

No Naga deal will be allowed to hurt Manipur sentiment: UCM



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Any peace [deal](#) between the Centre and [NSCN](#) (IM) that affects the sentiments of the people of [Manipur](#) will be opposed “tooth and nail,” the United Committee [Manipur](#) (UCM) has reiterated.

“We’ve the sneaking suspicion that the Government of [India](#) may make another move similar to the ‘Framework Agreement’ which was a furtive step,” UCM president Johnson Elangbam said a press meet at committee office, Lamphel here on Monday.

He said the Centre and [NSCN](#) (IM) have been conducting all moves to end the [over](#) six decades old Naga political issue and warned of another June 18 Uprising in [Manipur](#) in case the Government of [India](#) makes any attempt to hurt the [state](#)’s interests in resolving the Naga problem.

“Such deals will never be accepted by the people of [Manipur](#),” Johnson said. The UCM [leader](#) mentioned the Assam government’s fresh declaration against any move to distort the [map](#) of that [state](#) in the process to end the protracted Naga issue.

[Manipur](#), Assam and [Arunachal](#) Pradesh are apprehensive about the ongoing peace talks between the Centre and [NSCN](#) (IM) that aimed at ending the long-running Naga insurgency. The three northeastern states have the apprehension that their boundaries will be changed if the key demand of Naga integration raised by the Naga outfit is fulfilled.

The UCM president Johnson Elangbam expressed confidence that the Government of [India](#) will keep its word that all stakeholders will be taken on board before any final agreement is reached with [NSCN](#) (IM). He also mentioned the repeated promise by the [Manipur](#) government to safeguard the territorial integrity of [Manipur](#).

On the other hand, UCM president Johnson Elangbam expressed unhappiness [over](#) the Kuki [state](#) demand raised by Kuki militant groups under suspension of operation (SoO) involving the Centre and [Manipur](#) government.

“UCM condemns the move of the United People’s Front ([UPF](#)) and Kuki [National](#) Organisation (KNO) that could threaten the integrity and social fabric which is becoming increasingly visible,” he said. The [UPF](#) and KNO signed SoO in 2013 and are on tripartite talks with the two governments since then.

He appealed to all concerned, including the Kuki civil society, to forge unity among communities by staying away from such a move of the Kuki militant outfits to assert one community's interest.

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