



Serial No. 03
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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

AB No. 10 of 2026

Date of order: 15.04.2026

Deimonmi Patwad

Vs.

State of Meghalaya & ors

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. J. Shylla, Adv.
Mr. M.L. Nongpiur, Adv.
Mr. F.L. Dkhar, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Ms. N.G. Shylla, Sr. GA with
Ms. S. Kh. Nongrum, GA

1. An FIR has been lodged before the Officer Incharge, Ladrymbai Police Outpost by 2 (two) persons namely, Shri Dawanoo Rymbai, Waheh Shnong, Lama Village and and Shri Charling Syrti, Secretary, Lama Village

2. The contents of the FIR speaks of a dispute between two villages that is, Lama village and Lakadong Ummat village indicating therein that two groups of villagers of these respective villages are involved in such dispute.

3. The dispute involves land situated in such area, which land is the subject matter of acquisition by the concerned authorities for construction of a Four Lane expressway.

4. Without going into details, what is understood is that an inspection of the said land is said to be conducted by the authorities concerned on the said date of inspection, that is, on 03.03.2026 at around 10:30 AM or so, where a crowd of people has gathered there. It is said that



because of some misunderstanding, disagreement or conflict between the two groups, an altercation has taken place with some gunshot being fired resulting in injuries to some of those who were present at the place of occurrence.

5. Under such circumstances, an FIR was registered as Khliehriat, P.S. Case No. 104 of 2026 Under Section 109/118(2)/191(3)/61(2)/132/35 BNS r/w Section 27 Arms Act, an investigation was launched.

6. Heard Mr. J. Shylla, learned counsel for the petitioner, who has submitted that the petitioner belongs to one of the families who are the owners of some of the portion of the said land in dispute. However, he is not aware of the said inspection nor as he was present at the place of occurrence. In spite of this, he was surprised to find that he was named in the said FIR as one of the perpetrators responsible for the incident.

7. It is however, the submission of the learned counsel that basically, the dispute is with regard to the said landed property and the incident have apparently taken place because of rival contention between the two groups.

8. However, since the petitioner is not involved in the said incident, he has accordingly approached the Sessions Court for grant of anticipatory bail, which was rejected vide order dated 12. 03. 2026.

9. It is in such a situation that the petitioner has now approach this Court with this prayer for grant of anticipatory bail, since he is apprehending arrest on the basis that he is one of the name perpetrators as aforesaid.

10. Mrs. N.G. Shylla, learned Sr. GA has submitted that at this point of time the prosecution or rather the investigating officer may be



allowed to file the status report to confirm the involvement of the petitioner herein.

11. On consideration of the submission made, at the outset, this Court is inclined to allow the prayer made by the learned Senior GA and accordingly, the IO is directed to file the status report along with the CD on the next date fixed.

12. In the meantime, as prayed for, interim bail is granted to the petitioner on condition that he shall not abscond and would cooperate with the investigation as and when required.

13. List this matter on 20th April, 2026.

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

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