders of various pro-ILP pressure groups, who spearheaded the agitation demanding the implementation of ILP in 2013.

The KSU president Daniel Khriem, who was arrested in connection with the case on May 7, is still in jail as he insisted for unconditional release.

An official source said on Wednesday that after a direction from the State Cabinet, the law department will write to the Judge who will be heading the Special Court to consider withdrawal of pending criminal cases.

After the Judge of the Special Court R. Rymbai was transferred to Williamnagar, the Special Court is yet to be re-constituted.

"We will write to the Judge of the Special Court once it is constituted by the High Court", the official added. Asked whether the (Contd on P-10)



A member of pro-ILP pressure groups holds a placard depicting Urban Affairs minister Ampareen Lyngdoh during sit-in-demo on Wednesday. (ST)

Poor response to office picketing

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The first day of the office picketing called by HSPDP opposing the High Court ruling derecognizing the powers of headmen failed to evoke much response in the capital city. "Functioning of offices in the district was normal and attendance was recorded at 93 per cent," East Khasi Hills District deputy commissioner Sanjay Goyal said. Similarly in East Jaintia Hills, West Jaintia Hills, Ri Bhoi and West and South West Khasi Hills district in the Khasi Hills region, the functioning of government offices was also normal with good attendance.

●Details on P-3

Ri-Bhoi bandh

From Our Correspondent

NONGPOH: Embittered by the inordinate delay over the enactment of the KHADC Village Administrative Bill and the passing of the Ordinance by the State government, the Dorbar Ki Rangbah Shnong Ri Bhoi District (DKRSRBD) on Wednesday announced a 12-hour dawn-to-dusk (6 am to 6 pm) bandh on May 19 in the whole of Ri Bhoi district. ●Details on P-3

Activists take out surprise procession, cop heckled

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: A peaceful sit-in-demonstration of pro-ILP activists at the parking lot adjacent to the Additional Secretariat on Wednesday turned violent when a section of agitators forcefully took out a procession.

A police officer was heckled by pro-ILP activists when security personnel tried to thwart their attempt to march towards IGP Point after the sit-in-demonstration.

Shops and business establishments of Khyndailad and Motphran hurriedly downed their shutters after words spread that the pro-ILP groups were taking out a procession.

The activists later marched through the main thoroughfares of the city like Khyndailad-Motphran and Jaiaw. Security forces escorted the activists till Motphran Point.

No untoward incident was reported from any part of the city.

Earlier in the day, the 13 pro-ILP pressure groups threatened to intensify their

Sit-in-demonstration peaceful



A policeman falls on the ground (encircled) after being heckled by aggressive pro-ILP activists on the GS Road in city on Wednesday. (ST)

agitation if the State Government failed to respond to their twin demands-- (A) release of KSU president Daniel Khriem and (B) dropping of all the cases filed in the Special Court against

the leaders of the pro-ILP groups.

The sit-in demonstration was attended by hundreds of the activists of the pressure groups.

Speaking to newsmen

during the sit-in-demo, the HNYF general secretary Sardon K Blah said, "We will intensify our agitation in the next few days if the Government remains adamant on our (Contd on P-10)

Adelbert: No going back on fast-unto-death

HC directive to KHADC CEM

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The Meghalaya High Court on Wednesday directed the KHADC chief Adelbert Nongrum to be present during the hearing of a contempt of court plea against him on Monday (May 18).

While hearing the contempt of court proceeding against Nongrum, the division bench headed by Chief Justice Uma Nath Singh and T N K Singh also directed East Khasi Hills

district police chief M Kharkrang to ensure the appearance of the CEM in person during the hearing.

The bench also directed that no newspaper and electronic media shall publish statements of the contemnor.

Nongrum was dragged to the court after he reportedly, made a derogatory statement earlier this year against the court lowering its image.

Fast-unto-death: Meanwhile, Nongrum has said that (Contd on P-10)



WEATHER

RECORDED YESTERDAY

Shillong	24.2
Upper Shillong	---
Shillong	15.0
Upper Shillong	---
Shillong - RH morning	80%
Upper Shillong - RH morning	---
Shillong - RH evening	83%
Upper Shillong - RH evening	---
Shillong	Nil
Upper Shillong	---

UMIAM WATER LEVEL
3176.75 feet (at 4 pm)

ST POLL

Question Do you feel the government should withdraw all criminal cases pending against pro-ILP pressure group leaders?

SMS your response t66263
TypeSHT Y for Yes orSHT N for No
(Poll closes at mid night)

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Question:Do you see any justification in HSPDP's decision to go ahead with office picketing after the state government's decision to promulgate an ordinance on powers of headmen?

YES 41% NO 59%

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HAVE AN IDEA??? SHARE WITH US!!!

The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority will observe the World Environment Day on 5th June 2015. As part of the programme, innovative and practicable ideas of greening Meghalaya are invited from individuals, schools, colleges, CBOs, VECs and Eco-Clubs, etc. The best 3 (three) ideas in each of the above categories will be selected and awarded at the District level by the Basin Development Unit, East Khasi Hills and will also be shortlisted for the State Award to be given on the 5th June 2015.

Last date for submission of the ideas will be 25th May 2015, addressed to the Member Secretary, Basin Development Unit – East Khasi Hills, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Room no. 205 or by email at dbdu.ekh@gmail.com.

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