

## Morning News Script

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Tension gripped parts of Mokokchung district following incidents of pre-poll violence in Longkhum and Mangmetong villages ahead of the upcoming by-election, leaving one person dead and several injured. According to police, clashes broke out between supporters of BJP candidate Daochier I Imchen and independent candidate Major Toshikaba (Retd), with stone pelting reported in Longkhum on Sunday night, injuring three people. Sixteen individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident. One of the injured, Imrongsungba Imchen, later succumbed to his injuries while being referred for advanced treatment in Dimapur. Authorities said the situation is now under control but remains tense. Meanwhile, in Mangmetong village, around 12 vehicles were vandalised yesterday morning. Police recovered arms and ammunition during search operations, and one suspect has been arrested.

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Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, has imposed a night curfew in Longkhum, Mangmetong, and the Alichen area, including the 2nd NAP Camp, under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, citing a likelihood of breach of public peace ahead of the by-election to the 28 Koridang Assembly Constituency. The curfew is enforced from 6:00 PM to 5:00 AM daily until further orders. The order prohibits assembly of five or more persons in the notified areas, while exemptions have been granted to security forces, government officials on duty, and essential and emergency services. Similarly, the District Election Officer, has withdrawn permissions granted for the establishment of two temporary political offices of the BJP and Independent in Longkhum village with immediate effect.

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BJP Legislature Party leader and Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton has strongly condemned the tragic loss of life following pre-poll violence in Longkhum village. Expressing deep sorrow, Mr Patton said the death of Imrongsungba Imchen, who succumbed to his injuries while being referred for treatment, is deeply distressing. He conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and extended his wishes for the speedy recovery of those injured in the incident. Stressing that violence has no place in a democratic process, Mr Patton said elections are meant to reflect the voice of the people, not serve as a platform for fear, anger or division. He added that such incidents undermine public trust and disrupt communal harmony. The Deputy Chief Minister further urged all citizens of Koridang constituency, irrespective of political affiliations, to remain calm, exercise restraint, and work together to ensure that the upcoming by-election is conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner.

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In view of the upcoming Assam Legislative Assembly Elections 2026 on April 9, the inter-state border with Assam will remain sealed from 5 PM today till 5 PM on Thursday. The restriction has been imposed by the Election Commission of India during the silent period under the Model Code of Conduct, during which all forms of election campaigning are strictly prohibited. According to Dimapur Police, security forces will be deployed at all entry and exit points to enforce the order. We have more reports from our Correspondent-

*the Dimapur Police said, that all inter-state border crossings will remain closed, except for movement along the National Highway. Movement of non-voters in border areas will not be permitted, and outsiders are barred from entering other constituencies during this period. Travel on the National Highway will be allowed only for genuine transit purposes. Authorities have advised residents and commuters to plan their travel in advance and avoid unnecessary movement to prevent inconvenience.*

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Director General of Assam Rifles Lt General Vikas Lakhera yesterday visited Headquarter 6 Sector Assam Rifles and reviewed the operational, intelligence, training and administrative preparedness of the formation. The DGAR assessed the operational readiness of units under the sector, focusing on deployment responsiveness, and inter-agency coordination. Training standards were reviewed to ensure epared to meet evolving security challenges. Similarly, the DG also , visited Subedar P B Chhetri, Kirti Chakra Centre of Excellence (NIEDO) to connect with students preparing for forthcoming competitive examinatic NEET.

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The Reservation Review Commission, Nagaland has invited the public and civil society organizations to submit their views, comments and suggestions to the Commission. Informing that the Commission is functioning from the 4th Floor of the Commission Office Complex, located near the Social Welfare Directorate, Kohima. Commissioner & Secretary and Member Secretary of Reservation Review Commission, Mohammed Ali Shihab, informed that submissions of views and suggestions can be made in person during working hours or through email at [rrc.nlgov@gmail.com](mailto:rrc.nlgov@gmail.com). Interested individuals and organizations cab submit their inputs on or before 24th of this month.

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