

Poisoned fishes, LDA cautions

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Imphal, February 17 2012: Loktak Development Authority (LDA) has cautioned the general public that due care must be taken in purchasing smoked fish from local markets, especially in areas close to Phoubakchao and eastern side of Loktak lake. Certain fishermen were found using Hildan insecticide in fishing in Loktak lake, particularly at Maibam Phumlak area, near Phoubakchao, said a press release issued by LDA Project Director Th Ibohi Singh. The method is very detrimental and hazardous to health, it added. The press release further said that an LDA team has verified high level water contamination and large scale death of fishes in these areas.



A dead fish at Loktak and inset the insecticide

It has also been reported that such fishes are smoked and sold in the markets, far and near, it added. The Project Director also appealed the fishermen not to indulge in such hazardous method as it may harm the ecosystem and give serious human health hazard.