

## MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT

No. F.14018/1/19-SMC/PART FILE/06

Dated Aizawl, the 0<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

COVID-19 chungchang avanga mipuite ralkhel taka an awm lain, Dt. 09.03.2020 (Thawntanni) khan Social Media Whatsapp ah hetiang hian thu a darh a - 'Ka hmelhriat hnaivai Health Dept (Civil Hosp) a thawk atanga chanchin ka hriat dan in tunah hian COVID-19 confirm case pakhat Aizawl ah vawiin khan hriat a ni a. Kan chhungte leh thian thate kan lo fimkhur nan i inhrilh ang u' tih leh 'Breaking news ITI Veng ah COVID-19 suspect a awm a nia. Singapore atanga lo haw. Referral Hospital ah dah an tum a, mahse an duh lova, nichin mai khan an phur phei dar 3:00 vel a niang. Ka chhuahna tanga karawn hriat'. Hei hian mipui a tithlabar leh zual a, hemi avang hian Police ten thu dik a nih leh nih loh an chhui nghal a ni.

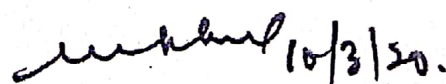
COVID-19 vei nia an sawi hi zawnchhuah a ni a, amah hi hmeichhia kum 31 mi niin Dt. 14.10.2019 khan Singapore ah a lut a, Dt. 02.03.2020 ah Mizoram ah a lo haw leh a. A lo haw kawngah hian Kolkata leh Lengpui Airport ah te amah hi en dik vek a ni a, engmah buaina a nei lo a ni. He natna symptom (lan chhuahdan) nia sawi hritlang leh awmna pawh a nei lova, khawchhak (Singapore) lam atanga lo haw a nih avangin Doctor ten enfiah an duh a, chutih chhung chuan amah pawh pawn chhuak hrih lo turin thurawn an pe a ni. Coronavirus hi a kai tihna a ni lova, a zinna ram avanga en dik ngaia hriat a nih vang chauh a ni.

Thudik hrulah thu belhchian dawl lo belhin mipui rilrua thlabarna tuh thei thil social media-a post thin hi a pawh hle a, hemi chungchanga thu dik tawklo post darh tu te hi mi 11 (sawm pakhat) chhui chhuah tawh an ni a, an ni hi social media-a an thu hmuh group danga post chhawng leh tute an ni. Thu dik leh dik lo thliar hrang lova kan thu dawn te post chhawn (forward) zung zung hi danin a phal lova, heng mi 11 (sawmpakhat) te hi man an niin Vaivakawn PS Case No.54/2020 Dt.10.3.2020 u/s 505 (1)(b) IPC ziah luh a ni. Charge section hi Non Cognizable a nih avangin Cognizance hi Chief Judicial Magistrate, Aizawl atanga hmuh a ni a. Anni bakah hian he thila inhnamhnawih dangte pawh zawn mek an ni a, hriatchhuah an nih hun ah man leh an ni ang.

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Dated Aizawl, the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Amidst the current situation on COVID-19 where the public are in a state of suspense and fear, on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (Monday), there was a Social Media Whatsapp post stating that "A person closely known to me working in Health Department (Civil Hospital) informed me that there was a confirmed Covid-19 case in Aizawl. I am warning my friends and relatives to be very careful" and also, "Breaking news – there's a Covid-19 suspect at ITI Veng Aizawl who recently returned from Singapore. He/she resisted to be referred to Referral Hospital, Falkawn, but forcefully admitted at around 3:00PM". This message created a state of panic among the public and Mizoram Police acted immediately to verify the rumour.

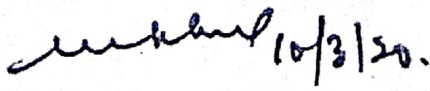
The alleged suspect was traced and found to be a 31 year old lady who went to Singapore on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and returned to Mizoram on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. On her way home, she was screened at both Kolkata and Lengpui Airport and was cleared of any symptoms of the virus. Even though she does not have any symptoms of the virus like cough and cold, since she recently returned from Singapore, the doctors would like to monitor her and advised her to keep indoors for some time. This does not mean that she had contracted Coronavirus but just because she recently returned from abroad and need to be monitored.

Posting of unconfirmed rumours which can create panic and fear among the general public is a very serious issue and those responsible for the social media posts (11 persons) have been identified and arrested and a criminal case vide Vaivakawn PS Case No.54/2020 Dt.10.3.2020 u/s 505 (1)(b) IPC has been registered against them. The charge section is non-cognizable, cognizance has been obtained from the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Aizawl. Apart from those arrested, the other persons involved in this case are being investigated and legal action will be taken against them.

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