

Tamenglong opposes oil exploration



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A [community](#) consultation on “Protection of Land, Forest and Rivers” was held at Sibilong Village and Phaitol Villages on 25th and 26th May 2017 respectively, which was jointly organized by the Zeliangrong Students Union, [Manipur](#), Sibilong Village Authority, Phaitol Village Authority, Committee on the Protection of [Natural Resources](#) in [Manipur](#) and Peace Core Team, [Manipur](#). The [community](#) meet was organized to promote communities [rights](#) and defense of their land, forest and rivers amidst aggressive push for extractive industries and large infrastructure projects in Tamenglong District and other parts of [Manipur](#).

The participants of the [community meets](#) resolved to defend their land and resources from any exploitation and plunder by oil companies such [as](#) the Asian Oilfield, Oil [India](#) Limited, Jubilant Energy, Alphageo etc. The participants also resolved to endorse the positions of previous public consultations on Oil exploration to reject any form of surveys and direct oil exploration and drilling from [Manipur](#) by the oil companies.

In the Community meet at Siguilong (Sibilong) on 25th May 2017, Chairman of Siguilong Village Court, Keibammang Kamei shared that the Asian Oilfield came to the their village seeking No Objection Certificate (NOC), which the Village Authority refused and company even brought some kilos of Sugar and Milk to convince the villagers. Namdriguang Kamei, Secretary, Village Authority of Chingkhuanlung Village, Tamenglong District shared that their village will support all effort the land and resources in [Manipur](#).

Jahouitue, Women [President](#), Oinamlong Zone, Tamenglong District, shared the people of Tamenglong make clear position [against](#) oil exploration in Tamenglong [as](#) asserted in the public hearing on oil exploration conducted by [Manipur](#) Pollution Control Board and Jubilant Energy in the year 2012 at Nungha town, Tamenglong Town, Jiribam etc. The position still remains the same and there is no discussion to accept the renewed attempt by Oil [India](#) Limited to carry out Oil exploration in Tamenglong and other parts of [Manipur](#).

Aram Pamei, Co-Convenor, Peace Core Team, [Manipur](#) shared that land, water and forest are crucial for livelihood and inter-generational survival of [indigenous](#) communities of [Manipur](#). She also shared Tamenglong and other areas of [Manipur](#) is gifted with rich biodiversity and resources and asserted that Oil Companies are trying to exploit Oil and other natural resources without peoples' consent. She contended that oil exploration will also [lead](#) to widespread contamination of land and intense militarization with subsequent human [rights](#) violations and emphasized the importance to defend our land and resources from oil companies.

Participants of the [community](#) meet on Protection of Land, water and Forest at Phaitol Village on 26th May also shared the impacts of both surveys and direct exploration and drilling of Oil in the [community](#) and also expressed concern with the [failure](#) of the Asian Oilfield to recognize communities [rights over](#) their land and resources and to take their free, prior and informed consent. The participants later urged upon the Oil [India](#) Limited, Asian Oilfield, the Government of [India](#) and the Government of [Manipur](#) to reveal all [documents](#) related to oil exploration in [Manipur](#) and to [stop](#) all related surveys and direct drilling and exploration.

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