

Blow for NSCN(IM); Chishi Swu no more



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In a major blow for [NSCN](#)(IM) and its negotiation for a greater Nagalim, Isaac Chishi Swu passed away on Tuesday. The end came at 12.30 noon at the Fortis Hospital where he was undergoing treatment for the last couple of months.

Born in 1929 at a Sema village in the Zunheboto district of [Nagaland](#), he did his early education at American Mission School at Chishilimi and then studied at Government High School in [Kohima](#) before obtaining his graduation with honours in [Political](#) Science from St. Anthony's College in Shillong.

He joined [NSCN](#) in late 1950's and served [as](#) Foreign Secretary. The Naga [National](#) Council (NNC) which was a political organization of Naga people, active from the late 1940s to the early 1950s. Under the leadership of Angami Zapu Phizo in the 1940s, it unsuccessfully campaigned for the secession of the Naga territory from [India](#) and creation for a sovereign Naga [state](#) after he became the foreign secretary he was later elevated to Vice [President](#) NNC.

The 85-year-old [NSCN leader](#) Isak Chishi Swu is married to Khulu, and has five sons and one daughter.

Isak Chishi Swu, Thuingaleng Muivah and S.S. Khaplang were behind the formation of the [National](#) Socialist Council of [Nagaland](#) ([NSCN](#)) on 31 January 1980 opposing the Shillong [Accord](#) signed by the then Naga [National](#) Council (NNC) with the Centre. Following a disagreement, the [group](#) split into two factions, the [NSCN](#)-K led by S S Khaplang, and the [NSCN](#)-IM, led by Isak Chishi Swu and Thuingaleng Muivah.

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