

NE rebels give R-Day boycott call



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The United [National](#) Liberation Front of Western South-East Asian Region ([UNLFW](#)) has announced to call for an 11-hour shutdown of the region and boycott Republic Day celebrations on January 26.

While appealing to the people to boycott the event, the front in a statement said it has called for the shutdown from 6 am to 5 pm on Republic Day across the region.

The statement was signed by the top insurgent [leaders](#) of the Hynniewtrep [National](#) Liberation Council (HNLC), Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL), [National](#) Liberation Front Twipra (NLFT) and People's Democratic Council of Karbilongri ([PDCK](#)).

The [UNLFW](#) in a statement said that this year's Republic Day of [India](#) falls on the 26th January 2018 and various colonial government agencies are going to be pressurized into celebrating the day with pomp and ceremony in many cities and towns of WESEA region.

"Generally, only a few collaborators join them willingly and wittingly, some people witness them unwittingly, many people come reluctantly and a majority of them are lured to participate through incentives, it said.

The statement said it is purely a tool of historiographical colonialism and colonization of the mind, and that "[India](#)'s objective is to remove the true historical memories of our people from their minds and to replace them with fabricated historical narratives endorsing ethnic and [racial](#) assimilation with heartland Indian Aryans."

The front's statement further said the people of WESEA region have never opted for being subjects of [India](#) and they have not enjoyed republican administration in a true sense of the term, adding that Indian republic day celebrations are more prominent and conspicuous in WESEA region than in mainland [India](#).

It said, “The armed struggles of our region aim to liberate the peoples of this region from Indian occupation and colonization. To translate this into reality our first and foremost task is to liberate ourselves from Indian colonization of our minds. Psychological decolonization should precede physical decolonization. Without decolonization of the mind, it is impossible to achieve political decolonization. Decolonization of the mind includes all forms of decolonization, historiographical, academic, psychological, philosophical, linguistic and epistemological.”

The statement said, “As a step for decolonization of mind, we, the undersigned representatives of our respective revolutionary organizations, declare to ban [India](#)’s republic day celebrations in our WESEA region. To prop up the above declaration, we call for total shutdown of the entire region for 11 hours, that is, from 6 AM to 5 PM of the day, the 26th January 2018. We call upon all peoples of this region to fully support this ban considering the urgent need to resist Indian occupation of our land. This call shall go concurrently with bans declared by other fraternal outfits of our WESEA region.”

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