

JFA demands action against Manipur militants



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[Journalists'](#) Forum Assam ([JFA](#)) has expressed strong resentments [over](#) the militant's threat to an [Imphal](#) based television editor and urged the [Manipur](#) government led by Okram [Ibobi](#) Singh to take immediate & appropriate actions [against](#) the culprits. The Assam based journalist organization also extended moral supports to the agitating [Manipur](#) journalists, who have been raising voices [against](#) the diktat of armed militants.

The [Manipur](#) scribes on Wednesday staged a sit-in-protest and later carried out a silent rally in [Imphal](#) demanding action [against](#) a militant outfit, which placed a bomb at the residential gate of Yumnam Rupachandra, the editor of Impact Television, a local cable news channel.

Taking a serious note [over](#) the incident, media persons under the banner of All [Manipur](#) Working [Journalists'](#) Union and Editors' Guild [Manipur](#) held an emergency meeting at [Manipur](#) Press Club on Tuesday night and adopted several resolutions including to submit a memorandum to the State [chief](#) minister [Ibobi](#) Singh demanding adequate security protection to the scribes.

“A militant [group](#) (read KCP-MJC) had been threatening editors and scribes [over](#) non-publication of its press statements for some time. Expressing their resentments [against](#) the diktat, the [Imphal](#)-based newspapers did not publish the editorials on Wednesday. Moreover, protesting [against](#) the incident, no newspaper hit the stands on Thursday,” informed a journalist from [Imphal](#).

The [JFA](#), in a statement issued by its president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria, has denounced the militants for their audacity to dictate the media and also called upon the journalists of [Manipur](#) to get united [against](#) the banned armed outfits. It also appealed to the [Manipur](#) civil society groups to stand behind the media persons at the time of [crisis](#).

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