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To

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Sub: HRD Alert - India - Urgent Appeal for Action – Manipur - Intimidation on Women Human rights defender Ms.Salima Memcha Begam by police personnel in Manipur - Regarding

Dear Sir,

Greetings from Human Rights Defenders Alert - India!

HRD Alert - India is a Forum of Human Rights Defenders for Human Rights Defenders. It endeavours to initiate actions on behalf of Human Rights Defenders under threat or with security concerns.

We are now writing to express our grave concern regarding, the intimidation on women human rights defender Ms. Salima Mema Begam in Thoubal district of Manipur by the police commandos and ransacking of her house.

Source of Information on the Incident:

- Communication with members of Extrajudicial Execution Victims' Families Association (EEVFAM)
- The Coordinator of HRDA for the East of India

The Human Rights Defenders:

Ms. Salima Memcha Begam is the district coordinator of Extrajudicial Execution Victims' Families Association (EEVFAM) in Thoubal district, Manipur. EEVFAM is seeking probe of 1528 cases of fake encounter before the Supreme Court of India.

The Perpetrators:

Personnel of Manipur Police led by Inspector Daulat

Date of Incident:

April 7, 2018.

Place of Incident:

Residence of Ms. Salima Mema Begam, Thoubal district, Manipur.

Incident detail:

As per our sources, on April 7, 2018 at about 5AM Ms. Salima was at her house verifying the documents in her house, which are to be shown to the CID in connection with her husband's fake encounter, and she heard some noise at the entrance of her house as someone was knocking on her door forcefully. On hearing the sound, she came out and saw a team of police personnel and commandos and some women police personnel waiting at her door. Then she went out and enquired them about the reason of their visit. Without giving any answer some of the commandos and police personnel forced themselves inside her house and started throwing her household articles and were searching for something. Then they forcibly entered in to all other rooms and started damaging everything in her house and they asked where are their other family members. She replied that her son is studying outside Manipur, and some police personnel in an intimidating manner asked why her son is studying out of Manipur. The police personnel threatened her for dire consequences and one of the policemen told her that they were looking for her since many days and before leaving her house they had taken her photo. Meanwhile when the police personnel started ransacking her house, the women police personnel told the other policemen that this is uncalled for and they left the place. But the other policemen continued to damage things and left after about 30 minutes as her relatives who are residing near her came to her house after hearing the commotion.

It will be pertinent to mention here that the case filed by EEVAFM before the Supreme Court is listed for hearing on April 16, 2018 and she was also summoned by the CID officials to furnish required papers in connection to her husband's fake encounter.

Photographs of her house is been attached here with for your kind perusal.

Appeal:

We most respectfully appeals that this Hon'ble Commission to immediately take necessary steps to ensure that:

- Orders an immediate, thorough, transparent, effective and impartial investigation into the above-mentioned events of the intimidation and threat to WHRD Ms. Salima Mema Begam and her family members;
- Take immediate legal actions on the perpetrators, in this case the Manipur Police for intimidating the WHRD Ms. Salima Mema Begam and her family members and using all provisions of law
- Ensure that the Ms. Salima Mema Begam and her family is not harassed or attacked in future by the Manipur police and ensure adequate protection for her by a all-women police team at her house
- Guarantee in all circumstances the physical and psychological integrity of the activist and WHRD Ms. Salima Mema Begam who still faces the risk of further reprisals from the perpetrators and give this assurance to the NHRC of India in writing immediately and urgently and;

Looking forward to your immediate action in this regard,

Yours sincerely,



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