

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE :: EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT ::
SHILLONG**

PRESS RELEASE

In connection with the incident at near Civil Hospital Shillong on 29th May 2015 the following clarification is issued:- that the HYC was not granted permission by the District Administration to hold a public rally at the 'Kiang Nongbah' Statue site near Civil Hospital as the venue was just a few metres from the Civil Hospital which is a 'NO NOISE' Zone. Moreover, there is no space in the area for holding a big public rally and all traffic will be affected which will have a rippling effect in the whole city being the main artery of the city. On 28.05.2015, the District Administration also clamped Sec 144 CrPC prohibiting any meeting within 500 metres of Civil Hospital for the interest of all public. On the same day, a meeting was held between the District Administration and HYC members where it was made clear to them that they should comply with the order u/s 144 Cr PC but on their insistence for a rally near proposed venue, ultimately they were allowed at Laban Sports Club ground with a number of conditions mainly that meeting should be over by 3.00 Pm and that no procession should be taken out after the meeting. Prior to the meeting, they requested for an audience with Adelbirth Nongrum, MDC which was allowed and a 5 member delegation met him. The meeting started off but when they cross the time deadline, a magistrate went up to the podium to remind them that they have exceeded the timing but they refused to listen.

Around 5 PM, they ended their meeting and came out in a procession which is against the condition. On reaching Civil Hospital point, they wanted to forcibly move to 'U Kiang Nongbah' statue site and women police in front tried to block them. But they tried to break the cordon by assaulting the woman personnel and officers who were in the front line which compelled police to resort to mild lathi charge. The reason for the number of women being injured was due to the fact that the male HYC volunteers used the female volunteers in front to act as their shield. It may be reminded that the organisation had called for a shutdown of colleges/schools so that the children can be taken to the rally. Their aim was to put the school children in front so that police will not be able to react and enable them to break the Section 144 Cr PC prohibitory order. However, this was thwarted when police

officers visited all schools/colleges on 28th May 2015 instructing all the institutions not to send their children and schools/colleges should function normally as no permission was granted for the rally. The organisation have violated the conditions of the permission. The instigators of the crowded namely:-

- (1) Miss. Banisha Nongsiej 21 yrs, D/o Lt. A. Kharsyntiew of Mawlai, Umiazur Block-III.
- (2) Smti. Barisha L. Mawphlang 38 yrs, D/o Shri. Edward Syiemlieh, C/o Smti. Margareth Lyngdoh, Lumshyiap Golfink, Shillong.
- (3) Smti. Caroline Nongrum 37 yrs, D/o Lt. B. Thabah of Mawlai Mawiong, Shillong.
- (4) Smti. Banisha L. Nongrang 38 yrs, D/o Lt. Lurshai L. Nongpiur of Mawlai, Nongpdeng.
- (5) Shri. Ialam Shympliang 32 yrs, S/o Lt. S. Shabong of Upper Shillong Lumpdeng.
- (6) Smti. Aisuk Dirborn 35 yrs, D/o Lt. Bislang Thongni of Nongrah, Rynjah, Shillong.
- (7) Smti. Kerdalin Biam 33 yrs, D/o Lt. A. Sarki of Mawlai Mawiong, Shillong were arrested.

Yesterday 4(four) of the arrested were admitted in Civil Hospital and 3(three) were forwarded to Court today and remanded to 12(twelve) days judicial custody. There are attempts to spread misinformation to the public through social media with a design to bring about a breakdown of Law & Order, Police can take legal action for spreading such misinformation.

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