

'Nat'l panels failed to act on Manipur'

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Madurai: Madurai-based People's Watch has accused the national commissions of the country of failing to act on human rights violations in Manipur, and demanded the resignation of the chairpersons and members of these commissions. "They acted only after the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court took up the matter on July 19," said People's Watch executive director Henri Tiphagne.

He told reporters here on Monday that the National Human Rights Commission acted only after Supreme Court took up Manipur violence. "The National Commission for Women was even worse as it had received complaints of violence and sexual assault on women in various parts of Manipur on June 12 itself. Though these complaints highlighted the brutal violence unleashed on women, NCW took cognizance of the violence only on July 19," he said. "The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights went one step further by writing to Manipur DGP seeking action against CPM politburo member Subhashini Ali and two others for posting photographs of a minor allegedly involved in the women being paraded naked ," he said. Henri said the state commissions in Manipur failed too. He demanded the resignations of NHRC chairperson Arun Kumar Mishra, NCW chairperson Rekha Sharma and the members of all national commissions.

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