

Inspectors-General Of N-E States To Meet Tomorrow

From Our Special Representative

GAUHATI, Sept. 1.—Inspectors-General of Police in the north-eastern region with their top intelligence experts are meeting in Shillong on Thursday and Friday to discuss regional security with emphasis on coordinating measures to combat extremist activities.

The process began during the Governorship of Mr L. P. Singh with a meeting attended by the security adviser to the North-Eastern Council. The meeting was exploratory but the coming discussions may centre on pooling of data, analysis and feed-back.

The need for intelligence coordination among the States and Union Territories, "seven sisters", is underlined by the increasing evidence of links among the extremist groups which, evidently, are more mobile than thought to be.

It is confirmed that young men from Assam have had training with insurgent groups such as Muiyah's and some of them are believed to have returned to their home base.

According to sources the traffic through Tirap which made the former Lieutenant-Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Mr Haldipur camp in that district for a week is allowed in stages with guides to take the groups across lonely terrain.

A new flag in red and white with a map of the north-eastern region and seven stars have been seen in the Brahmaputra Valley. It carries the inscription, Gana Prajatantra Morcha, which freely translated would mean the people's liberation front.

One cannot say for certain when

these flags appeared but some were hauled down on Independence Day. One was detected at a place in Darrang district.

Two bombs were defused under a culvert 8 km from Jorhat recently. Some criminals had collected 100 litres of crude from the pipeline apparently by punching a hole in it but were caught.

Labour trouble erupted in Assam's sole cotton mill at Char-duar two days ago and the police had to resort to lathi-charge in which 11 people were injured.

Our Correspondent in Shillong adds: The influx of foreign nationals into Meghalaya from across Bangladesh, particularly in the Garo Hills sector, has been causing concern in political and Government circles. The Government has set up several committees at different levels first to identify foreigners then to take steps for their diportation.

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