

ULFA(I) grieves Isak's demise



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The United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) expresses deep sorrow [over](#) the passing away of the [National](#) Socialist Council of Nagalim, Founding Member and Chairman Isak Chishi Swu who died Tuesday, June 28 following prolonged ailment since July 5 at Fortis Hospital in [New Delhi](#). He was 87.

[ULFA](#)(I) in reverence terms him [as](#) “a [tower](#) of a man” in the politics of the Naga People [as](#) a whole and identifies him [as](#) a deeply religious man with an amiable personality which proved to be a great asset to his [group](#) in bringing unity between tribes and taking forward the Naga cause with fortitude and revolutionary inspiration to [fight](#) on. The [over](#) for more than three decades

Swu with his mature skill and statesmanship tried his best to undo the shackles of the 1975 Shillong [Accord](#) that the Naga Nationalist Council had then signed with [New Delhi](#).

“Mr. Swu will be remembered for his historical role in bringing out the Framework Agreement for Naga peace,” tweeted PM Modi on hearing of Swu’s demise.

[Congress President](#) Sonia [Gandhi](#) condoling his demise hoped that Swu’s legacy would evolve into that of lasting peace and reconciliation.

[NSCN](#)-IM in August last year had signed a Framework Agreement for peace with the Government of [India](#) in the presence of PM Modi and other tall dignitaries. The pact was a result of [over](#) 80 rounds of negotiations spanning 16 years. The first breakthrough was in 1997 when a ceasefire agreement was finally signed. This resulted from meetings with then PM P V Narasimha Rao in Paris in June 1995 and PM H D Deve [Gowda](#) in Zurich in February 1997.

For [ULFA](#)(I) Swu died with the laurel on his head [as](#) a Naga [National](#) hero undefeated at the hands of the treacherous Indian establishment.

A Bible scholar Swu led the Naga revolution for more than three decades.

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