

**MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT**

NO.F.14018/1/19-SMC/72

Dated Aizawl, the 2nd June, 2020

Dt. 31.5.2020 (Pathianni) khan social media platform whatsapp-ah mi pakhatin mi tichiai thei thu, *“Thawhtanni atangin Rangvamual chu total lockdown tum a ni. Nimin lama phai atanga lo haw zinga pakhat quarantine duhloh vanga Phunchhawng-a motor atanga zuangthla chu a chin hriat ala nihloh avangin thawhtanni atangin Phunchhawng leh a chhehvel vengte uluk zawka venhimna kalpui anih theihnan lockdown tum a ni”* tih thu, whatsapp group pakhat *“NEWS TODAY”*-ah a post a, a post thlalak(Screenshot) pawh whatsapp group hrang hrangah darhin mipui tam tak a tichiai a ni.

He thu hi chhui nghal a ni a. He thu post tantu Aizawl Venglaia cheng kum 40 mi leh he thu sawi ri(audio) post-tu Phunchawng, Aizawla cheng kum 40 mi te chu thu zawhfiah niin, midang titi an hriat atanga he thu hi whatsapp group-a post an nih thu an sawi a. A post-tu pakhat zawk hian Rangvamual-a a lennaa a hriat a nih thu leh a dang pakhat zawk hian a thiante thu sawi a hriat avanga a thusawi ri(audio) thehdarh a nih thu a sawi. Quarantine tur tlan chhuak an awm thu an hriat loh thu an sawi ve ve bawk.

State pawn atanga Mizorama lo hawte hi Govt. Quarantine Facility-ah emaw, Community Quarantine Facility-ah emaw, thuneitute phalna neih hnuah Home Quarantine emawa awm tir an ni a. An lo thlen hian uluk taka enzui leh vil an ni. Hetianga thu dik lo leh mi rilru tichiai thei post avang hian mi pahnih, kum 40 mi ve ve lakah thubuai ziah luh a ni a. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Aizawl hnenah cognizance lak a nih hnuah Vaivakawn Police Station case no. 164/2020 Dt. 01.06.2020 U/s 505(1)(b) IPC R/W 54 DM Act 2005 register niin thu dik lo post-tu hi man a, judicial custody-a thawn tura hma lak mek a ni.

A dik lo zawnga mipui rilru hruai thei leh mipui tichiai a, thu dik tluantling lo leh thu belhchian dawl lo thehdarh hian nghawng tha lo tak a neih theih avangin mipuite i fimkhur ang u.

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On 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, there was Social Media post on Whatsapp group 'NEWS TODAY' stating that "*Rangvamual will be put under total lockdown from Monday. Yesterday one person from amongst those who recently returned from outside the state jumped out from vehicle at Phunchawng in an attempt to evade quarantine and because his whereabouts is still unknown, Phunchawng and nearby areas will be put under lockdown from Monday in order to enforce strict vigil.*" The screenshot of this post was also widely circulated on various whatsapp groups. This message has led to panic and distress among the general public.

Mizoram Police immediately proceeded with investigation. The originator of this post identified as one 40 year old resident of Aizawl Venglai and a 40 year old resident of Phunchawng Aizawl who posted audio file of the same message were interrogated who confessed that the post was purely based on hearsay and both admitted they first heard the fake news from friends and did not personally know any such person who tried to evade quarantine.

All the persons who returned from outside the state are screened under strict vigil and first admitted to Govt. Quarantine facilities and then only those who are cleared for Community Quarantine Facility/Home Quarantine are shifted again. Criminal case vide Vaivakawn PS Case No.164/2020 Dt.01.06.2020 u/s 505 (1) (b) IPC r/w 54 DM Act has been registered against the originators of this message who created unnecessary panic and fear among the general public after duly obtaining cognizance and warrant of arrest from Chief Judicial Magistrate, Aizawl. Necessary actions are being taken for their arrests and for further forwarding to judicial custody.

Posting of unverified/unconfirmed rumours which can create panic and fear among the general public is a very serious issue and can invite legal action against those responsible for the same. Public are advised to be careful and stay safe.

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