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Chief Minister of Manipur, N Biren Singh

Manipur CM Office, 4th Block

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*Kishorchandra Wangkhem*

Dear Chief Minister,

I was extremely concerned to hear that the journalist **Kishorchandra Wangkhem** of the federal state ofManipur was on 27 November once again arrested in accordance with the law concerning national security. Previously he had already been imprisoned in August and November 2018 because of Facebook posts criticising the government but was in both cases released against on bail. On February 1 his appeal against imprisonment will be heard by the High Court of Manipur.

In view of this unfortunate state of affairs, dear Chief Minister I call upon you respectfully to

* have Kishorchandra Wangkhem released immediately and unconditionally from administrative detention and to ensure that he has a fair trial in connection with the pending trials in accordance with international standards of human rights;
* ensure that pending his release he is neither tortured nor mistreated in other ways;
* put a stop to the use of administrative detention and to desist in applying the laws in India concerning “slander” and “sedition” against journalists and human rights dc

Yours faithfully,