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The Indian Journalists Union (IJU), the premier organization of the working journalists in the country, expressed profound shock over the death of Thangjam Nanao Singh, a reporter of 'Prime Time' in police firing in Manipur on Sunday.

The journalist reportedly received bullet wounds on his chest when police opened fire to disperse bandh supporters in Imphal west district and succumbed to his injuries at the Regional Institute of Medical Science and Hospital.

In a statement issued here on Monday, the President, S N Sinha and Secretary-General Devulapalli Amar of Indian Journalists Union (IJU) expressed doubts over the official version and wondered how only journalist was wounded while not even a single alleged agitator was injured in the police firing.

“We have our own apprehensions. We demand that a credible and independent inquiry should be held to find out the cause and circumstances leading to police firing and the resultant death of journalist. We also demand that the police should immediately return the camera of Nanao Singh in which he had captured the happenings on the spot before he fell to the police bullet,” they said. The pictures in the camera might lead to unravel the cause of the firing, they added.

Sinha and Amar demanded that the family of Nanao Singh should be adequately compensated by the Government of India and Government of Manipur.

They called upon the working journalists in the country to protest against lack of safety to journalists in the country.

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