

FIRST INFORMATION

FIRST INFORMATION OF A COGNIZABLE CRIME REPORT UNDER
SECTION 154 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AT POLICE STATION

Sub-Division : Imphal

District : Imphal West

FIR No. 718(B)2023 IPS u/s 153-A/153B/505 IPC.


Corresponding FIR No. 00(07)2023 TPL-PS u/s 153-A/153B/505 IPC

Date & hour of occurrence:

On 22/07/2023 time not mentioned

Date and hour when reported	Place of occurrence & distance & direction from Police Station	Date of dispatch from Police station
26/08/2023 at 04:40 pm	At Sangai Express Office, Thouda Bhabok Leikai, IW. / About 1.5 km North West	26/08/2023

N.B. - A first information must be authenticated by the signature mark of thumb impression of informant and attested by the signature of the officer recording it.

Name & residence of informant/ complainant	Name & residence of accused	Brief description of offence with section and property carried off, if any	Steps taken regarding investigation of delay in recording information	Result of the case
Thangboi Lungdim (37) yrs S/o (L) Hemdou Lungdim of Sita Village, Tengnoupal District (President of Kuki Student Orgn, Tengnoupal Dist)	Editor the Sangai Express (English Version) Thouda Bhabo Leikai	Promoting enmity between different groups on ground, imputations, Assertions Prejudicial to national integration and statements conducting to public mischief.	SI Farooque Sheikh will pse investigate the case.	
OE- attached  OC/PS 26/08/2023		Punishable / u/s 153-A/153B/505 IPC.		

Stamp: Imphal West District Police Station
Imphal West Dist. Imphal

Signed: (Shri N. Ingocha Singh, MPS)
Designation : OC/PS
26/08/2023

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Imphal West Dist. Imphal

To

The Officer in Charge (OC)
Tengnoupal Police Station
Tengnoupal (Manipur)



Dated 25th July, 2023

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO FILE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT (FIR) AGAINST
EDITOR OF SANGAI EXPRESS**

Dear Sir,

I am writing this to bring to your immediate attention against the news article entitled "**BID TO BURN KWATHA FOILED**" published on 22nd July 2023 in Sangai Express concerning Kuki Women Union & Human Rights (KWUHR) peaceful protest at Moreh on 21st July 2023.

The aforementioned article contains misleading and false information specifically regarding the alleged intent of the peaceful protesters to attack Kwatha village and houses burnt down (copy of the article attached for your kind verification as **Appendix A**). In much contrast to what have been published, I, in the name of Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), Tengnoupal District wish to present the accurate details of what transpired on this day.

The protest/dharna was organized by the Kuki Women Union & Human Rights (KWUHR), was attended by approximately 2000 women. It was conducted near Axis Bank, Moreh in a dignified and organised manner.

In much contrast to what have been reported, the protest/dharna was held with prayers and peaceful handing of a memorandum to the state authorities. Thereafter, the womenfolk dispersed peacefully around 02:30 PM without causing any disturbances or unlawful activities.

No doubt, there were around 10-15 men present at the site to assist the administration vis-à-vis to ensure the safety and orderliness of the women gathering.

Most importantly, the womenfolk did not exhibit any intention to move towards Kwatha village or engage in any hostile activities. The report of an alleged attack on Kwatha village is baseless. Such false information thereafter not only angers the people but is likely to incite/provoke the people if not checked in future.

It may be noted that, the Kuki population has thus far maintained a cordial relationship with the Meitei population of Kwatha village and that there is no attempt to carry out attack despite the misleading and false information.

Tweet by Manipur Police clarifying that the events as described in the news report did not take place (attached as **Appendix B**).

As the fundamental objective of journalism is to serve the people with news, views, comments and information on matters of public interest in a fair and unbiased manner as published in the newspaper are prejudicial violates Section 153 B of the IPC.

The contents of the article are clearly aimed at spreading hatred and animosity are prima facie violative of Section 153 A of the IPC. In other words, the statement purposefully promotes enmity between communities which is prejudicial to maintenance of harmony being sought to be achieved in the current situation. Specifically, the same may also amount to bringing hatred/inciting anger thus culminating violence between communities.

The Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), Tegnoupal District views the article as publishing with ulterior motives. The publication is not only unlawful but also detrimental to peace and harmony which had been maintained towards Kwatha village. Therefore, this unethical publication requires an immediate investigation to help established facts and strict action be taken against the editor/writer for inciting hatred and for possible provocation of violence amongst masses and instigating people.

Further, during the present times when the Government Agencies particularly central forces are engaged in maintaining law & order situation and peace in the state, there is a need to take urgent action against the editor/writer for publishing false information based on rumours without instituting checks and balances to ensure accuracy of information. Moreover, Govt. of Manipur passed an order on 29th May 2023 to this effect (**attached as Appendix C**).

It is a matter of regret that instead of objective and fact-based reporting, there is a noticeable biasness in the coverage that is likely to contribute to divisiveness and violence. The Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), Tegnoupal District calls on all journalists and media houses to exercise all professional standards of journalism. In short, the coverage should avoid inciting conflict, hatred or enmity while bringing out any details of events. The organisation urged the basic tenets of good journalism to be followed in all reportings as it is imperative for the functioning of democracy and particularly to end violence and usher in peace through honest restrained and ethical coverage.

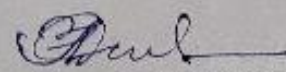
The Sangai Express editor, having failed to adhered to the above mentioned standards, you are requested to file an FIR on the issues as mentioned above and initiate legal action as per law.

Your kind co-operation and necessary action is highly anticipated.

*This report is treated as an OE of the
CAX FIR No. 718(8)/2023 IPS
u/c 153-A/153B/505 IPC.*

*This report is treated as
an OE of FIR No. 0010-3/2023
TPL-PS u/c 153-A/153B/505 IPC*

*OC/TPL-PS
26/08/2023
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
Tegnoupal Police Station
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(Thangboi Lungdim)

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26/08/2023
In-charge
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Deputy Commissioner, Tegnoupal District Manipur