

# Naga Truce Extended by One Year (Without any Territorial Limits)

## Extension of Cease-Fire with the NSCN-IM

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The Government of India and NSCN (IM) have agreed to extend the operation of the on-going cease-fire for one year i.e. upto 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2002. This was decided after the discussions held at Bangkok on 13-14 June, 2001 between Shri K. Padmanbhaiah, Representative of the Government of India and Shri T. Muivah, General Secretary, NSCN. Cease-fire between the Government of India and NSCN (IM) has been in operation since 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1997. The period of last extension is due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2001.

The most salient feature of this latest extension of cease-fire is that it will be without any territorial limits. However, this stipulation will not, in any way, affect the territorial integrity of any of the North-Eastern States. Both parties have also agreed to move forward with the process of dialogue to bring about a lasting solution to the Naga issue.

The text of the agreed minutes is as follows:

- (i) The Ceasefire Agreement is between the Government of India and the NSCN as two entities without territorial limits.
- (ii) Both the parties would abide by the Ground Rules as revised on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2001, both in letter and in spirit.
- (iii) It is agreed to further extend the Ceasefire for a period of one year with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2001.
- (iv) The Government of India and the NSCN agreed to proceed with the peace process on substantive issues to bring about a lasting political solution to the issue. It is recognized that there is a need for formal trust and respect.
- (v) The next round of talks would be held in the last week of July/first week of August, 2001.

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