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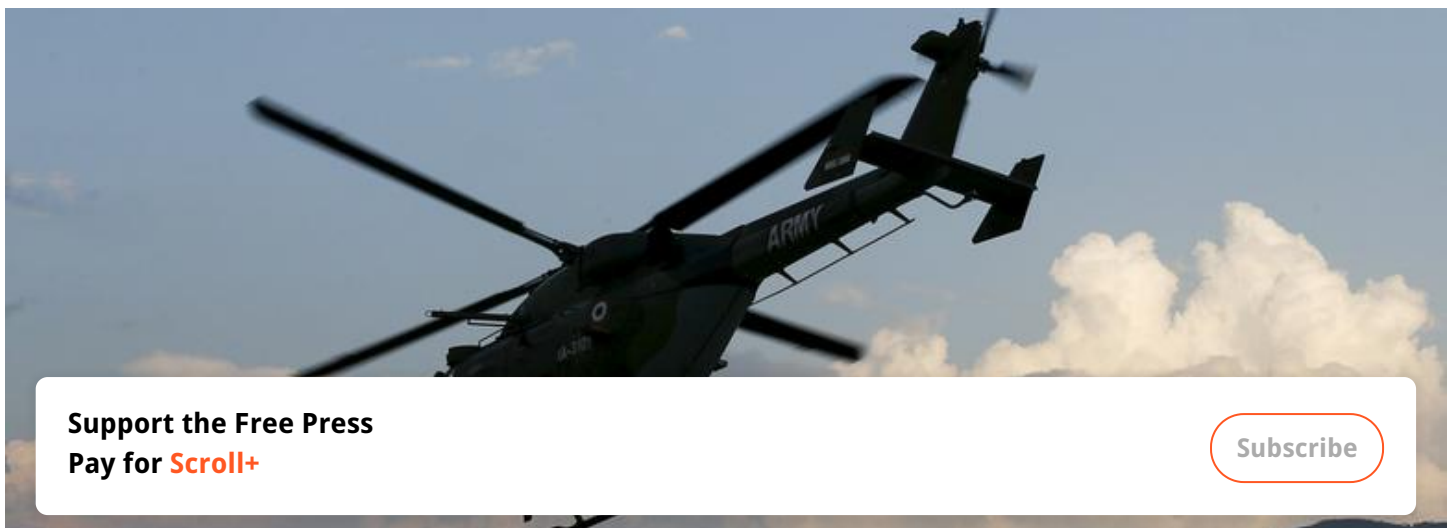
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If India really attacked insurgents inside Myanmar, why isn't the Modi government admitting so?

Even though the administration did not claim that it had struck militants across the border, sections of the media floated this scenario – giving Modi's defence policy a muscular sheen.

by **Shoaib Daniyal**

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The Indian army on Tuesday carried out strikes to avenge the killing of 18 of its soldiers by militants in Manipur last week. Significant casualties were inflicted by the Indian army during the strikes, as it engaged two separate groups of insurgents, the army said.

But there was a significant difference in details released by the government and reports in large sections of the media, which were driven by anonymous sources. While the Indian government said that the operation had taken place “along the Indo-Myanmar border”, many media reports characterised the operation as having taken place inside Myanmar without the permission of the Myanmar government – something that backs up the Modi government’s claims of putting in place a muscular defence policy.

The Ministry of Defence’s Principal Spokesperson, Sitanshu Kar released a statement about the strikes at around 6 pm on Tuesday. It also took care to point out th

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— Sitanshu Kar (@SpokespersonMoD) [June 9, 2015](#)

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An hour before this official statement, however, the news about the operation was broken by *Economic Times* reporter Manu Pubby.

More on this soon but announcement likely soon on a special ops strike to avenge the Manipur attack. Cross border ops.

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Special forces appear to have neutralised some militants involved in the Manipur attack in a cross border operation in Myanmar. [#developing](#)

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ONGC woes: How Modi government drove India's most profitable company under a mountain of debt

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Not too long ago, India's largest crude oil and natural gas exploration company, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, owned by the government, was not only debt-free, but the country's most profitable company. It was also among one of the most cash-rich companies in the country.

This has changed. After successive governments had gradually milked ONGC, the oil and gas explorer has completely run dry after the Narendra Modi government took over.

ONGC, a public sector enterprise developed in the late 1950s and 1960s, is key to India's energy security.


Of course, the Congress regimes since the early 1990s chipped away at the company in favour of private businesses looking to dig into the inordinately profitable oil and gas industry. In 1992-'93, a total of 28 prime oil and gas fields that were discovered and developed by ONGC were given away to private parties for a pittance.

In fact, the Indian government in 1991 forced ONGC to take a loan of \$450 million from the World Bank with attached conditions mandating that oil fields discovered

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