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To,

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NEED TO DE-ESCALATE THE TENSIONS

The India China border tensions are increasing. In an unfortunate dispute leading to violent clashes on the night of June 15 in Galwan Valley in Ladakh, India lost twenty of its brave soldiers. Naturally the nation is enraged. It is reported that the Chinese side have also suffered a number of casualties.

For the past several months tensions were building at four distinct points in Ladakh including Galwan River, Gogra and Hot spring. The first clash occurred on May 5 and another on May 9. In order to de-escalate tensions, a meeting of Senior Military Commanders from both sides took place on June 6. It appeared that this meeting succeeded in reaching some agreement leading to the beginning of reduction of tensions and disengagements when this unfortunate incident took place.

It is alarming that in the last few years tensions between the two most populous countries have increased over some border disputes. Less than two years ago, China and Indian forces were engaged in an unprecedented stand-off at Dokhlam. Fortunately, with mature political handling the situation was then brought under control. India and China share a boundary of nearly 3480 kilometres of which there are around 14 points which are under contest leading to repeated rising of tensions.

The last two days have seen intense diplomatic and military efforts to de-escalate the tensions. It is reported that the Foreign Ministers of both the countries held discussions in which their respective country's concerns were expressed. They also said that both the countries believe in peaceful resolution of disputes and are not interested in escalating tensions. The Military Commanders of Indian Army and China's PLA have also had discussions and it is reported that it was agreed to honour the agreement reached on June 9 leading to disengagement.

The rising border tension when both the countries are grappling to meet the Covid 19 threat and the resultant adverse consequences on their economies is really unfortunate. The existing border disputes cannot be resolved soon. It would require years of painstaking political and diplomatic efforts to bring about a workable solution. In the meantime, every effort must be taken to ensure that such bloody incidents do not occur again.

The All India Insurance Employees' Association pays it respectful homage to the brave soldiers of Indian Army who laid down their lives in the line of duty and our thoughts are with the families who lost their most loved ones. The Indian people will stand unitedly against any foreign aggression and to defend our territorial integrity.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours

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