

Statement against Terrorism

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As much as NSCN advocate the protection of human rights, the act of terrorism of any kind is equally condemned and abhorred. In the long year of Naga struggle, NSCN have never taken the path of adventurism in terrorism. This message became loud and clear when on 17 Oct. 2003, NSCN commit itself to a total ban on the use of uncontrolled anti-personal mines by signing the Geneva Call Deed of Commitment. Killing each other in combat is all a different matter and does not fall within the ambit of committing atrocious acts of terrorist. For this matter NSCN never believe in the use of terrorism as weapon of political message. Such practice is antithesis of human rights.

Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nationalism have impacted the Naga's political struggle as the Nagas are wedded to non-violent means to achieve their political aspiration. The present scenario of conflict is something forced on the Nagas. The aggressive oppression of the Naga's political rights has to be resisted in one way or the other. Otherwise, Nagas under NSCN is all for peaceful process towards Indo-Naga political conflict. The fact that NSCN endured the burden of political discussion with India for more than 10 years is a clear demonstration of NSCN's faith in solving any political differences with India through negotiation across the table and not going for blood-bath in the battle field.

It is horrifying that in recent period some of the revolutionary groups in Northeast have cross all limit of revolutionary ethics and run afoul of human values. Mention may be made of the bomb blasts in Dimapur, Railway Station in 2006, Imphal bomb blast in Ragailung last month and the latest being in Assam's Gauhati and Kokrajhar.

NSCN condemn such act in strongest term. We also condole the dead and offer our prayer that such acts of terrorism is not repeated. The agonizing cries of the victims of terrorist attack in Assam will never be easily erased from the human memory. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the bereaved family members of the victim and the injured. In such turbulent stage of combating terrorists, the public need to stay in full alert and assist the law and order enforcing agencies in all possible way. Because in fighting terrorists no visible or invisible lines of division are drawn. Significantly, political frustrations are sometimes attached for resorting to act of terrorism.

The hard earned recourse to peaceful means are sometimes not responded in the manner the situation demanded, and rather sending signal across that any recalcitrant groups will not be tolerated. This kind of treatment or attitude that undermines the political determination of the groups in question has to be taken care of by the government of India. But at the same time any act that involves victimizing innocent people should never be condone with. NSCN never believe in shedding innocent blood through terrorism. This has been our history and we shall stand by it.

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