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The All Manipur Working Journalists Union (AMWJU) and Editors Guild Manipur (EGM) strongly condemned the burning down of houses belonging to Moreh correspondents of Imphal-based media houses by a Kuki mob on Wednesday.

According to information received by the two journalist organizations, among the 30 houses burned down by the mob in different locations of the Indo-Myanmar border town, at least eight belong to correspondents.

Houses of Lairenlakpam Maipak (Poknapham) located at Moreh Tali Road, S. Santipur (Naharolgi Thoudang) of the same Leikai, Asem Lalit (Imphal Free Press) of Moreh Heinoumakhong, B. Ramchandra (DDK News) of Moreh Bazaar, Leishangthem Brojendro (AIR) of Moreh Premnagar, Sagolsem Sanjoy (ISTV), Maibam Inaocha (Impact TV), and Yumnam Mangang (Sanaleibak) all from Moreh Turel Wangma were razed to the ground. Their houses were already looted before the July 26 incident, and they are now residing in Imphal-based relief camps.

At the time of the incident, paramilitary forces, including the Assam Rifles, were deployed in and around the said areas. But the security forces do not attempt to control the mob, and the security advisor of the Manipur Government is answerable to it.

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