OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE MEGHALAYA :: SHILLONG

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Central Government declares GNLA as a terrorist organisation -

The Govt of India has issued a notification dated the 12th January 2012, declaring the GNLA as a terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. A notification under this Act bestows powers on the police and other designated authorities to take action against not only the members of the terrorist organisation, but even against those persons who associate themselves with such an organisation, including over ground workers, sympathizers and those engaged in fund collections. The UA(P) Act gives powers to the police, including powers of arrest, search and seizure while dealing with offences under the Act. Police will also be able to take action against those persons who are engaged in harbouring the militants, or contribute money or any other assistance to the outfit or against those handling the funds belonging to a terrorist organisation. These powers include powers to seize the property and funds belonging to such terrorist groups.

Above all, under the UA(P) Act, there is an obligation on the citizens to furnish information which they may have in their possession, regarding offences under the Act. All Central and State Government officials, public servants, officials of public bodies as well as functionaries of even private firms, establishments or any organisation or individual have an obligation to furnish information in their possession regarding an offence committed under that Act and failure to furnish such information amounts to a criminal offence. All Police Stations in the State are being instructed to strictly enforce the law.

Meghalaya Police requests all citizens of the State for their support and cooperation in dealing with the menace of terrorism. The above information may be published in the newspapers for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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