

Zeliang steps down as Nagaland CM



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KOHIMA: Three days after NPF fell short of majority and after BJP dumping the regional party, TR Zeliang resigned as [Nagaland](#) chief minister on Tuesday.

Zeliang called on [Governor PB](#) Acharya at Raj Bhawan in the evening and put in his papers paving the way to form the new government.

Later in a statement Zeliang said immediately after the result he staked my claim to form the next Government since NPF was the single largest party which had pre poll agreement with JD(U) & NPP and a letter of support to that effect was submitted to the [Governor](#).

“[Nagaland](#) cannot be left out of the vigorous developmental process. An honourable and acceptable settlement to the Naga [Political](#) Issue, in pursuance of the Framework Agreement signed on 3.8.2015, is the fervent wish of the Naga people as a whole. A durable peace in the State may be possible only under a united aegis in the Legislative Assembly,”he said.

According to him,” fact that the electorate in [Nagaland](#) have given 27 seats to the NPF is a factor that has to be taken into account in all political processes including those of development and peace in [Nagaland](#).”

He said he proposed to the BJP leadership in separate communications dated 3.3.2018 to Prime Minister and the BJP [President](#) to know the stand of BJP pertaining to formation of coalition Government as in the past 15 years.

“However, after coming to know of the decision of BJP severing ties with NPF, I am submitting the resignation of the Council of Ministers headed by me today the 6. March 2018 with a request to accept the same with immediate effect,”said the outgoing chief minister.

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