

NAGA CLUB

HEADQUARTERS : KOHIMA NAGALAND

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Ref. No. MC-DE(K) (1-2023

Date 06.06.23

To,

- The Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Nagaland.
- 2. The Superintendent of Police, Kohima, Nagaland.



Sub:

Application to evict tenant NSF from the land and building of the Naga Club.

Sir.

We, the undersigned have the utmost privilege to state the following for your kind perusal and necessary action please:

1. That barren of unnecessary facts it is stated that on 07-01-1982 a meeting was held at the Kohima Village Council Hall wherein the 4th Team of the Naga Club officers were selected whose names and post are given as under:

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Chairman

Vice Chairman

General Secretary

Joint Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Mr. Azuto Rengma

Mr. Khriesavisie Hieme

Mr. Vilavor Liegise

Mr. Kewezü Mero

Mr. Pudile Angami

Pastor G. Shihani Igha

Despatch Date.....

- 2. That Shri. Vizolie Sorhie, the then President, NSF wrote an application dated 04-04-1983 (ENCLOSURE- A) to the Naga Club on the subject "Application for renting the Building of Naga Club".
- 3. That *vide* Order dated 07-04-1983 (ENCLOSURE- B) the Naga Club allowed NSF to be tenant of the Naga Club Building, near Old Civil Secretariat Complex, Kohima for a monthly rent of Rs.500/-.
- 4. That except for the first month (i.e. April 1983) no proper rent was paid by NSF to the Naga Club. It may be noted that during the life time of Shri. Vilavor Liegise the then General Secretary, Naga Club whenever demand for rent was made Rs.50/or Rs.100/- was paid citing that they don't have money. Despite that the Naga Club continued to keep the NSF as tenants for about 40 years.

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- 5. That as time went on Mr. Kewezü Mero who was the Joint Secretary in the fourth team of Naga Club office bearers became the Caretaker, Naga Club. He also constructed 4-5 rooms adjacent to the Building NSF office is established which he occupied. In other words, the Caretaker, Naga Club and NSF were occupying the Naga Club land and building.
- of the Naga Club office bearers was constituted in 2017 led by Shri. Krurovi Peseyie as President. However, the NSF refused to have meeting with his team for reasons best known to them.
- 7. That in 2018 on the year of Centenary inorder to commemorate the same a monolith was decided to be erected on the Naga Club Building site. However, on several occasions NSF obstructed the erection of the monolith at the Naga Club Building site by mobilizing innocent school and college students against the Naga Club who were unaware of the actual story, but were blindly following their leaders. Tense situation developed on some occasions. By the grace of God, it was then that some members of the Lotha tribe came forward offering the Naga Club monolith to be erected at Wokha; also, some members from the Sumi community came forward offering the monolith to be erected at their area; also came Jotsoma villagers offering the monolith to be erected at their village. The Naga Club after considering that a native of Jotsoma village Zasibeito Nagi was the first martyr to die for the Naga political cause decided that the monolith shall be erected at Jotsoma. Accordingly, the monolith was erected at Jotsoma on 29-11-2018 (ENCLOSURE- C) near Zasibeito Nagi's tomb.
- 8. That there is only one surviving member being one Shri. Kewezu Mero, the then Joint Secretary, Naga Club from amongst the then office bearers serving the Naga Club when the building was given on rent to the NSF vide Order dated 07-04-1983. Later Shri. Kewezu Mero became the Caretaker, Naga Club. He is presently serving as the Advisor, Naga Club. In 2018 Naga Club observed its Centenary during which the said Shri. Kewezu Mero sent Greetings Message (ENCLOSURE- D) to the President, Naga Club and his team. However, some people threatened Shri. Kewezu Mero to withdraw his Greetings Message which he accordingly did. It was only after some tall Chakhesang leaders approached Shri. Kewezu Mero that he again withdrew his withdrawal Letter.
- 9. That vide Ref. No.KVC-0/x/Ces/2017 dated 05-12-2019 (ENCLOSURE- E) the Kohima Village Council wrote to the Naga Club on the subject "Naga Club" which is self-explanatory stating as follows: "Thank you for your kind visit to Kohima Village Council on 7th Sept' 19. The Kohima Village Council had a meeting on 30th November 2019. Belated though, the Council wishes to put on record that the Centenary Jubilee Celebration monolith of the Naga Club should be erected at the proper site that the Naga Club Building at Khuochiezie. The Council further wishes to clarify that the entire area of Naga Club Building belongs to the Kewhimia ancestral land and therefore the buildings around Naga Club on a temporary permit should not be made permanent as it is under the jurisdiction of Naga Club area only. It is the desire of the Kohima Village Council that no one should distort the history of the Naga Club to suit their own interest but let historical facts remain as hard facts for posterity."
- 10. That on 24-11-2020 and 20-10-2021 (ENCLOSURE- F & G) the Naga Club wrote to the NSF to have a meeting regarding the Naga Club Building. However, the NSF never turned up neither did they pay the rent.

inconvenience the same shall be removed in the early hours of 27-05-2023. It may be noted that the vacation notice was also served to the remaining shops and establishments, besides informing them the same in person, but they did not vacate the building. Some of them requested for extension of time to vacate the building which the Naga Club agreed. However, despite the lapse of the extended time the building was not vacated. Pertinently, it is stated that the Naga Club did not keep any other tenant in the building except NSF as such all the tenants were either kept by the NSF or Kewezu Mero, then Caretaker, Naga Club Building.

21. Accordingly, some men were engaged on hire/daily wage by the Naga Club to remove the debris and demolish certain portion of the Naga Club Building in the early hours of 27-05-2023. Meantime, those shops and establishments who did not vacate the building despite eviction notice being served upon them, the Naga Club entrusted the youths to demolish the structure on 27-05-2023 so that the debris shall be removed on the same day without creating public inconvenience. However, to the utter dismay of the Naga Club the NSF filed FIR before the Officer-in-Charge, North PS, Kohima (ENCLOSURE- Q) stating as follows: "I am to inform your esteem office that the office of Naga Students Federation (NSF) Oking Naga Club Building Kohima has demolished this morning at around 4 AM by some youths and miscreants. Therefore, I request your esteem authority to investigate the matter and take necessary action as per the law." Accordingly, a case was registered being Kohima North PS Case No. 0021/2023 u/s 427, 457, 120B & 34 IPC. Therefore, an Investigating Officer was appointed being one Shri. Relo Aye, Addl. SP, Kohima. It is stated that the Naga Club are no miscreants, but bonafide owner of the land and building. Rather, it is NSF that is in unlawful and forced occupation of the Naga Club Building since the 45 days given in the Eviction Notice dated 12-07-2022 lapsed

by the Naga Club to the Officer-in-Charge, North Police Station, Kohima, Nagaland inorder to make its stand clear. It may be noted that the Naga Club consists of mostly elderly members and have always treated the NSF as their children which is why despite everything the Naga Club has not raised any counter allegations against the NSF by filing a counter FIR, but has only written so as to lay down the facts in proper perspective.

23. That the NSF *vide* Public Declaration Ref No.NSF/NC/PD-02/2021-23 dated 30-05-2023 (ENCLOSURE- S) *inter alia* declared as under:

"The meeting also resolved to place in the public domain and let the Naga people to decide as to whether there is a need to revive the Naga Club and also whether the club is relevant in the present context. The Naga people should collectively decide on the fate of the Naga Club and not be misled by narratives which are barely even half the truth. If need be, every Frontal Organization of the Naga Tribes must come together under one roof and decide on the fate of the Naga Club. NSF will extend our fullest cooperation and support towards achieving that end.

It was also resolved that NSF will be agreeable if the Naga Club is properly restructured with the collective mandate of the Naga people. Its ideology and principles should be grounded in the contents of the Memorandum submitted by the then Naga Club to the Simon Commission in 1929."

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- 7. The seniors and members present resolved to recommend the incumbent officials of NSF to restart the normal functioning to the NSF office by setting up a makeshift Pandal from 31st May 2023."

It is stated that the aforesaid Public Declaration and Meeting Resolution are a direct infringement of the fundamental rights of the Naga Club guaranteed under Article 19(1)(c) of the Constitution of India. It may be noted that the NSF have no legal sanction to question the existence or relevance of the Naga Club. The NSF is denying the lawful owners i.e. Naga Club from enjoying their property. Needless to say, the NSF has no lawful title, claim or interest over the land and building.

Under the premises aforesaid, it is stated that your high authority may kindly intervene in the matter immediately and evict the NSF from the land, building and premises of the Naga Club covered by the aforesaid Patta/Permit No.10997(P) and Dag/Plot No.6656.

Dated Kohima: 06.06.2023

Yours Sincerely,

For and on behalf of Naga Club Nagaland

Kuolachalie Seyie

President, Naga Club Nagaland

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Gen. Secy, Naga Club Nagaland

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