

REJOINDER

On news item published by Shillong Times on 25th May, 2023 under the caption “ASF grips WKH village; one dead”

The Shillong Times Newspaper reported on 25th May, 2023 under the caption “**ASF grips WKH village; one dead**” that a person from Tiehsaw village of Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills has died due to outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the village. The news report is false and unverified. The Department of AH and Veterinary has verified the incidence and hereby clarified that the said person is alive and there has been no death of human being due to African Swine Fever in the State. It has been confirmed that only 22 pigs died due to African Swine fever belonging to one person at Tiehsaw village West Khasi Hills District. The Department has declared Tiehsaw village as epicenter and has taken up containment measures to prevent further spread of ASF. It is hereby clarified that African Swine Fever is not a Zoonotic disease. ASF cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans and ASF is not a threat to human health.

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1. The Director, Information and Public Relation Meghalaya Shillong for wide publicity.
2. The Editor, the Shillong Times Newspaper with a request to publish the rejoinder.

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