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2. Side by side, a tripartite meeting among representatives of MHA, Govt. of Manipur, and Kuki National Organisation/KNO and United People's Front/UPF was also held at New Delhi today. The meeting concluded with the signing of a tripartite Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreement on re-negotiated terms and conditions (ground rules) to be effective from the day of signing of the Agreement for a period of one year. Among other provisions, the revised ground rules reiterated:

- i. **The territorial integrity of Manipur.**
 - ii. **Need for a negotiated solution to bring lasting peace and stability to the State of Manipur.**
3. KNO and UPF have also agreed to:
- i. **Relocate seven designated camps away from areas vulnerable to conflict.**
 - ii. **Reduce the number of designated camps.**
 - iii. **Relocate the weapons with nearest CRPF/BSF camps.**
 - iv. **Stringent physical verification of cadres by Security Forces to de-list foreign nationals, if any.**
4. Joint Monitoring Group will henceforth closely monitor enforcement of ground rules, and violations will be dealt with firmly in future, including review of the SoO Agreement.

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