

ANNEXURE III : Harassment of Journalists by State/Central Forces

S I	Date	Nature of case	Perpetrator	Narration of incident	Action taken	Case Status
	1980-1981	Imprisoned under National Security Act (NSA)	State Police personnel	Arrest of <i>Hueiyen Lanpao</i> editor Salam Bharatbhusan and editor of <i>Matam</i> , Meinam Mithai, who were booked under the National Security Act (NSA) and imprisoned for around six months.	No action taken.	Released from jail after 3 months, case revoked
	April, 2000	Arrested	State Police personnel	Nongthombam Biren Singh, editor of <i>Naharolgi Thoudang</i> was arrested by the state police for publishing a speech by activist Th. Iboyaima, on charges of it being "seditious" and "anti-national".	Rally taken out, memorandum submitted to Chief Minister, Indian Federation of Working Journalists	Released after 1 month in jail, case revoked.
	August 15, 2003	Interference / pressure	State police personnel	Manipur police stopped reporters from entering/covering Independence Day celebrations held at 1 st MR grounds, Imphal.	Journalists boycotted the Independence Day celebrations	Chief Minister assured inquiry into the matter, but no action taken
	September 10, 2003	Arrested	Assam Rifles personnel	Yambem Biren, reporter of <i>Kangla Pao</i> , Manipuri daily evening paper was arrested from his house by a team of Assam Rifles apparently on no charges.	Memorandum was submitted to DGP by AMWJU	Released in the night of the same day.
	July 23, 2004	Assaulted	2 nd Manipur Rifles personnel	At the peak of the recent anti-AFSPA uprising in 2004, personnel of 2 nd Manipur Rifles dispersing a group of women protestors barged into the house of Thiyam Ranjan @ Richard Ranjan, a senior reporter at <i>Sanaleibak</i> and beat him up even after he identified himself as a journalist.	Rally taken out, memorandum submitted to Chief Minister. The matter was brought to the knowledge of International Federation of Working Journalists (IFWJ), Press Council of India (PCI) and Committee for Protection of Journalists (CPJ).	Three Manipur Rifles and one State Police commando personnel suspended