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SEIZURES OF CASH, AND DRUGS MADE BY MIZORAM POLICE

The Mizoram Police Department has made significant seizures in four separate incidents involving illegal cash and drugs. The operations were carried out by Police at Phaisen Check Gate and by joint teams comprising Champhai Police Station staff, Zokhawthar Police Station Staff and the 42nd Assam Rifles Battalion.

1. In a commendable effort by the Phaisen Police, an incident of significant contraband recovery and subsequent arrest has taken place. On November 9, 2023, at approximately 10:00 PM, the ASI TC Vanthara and his team conducted a routine vehicle check at Phaisen Police Check Gate. During the inspection, a Tipper B/R vehicle with registration number AS 11 DC 9285, driven by Mr. Jiyaul Islam Barbhuiya (32), son of Ajijur Rahman Barbhuiya from Boldaboldi Part-1, Hailakandi, was found to be carrying suspicious cargo.

Upon search and examination, the vigilant police party discovered 112 soap cases which contained brown powder believed to be Heroin No.4. The total weight of the recovered substance was calculated at 1.437 kilograms. The estimated street value of the seized narcotics stands at Rs. 43,11,000 (Forty-three lakhs and eleven thousand rupees).

In the presence of credible witnesses, the law enforcement officers promptly seized the contraband items, apprehended the driver, Mr. Jiyaul Islam Barbhuiya, and confiscated the vehicle, along with its associated documents. The necessary legal formalities have been carried out, leading to the registration of VRTE PS C/No. 49/23 dt. 10.11.2023, under section 21(C)/25 of the ND&PS Act.

2. On Dt. 10. 11. 2023 at around 5:00 AM, a joint operation was conducted in the area of Zote Village based on specific intelligence received regarding the suspected trans-shipment of illegal cash. During the operation, three individuals were intercepted and found to be carrying three nylon bags containing a significant amount of illegal cash. The apprehended individuals were identified as Thangkhanima (20) of Bukphir Village, Myanmar, Thangsiankhup (15) of Bukphir Village, Myanmar, and Chinlamthanga (15) of Bukphir Village, Myanmar. A total of Indian Currency Notes amounting to Rs. 1,21,58,350/- (one crore twenty-one lakhs fifty-eight thousand three hundred fifty only) were seized from their possession. The seized items included denominations of Rs.500/-, Rs.200/-, Rs.100/-, and Rs.50/-. The cash was seized since there was no legal documentation. The Income Tax Department has been informed and will take further action in this matter.

Further investigation revealed that the aforementioned individuals were transporting the cash from Bukphir Village, Myanmar to hand it over to Lalrampari of Zion Veng, Champhai. Lalrampari, upon interrogation, admitted that the cash was sent to her from Myanmar as payment for white flour (maida), which she was supposed to deliver to a supplier in Aizawl. However, she failed to produce any valid or legal documents to support her claim.

3. On Dt. 10.11. 2023 at 8:50 PM, a joint operation was conducted with the 42nd Assam Rifles at World Bank Road, where a suspicious Kenbo bike was noticed. During the search operation, the rider attempted to flee on the bike but was pursued by the team. The rider eventually abandoned the bike and fled into the bushes. After a thorough search, the team discovered 14 packets suspected to contain methamphetamine tablets, weighing approximately 15.91 kilograms and valued at Rs. 20,683,000. Additionally, one mobile phone was found at the scene. A case has been registered at Zokhawthar Police Station under the ND&PS Act.

4. On Dt. 10.11. 2023 at 5:40 PM, a joint operation was conducted with the 42nd Assam Rifles at Zokhathar ICP, where suspicious packed furniture was inspected. During the inspection, 220 soap cases were found to contain brown powder suspected to be no. 4 heroin, weighing approximately 2577 grams and valued at Rs. 77,31,000/-. The possession of the seized heroin was traced to Vanlalliana (32) of Khawmawi, Myanmar.

The Mizoram Police Department is committed to taking vigorous action against illegal activities, including the transportation and possession of illegal cash and drugs. These seizures are a testament to our ongoing efforts to curb such activities and maintain law and order in the state.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the police team at Phaisen Check Gate, the joint team, consisting of Champhai Police Station staff and Zokhawthar Police Station staff and the 42nd Assam Rifles Battalion, for their dedication and cooperation in executing these successful operations.

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