PRESS NOTE

Imphal, the 19th October, 2026

I. On 19.10. 2026 morning, suspected armed militants opened fire to Meitei firewood collectors numbering about 14 villagers at Khongbal Tangkhul, under Sagolmang PS, Kangpokpi District, in which three Meitei villagers succumbed to bullet injuries and four other villagers were injured. The injured have been evacuated and further undergoing medical treatment.

On 18.10.2026 at around 11:20 PM, a scuffle reportedly broke out among some youths during a musical concert organised at Thoubal District, which escalated and one person succumbed to bullet injury, and several others sustained injuries. Few houses, vehicles and shops were burnt during the incident. Security personnel intervened to disperse the crowd, using tear gas shells and later the incident was brought under control.

Further, on 18.10.2026 around 11:45 PM, a suspected improvised explosive device (IED) exploded at Kakwa Lamdaibung in which three CRPF personnel sustained injuries. They were evacuated to hospital for medical treatment.

Manipur Police, in close coordination with the CRPF, BSF, Army, Assam Rifles and other sister security agencies, is working continuously to maintain law and order, prevent further escalation and ensure the safety and security of the public. Intensified action will be taken against all inimical elements involved in these incidents. All necessary legal and operational measures will be pursued to identify those responsible and bring them to justice.

Manipur Police urges all sections of society to cooperate with the security forces and the administration in maintaining peace and preventing further violence.

II. Manipur Police celebrated its 135th Raising Day at the 1st Manipur Rifles (1MR) Parade Ground, Imphal, with enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The occasion was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur as the Chief Guest and attended by several Hon'ble Ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), dignitaries and senior police officers and other special invitees.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister took the salute of the parade contingents, marking the ceremonial highlight of the celebration. The occasion also recognised the dedication, professionalism and outstanding contributions of Manipur Police personnel, with prizes and awards presented to the Best Armed Battalions, Best Police Stations and Best Police Officers of Manipur Police.

The celebration featured a vibrant cultural programme showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Manipur. It also included impressive skill demonstrations by sports personnel of Manipur Police, highlighting their discipline, physical prowess and sporting excellence. A tent-pegging demonstration by horse riders of Manipur Police further added to the grandeur of the event, drawing appreciation from the audience.

The celebration commemorated the proud legacy, service and sacrifices of Manipur Police in maintaining peace, security and public order in the State. It also reaffirmed the commitment of Manipur Police to uphold professionalism, strengthen public trust and continue serving the people of Manipur with dedication and integrity.

III. Intelligence based combing, cordon and search operations are being carried out extensively to nab those involved in extortion and criminal activities in the state.

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IV. Movement of **565** and **230** loaded Vehicles along NH-37 and NH-2 respectively with essential items has been ensured. Strict security measures are taken up in all vulnerable locations and security convoy is provided in sensitive stretches in order to ensure free and safe movement of the vehicles.

V. A total of **110** Nakas/Check points were installed in different districts of Manipur, both in the hills and the valley.

VI. Appeal is made to public not to believe in rumour and be vigilant of false videos. The veracity of any circulation of unfounded videos, audio clips etc. may be confirmed from the number- **9233522822** of Central Control Room. Moreover, there are possibilities of many fake posts being circulated on social media. It is hereby cautioned that uploading and circulation of such fake posts on social media will attract legal action with consequences. Further, appeal is made to public to return the looted arms, ammunition and explosives to the police or nearest security forces immediately.

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