

MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT

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Dated Aizawl, the 7th April, 2020

Ni 6.04.2020 zan dar 10 PM vel khan Social Media Whatsapp-ah hetiang hian thu a darh a, “*Myanmar ram chikha khua a mi 2 positive china a tranga rawn haw chu an khua atrangin a tlan bova, mizoram ah rawn luh an tum tih hriat a ni a, a bik in Burma ramri a awm te i fimkhur zual ang u..*” ti in. He thu hian mi tam tak rilru a ti mangang a, hei vang hian Mizoram Police ten chhui nghalin hetiang hi thil awmdan a ni.

- Hrianghmun khaw mi pakhat hian Dt 4.4.2020 khan lova a fehna atangin apu Chikha ami a han bia, a pu hian “Chikha mi pahnih *drug addict* chu an khua a rawn haw lovin an awm a, Mizoram lama an rawn kal palh takin lo fimkhur rawh u, Covid-19 pawh an vei lovang tih a hriat loh”, tiin a chah a.
- Ani hian hian nimin Dt.6.4.2020 khan Hrianghmun YMA Br Secretary a hrih in information mike-ah thil dang an au pahin mikhual neilo tur leh fimkhur a ngaih thu an au tel ta a ni.
- He information hi chiang vak lova hriain SSA zirtirtu pakhat, Sialkal Group YMA Finance Secretary leh Hrianghmun Branch YMA Executive member chuan tikhian a lo post ta ani.

An pathum hian Ngopa PS ah Dt.7.4.2020 zingkar khan an statement lak a ni a. He thu post darhna a mawhphurtute hi khawtlang tan pawh a mi tangkai *prominent citizens* an ni. He thu Social media a tidarhtu ber Hrianghmun khua kum 36 mi lakah hian Ngopa Police Station Case No. 2/2020 Dt.7.4.2020 u/s 505(1)(b) IPC R/w 54 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 thubuai siamsak a ni.

Mipui rilru a dik lo zawnga hruai thei leh mipui tichiai a thu dik tluantling lo leh thu belhchian dawl lo thehdarh hian nghawng tha lo tak a nei thei a. Mipui te i fimkhur tlang theuh ang u.

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On 6.04.2020 10 PM, there was one post circulating on Whatsapp stating, “Two Covid-19 positives who returned from China escaped from chikha village in Myanmar and trying to cross into Mizoram, and villages along the Burmese border are warned to be more careful”. This Whatsapp message has led to panic, alarm and distress among the public and Mizoram Police immediately proceeded with investigation into the source and veracity of the post and has confirmed the followings:

- One resident of Hrianghmun village on 4.4.2020 contacted his uncle at Chikha village in Myanmar who told him that “Two Drug Addicts from Chikha had not returned to the village and you should be careful as they may be coming towards Mizoram. We are not even sure if they may be infected with Covid”.
- On 6.4.2020, he informed Hrianghmun YMA Br Secretary who in turn mentioned about this during their announcements of other important information through public information loudspeakers, urging the villagers to be more careful and not to entertain guests/strangers.
- Then one SSA Teacher, presently Sialkal Group YMA Finance Secretary and Hrianghmun Branch YMA Executive member who partially heard the announcements through public information mike posted the above message on Whatsapp.

All the persons involved who are prominent citizens and active members of local NGO YMA of the village, were summoned to Ngopa PS on 7.4.2020 and their statements were recorded. Ngopa Police Station Case No. 2/2020 Dt.7.4.2020 u/s 505(1)(b) IPC R/w 54 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 was registered against the one 32 years old resident of Hrianghmun who initially posted the above message on Whatsapp.

Mizoram Police once again appeals to the public to refrain from posting/spreading unreliable information that could cause widespread fear and panic among the people.

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