

Assam, Mizoram agree to ease border tension

Will approach SC for amicable solution, says Assam CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT


GUWAHATI

The Chief Ministers of Assam and Mizoram have sought to ease tensions along their troubled inter-State border following a discussion with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

An exchange of fire between the police forces of both States on July 26 left six Assam policemen and a civilian dead and 60 others, including Superintendent of Police of Cachar district Nimbalkar Vaibhav Chandrakant, injured. Assam claimed the firing was one-sided and unprovoked, while Mizoram said they retaliated to the aggression by the Assam police.

Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga on Sunday took to Twitter to say that he had a telephonic discussion with Mr. Shah and his Assam counterpart, Himanta Biswa Sarma. "We agreed to resolve the border issue amicably through meaningful dialogue," he tweeted.

He also asked the people of Mizoram to "avoid posting sensitive messages and

 Our main focus is on keeping the spirit of northeast alive. What happened along the Assam-Mizoram border is unacceptable to the people of both States... Border disputes can only be resolved through discussion

HIMANTA
BISWA SARMA
Assam
Chief Minister



make judicious use of their social media platform" to prevent any possible escalation of the situation. He later deleted the tweet, but retweeted a post by Dr. Sarma.

"Our main focus is on keeping the spirit of northeast alive. What happened along the Assam-Mizoram border is unacceptable to the people of both States," Dr. Sarma said. "Border disputes can only be resolved through discussion."

Dr. Sarma later told presspersons in Guwahati that his

government would approach the Supreme Court in 15 days for an amicable solution to the boundary row for both States to follow.

The two States share a 164.6-km volatile border, with each government accusing the other of not maintaining the status quo and encouraging its people to encroach. The border conflict is decades-old but things started getting violent from October 2020.

CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 10