

Jubilant UNLFW shares image of arms



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The five rebel groups that coalesced to form the United [National](#) Liberation Front of Western South East Asia ([UNLFW](#)) today released a photograph of arms seized during a gun battle with security forces early this month.

[UNLFW](#), an umbrella outfit comprising NSCN(K) at the prime along with [ULFA](#)(I), NDFB(S), [PLA](#) and KLO spread across transnational boundaries was formed on April 17 with an attempt to struggle unifiedly to liberate their ancestral homes.

On May 3, seven [Assam Rifles](#) men of the 23rd battalion and one belonging to the 164th battalion of the [Territorial Army](#) died when they came upon an attack by [UNLFW](#). The security forces were on their way to collect water from a source about 4 kilometers from their encampment between Changlangshu and Tobu in the district of Mon in [Nagaland](#) when they were ambushed upon with detonated IEDs and assault rifle shots.

Two [UNLFW](#) members also succumbed under retaliatory fire by the security forces.

The attack comes in close after the Modi led NDA government adopted a policy of "no talk with militant outfits indulging in violence and only action on them."

[UNLFW](#) seized 5 Polish made Tantal [assault rifles](#) (3 PAKMS wz.88, 1 PAKMS wz.80, and 1 PAKMS wz.90) identical to the Soviet made Automatic Kalashnikov series and 1 Indian made INSAS rifle, totaling [6 assault rifles](#) along with a wireless set from the slain security forces.

This is UNFW'S first and successful attack on security forces after its formation. To express its accomplishment following its ambush titled, "[Operation Changlangshu](#)", UNFW shared an image displaying the [6](#) seized [assault rifles](#).

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