

Thingkho Le Malcha

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 01, 2023



RENGKAI HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL RELIEF CENTRE

Managed by Hmar Youth Association GHQ

Total Inmates Registered: 393

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| ■ Male: 186 | ■ Female: 207 |
| ■ Children (0-10 years): 104 | ■ Adolescent (11-17 years): 76 |
| ■ Adult (18-59 years): 166 | ■ Old age (60 above): 24 |
| ■ Pregnant Mother: 3 | ■ Lactating Mother: 20 |
| ■ Person with Disability: 8 | |

VILLAGES COVERED

- Sadar Joute
- Leisanbung
- S. Lajang
- T. Bijang Gangte
- Laika Mualsau
- Molphei Tampak
- Lamphel, Imphal
- Y. Thingkangphai
- MB Saichang
- K. Lhangnom
- Langching
- V. Haipijang
- Selkui
- Kangchup Ponlen
- H. Champhai



KUKI VICTIMS UPDATE



141
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425
DISPLACED
PERSONS

Thingkho Le Malcha (charred wood tied with chilli): A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.

Four Arrested by CBI Taken to Guwahati; Joint Student Body Calls 12-Hour Total Shutdown in Lamka

Acting on the whims and fancies of the Meitei populace, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Sunday arrested four Kuki-Zo individuals and detained two children who were alleged to be involved in connection with the killings of two Meitei teenagers in war zone areas in July last.

The six individuals were intercepted by a joint team of CBI and security forces in plain clothes near Kangvai, Lamka district, while travelling for Lamka town from Leimata village.

After the news of their arrest spread amongst the people, the Kuki-Zo womenfolk came out in protest against the arrest and blocked all roads leading to different places. The women also held a sit-in protest in front of the Mini-Secretariat as well as the Superintendent of Police office.

With deep concern over the matter and strongly condemning the abduction of six civilians, including two minor girls in between Kangvai and Molhoi Village, who were on their way to Lamka town at around 8:45 am today, the Joint Student Body of Lamka (JSB) has called a "12-hour total shutdown" in the entire district of Lamka (Churachandpur) in protest against the unwarranted arrest on Oct 2, 2023.

The abducted persons are identified as Seimalsom @ Boisom Haokip, President, KSO, Leimata Block; Paominlun Haokip, Secretary, KSO, Leimata Block; Lhingneichong Haokip, Tinneihing, Tinneikhol (11 yrs) and Kimnejem (9 yrs).

JSB said: "The news that one woman was picked up by the CBI team without the presence of female police personnel is highly condemnable. Any such instances will be strongly opposed in the future." While condemning the inhumane act of transporting even children along with those arrested, the Joint Student Body also warned that in the future, any person with arms and moving around in plain clothes would be stopped and action would be taken against them. It further announced to the general public that if they see any such people moving around in plain clothes and behaving in a suspicious manner, they should take action on them as they see fit.

Voicing their frustration at the "selective targeting of Kuki-Zomi-Mizo people" in the investigation of cases by even central agencies, JSB stated that it would oppose the biased selection of Police cases involving their people while the numerous cases of heinous crimes against their people are left ignored. The JSB was also alarmed at the Facebook post of the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, that some



of the culprits in a murder case have been caught when the case has not even been solved.

"We cannot but see this as an indication of a nexus between certain central agencies and the state government which have been succumbing to political pressure and manipulation," JSB said in a statement.

ITLF Serves 48-hour Ultimatum to CBI, NIA to Release Abductees

On account of the abduction of 7 Kuki-Zo including 2 minors by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Central Bureau Investigation (CBI) at Lamka, the joint meeting of various Civil Society Organisations of Lamka on Sunday served 48-hour ultimatum to CBI and NIA to release abductees.

The meeting resolved to declare an indefinite shutdown in protest against the abduction in Lamka district starting from 10 am of 2nd October 2023.

The Inddigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) requested NIA and CBI to release the 7 abductees within 48 hours, failing which more intense agitation will follow in all hill districts of Manipur.

The Tribal leaders also announced to seal all boundary areas with the Meitei from tomorrow, and no one will be allowed to enter or leave the buffer zones. It also announced to close all government offices from October 2.

However, essential services like the water supply, press or media, medical, electric, and ITLF staff are exempted from the shutdown.

KIM, KSO Condemn Abduction of 6 Civilians

The Kuki Inpi Manipur and the Kuki Students' Organisation General Headquarters vehemently condemned the recent abduction of 6 civilians, including 2 minors, in between Kangvai and Molhoi Village, carried out by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

A statement issued by the KSO-GHQ said the abduction of innocent civilians, particularly minors, is a gross violation of human rights and an affront to the principles of justice and humanity.

The KSO-GHQ clarifies that, the allegedly accused Boisawm Haokip and Paominlun Haokip are neither KNF Zogam cadre or have any involvement in the said murder case. They are the President and General Secretary of KSO Leimata Block respectively.

“We believe in the importance of upholding the rule of law and ensuring that justice is served impartially and without discrimination. The abduction of innocent civilians and minors is a grave concern, as it not only jeopardizes their well-being but also has severe emotional and psychological repercussions.”

The KSO-GHQ calls upon the relevant authorities including the CBI to:

1. Ensure the safe return of the abducted civilians, especially the minors, to their families, providing them with the care and support they require.
2. Uphold the principles of justice, human rights, and child protection, and work to prevent such incidents in the future.
3. Engage in open dialogue with the concerned communities to address their concerns and create an atmosphere of trust and cooperation.

The KSO-GHQ is deeply appalled and concerned about the selective discrimination of opening cases by the Central Government Agencies including the recent events involving the National Investigation Agency (NIA). This act of unfair prejudice reflects the inequality of delivering justice. And further warns to any agency not to act hastily due to political pressure which could further create mayhem.

KSO-GHQ also expressed strong condemnation of a recent Facebook post by Chief Minister Biren Singh, in which he publicly supports the arrest of individuals without any proof or evidence. Such statements by a public official carry significant weight and responsibility, and they have

the potential to influence public opinion and crippled the principles of justice and due process, KSO alleged. Chief Minister Biren Singh must refrain from making such statements that pre-judge or influence ongoing investigations, as these can have far-reaching consequences in delivering justice.

Further, the KSO GHQ endorsed the shutdown called by ITLF and JSB. This shutdown is a resentment of the Kuki-Zo community towards the partiality of the Government and appeal to the general public to abide with the agitation.

Condemning the arrest of six Kuki individuals including 2 minors and demanding their immediate release, the Kuki Inpi Manipur stated that KIM; all its federating units and the Kuki people as a whole will not be responsible for any untoward incident progressing out of the constant suppression and oppression of Kuki community by the Manipur state government.

KIM issued a release on late Sunday night demanding the release of the abductees which it said were ‘arrested in a breach of law and order and constitutional norms,’ of “equal protection of law/equality before law” enshrined in the Constitution of India Article 14

KIM stated that the Kuki people are utterly dismayed by the selective/exclusive justice against the Kuki people.

When arrests are made on grounds of suspicion against the Kuki community, why are the culprits of the barbaric beheading, mutilation, rape, and immolation against the Kuki people not apprehended in the same manner, questioned KIM.

This only substantiates the fact that the Manipur state government is altogether manipulating law and order and constitutional values and principles in the state to fit into its nefarious agenda of wiping out the Kuki community from the Manipur state.

KIM further stated that it is dismayed at how long the central leadership will allow this miserable state of “lawlessness/statelessness” in the state, and allow the State leadership under N. Biren Singh to execute anti-state, anti-constitutional, anti-national agendas in the interest of the radicalized Meiteis to exploit, dehumanize, and terrorize the Kuki community.

Recurrence of Gunfiring Reported in Fringe Area of Leisan

Recurrence of indiscriminate gunfiring towards a Kuki Zo village of Leisan was reported after hours of the radical Arambai Tenggol resurfaced in Imphal on Saturday.

At around 10:00 PM yesterday, the Meitei militants including the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun opened indiscriminate gunfiring towards Leisan village, bordering Meitei inhabited Bisnupur and Kakching districts. The gunfire came from Tangjeng Khunnou, a Meitei inhabited village, with heavy bombshells. However, the Kuki-Zo volunteers did not respond to their evil crimes against the Kukis. The firing lasted for about 10 minutes, sources said.

It was highly believed that the radicalised militia groups-Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun alongwith the Meitei terrorist groups, in an attempt to shift their internal conflict and create a common cause, started attacking the Kuki settlements near the Sugnu area once again. Notably, the resurfacing of thousands of Arambai Tenggol on Saturday, with leaked messages indicated their intention to shift their internal conflict towards the Kukis for their common cause.

In the wake of fresh violence in the troubled state of

Manipur, the recently disbanded Arambai Tenggol resurfaced on Saturday, with thousands of its cadres converging at the Kangla Fort in the heart of the capital city where they pledged to protect their Kangleipak - about 650 square kilometres.

The cadres of militia group took part in an event to pay homage to its members and others who were slain in the ongoing violence held at THAU ground, Thangmeiband. They, along with people of different walks of life paid floral tributes to the photos of 13 of its members and 60 slain in the ongoing violence.

After the floral tribute, the cadres marched onto the streets in Imphal till Kangla Fort where they took a pledge before the temple of Lord Pakhangba (Meitei God) to safeguard their motherland.

During the event, the Commander-in-Chief, Kourounganba Khuman announced that the 'War against Kuki-Zo' is yet to begin and urged the people to prepare for the war. "Only the people of the land can save the motherland," he said.

Total Shutdown, Coffin Rally, Candlelight Vigil to Mark CoTU's Fifth-month Observation of Manipur Violence

The Committee on Tribal Unity Sadar Hills Kangpokpi is all set to observe the fifth month of the alleged ethnic cleansing program against the Kuki-Zo community by the majority Meitei community allegedly with the tacit support of the Government of Manipur since May 3.

As part of the observation, CoTU will impose a 15-hour total shutdown from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm on October 3 within Kangpokpi district.

According to CoTU's Media Cell, all shops and business establishments shall remain closed and no vehicular movement will be allowed during the total shutdown.

However, emergency services including medical, and media will be exempted from the purview of the total shutdown.

The main observation will be organized at Brig. M. Thomas Ground with the display of coffin rally and a candlelight vigil in the afternoon to commemorate the day to pay tribute to the Kuki-Zo martyrs who made supreme sacrifice during the ongoing ethnic program.

The Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) Sadar Hills Kangpokpi district appealed to all the people from all walks of life including Internally Displaced Persons in the relief camps to extend full cooperation for the success of the commemoration.

Arrest of School Teacher by NIA: Wrongly Framed??

A 51-year-old private school teacher – Seiminlun Gangte, was arrested on Saturday by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with the recent Kwakta Bomb Blast Case. The case was registered suo moto by the NIA on 19.07.2023 in New Delhi.

The NIA press statement accused him of transnational conspiracy by Myanmar and Bangladesh-based leadership of terror outfits to wage war against the Government of India by exploiting the current ethnic unrest. However, many questions arise surrounding the arrest of Mr. Seiminlun Gangte. His wife Mangcy Gangte told a news portal the “East Mojo” that she firmly believed her husband was wrongly implicated in the case.

Gangte worked as a private school teacher in VN English Model School at Kwakta until the ethnic crisis broke out in the state on the 3rd May. He never had any record of criminal activities or cases in the past.

After the ethnic violence broke out in the state, Seiminlun Gangte and his family moved to Churachandpur district headquarters from Kwakta and took shelter in one of the relief centers at Churachandpur.

After their arrival in Churachandpur, Seiminlun Gangte worked as a ‘middleman’ for one Muslim, Kamal from Kwakta, who regularly supplies hardware items to Churachandpur. Kamal would usually transport the items to Pholjang village, a village situated on the border between Churachandpur

and Bishnupur district. From there, he usually takes it to Churachandpur town and delivers to the customers.

“A small amount of commission received from the transaction helps our family survive,” said Mangcy, wife of Seiminlun Gangte.

A debilitated person with a Pile case and gastrointestinal infections, who is even exempted from rotational frontline duty, is accused of carrying out terror activity.

Before their departure to New Delhi, an NIA official allegedly called Mangcy Gangte from Imphal Airport and informed her that her husband was in their custody. She requested to speak to her husband, and they allowed them a brief conversation. During the call, the NIA official mentioned that an arrest warrant had been issued on 19th September.

Mangcy Gangte questioned why the authorities hadn’t arrested her husband from their location in the Relief Center, as he was not evading arrest. Seiminlun Gangte was apprehended from the Torbung area in Churachandpur district at around 2:00 PM on Saturday. “They are trying to make my husband their ‘scapegoat’ by wrongly implicating him in a case where he is not related at all and using him as a sacrificial lamb for their incompetence,” Mercy lamented.

Manipur Govt Extends Suspension of Mobile Internet for Another 5 Days

Manipur Government has extended suspension of mobile internet for another five days till 7:45 pm of October 6.

The order issued in this regard stated that the Director General of Police, Manipur on September 30 reported that there are still reports of incidents of violence like confrontation of the public with security forces, trying to mob elected member’s residences, civil protests in front of police stations, etc.

“There is apprehension that some anti-social elements might use social media extensively for transmission of images, hate speech and hate video messages inciting the passions of the public which might have serious repercussions for the law and order situation in the State of Manipur,” it said.

To thwart the design and activities of anti-national and anti-social elements and to maintain peace and communal harmony, and to prevent any loss of life or danger to public/private property, it has become necessary to take adequate measures to maintain law and order in public interest, by stopping the spread of disinformation and false rumours, through various social media platform on various electronic equipments like and sending bulk SMS, for facilitating and/or mobilization of mobs of agitators and demonstrators, which can cause loss of life and/or damage to public/private property by indulging in arson/vandalism and other types of violent activities, the order added.

One Day Seminar on “The Deep Divide in Manipur: 150 Days of Injustice” Held

The Kuki Students' Organisation, Delhi & NCR (KSOD & NCR) organised a one-day seminar (further customized as gaal-le-toul lai One Day Seminar) themed on “The Deep Divide in Manipur: 150 Days of Injustice” in collaboration with Kuki Inpi Delhi and Kuki Welfare Delhi yesterday at Delhi University Conference Hall, North Campus- Delhi. The seminar was aimed at exploring the various facets of the Manipur violence.

The first session was chaired by Dr. Michael Lunminthang Haokip, advisor KSOD & NCR. Rev. Hencha Dounge, Assistant Pastor, KWSD said the Opening prayer followed by a Welcome Address from Education Department, KSOD & NCR.

Dr. Thongkholal Haokip, Asst. Professor, Centre for the Studies of Law and Governance (CSLG), JNU was “tracing the Kuki autonomy movement”. Dr. Haokip traced the origin of Assam Rifles to the Cacher Levy which was formed in 1835. A good number of Kukis joined the levy. He put that the Kukis have never been acceptable to subordination. Kukis' participation against any form of subordination can be seen from their rebellions such as against the British during the WW-I otherwise known as Anglo-Kuki War during 1917-19. Following this was what they joined Subhash Chandra Bose under the banner of Indian National Army (INA) in 1942 against the Allied Powers during the WW-II. He made mention of the Kuki National Assembly (KNA) which was founded a year before India's Independence on 24 October, 1946. He further attributed the Meitei-Kuki conflict to the least empowered HAC under Article 371 (C) of the Constitution of India.

Major (Retd.) Amit Bansal laid bare the story of drugs syndicate in Manipur. He pointed out that 75% of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime reported Rs. 75,000 crores worth drugs in Manipur are synthetic chemical drugs manufactured in Imphal valley. An international report says that 95% of Golden Triangle-based drugs cannot prosper without politicians, social workers and the like.

In the meanwhile, Dr. Nehkholen Haokip proposed for a community goods whereby the inmates of various relief camps can be employed in a community farming, so that it can sustain our economic viability during this conflict. Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India, Colin Gonsalves had a motivational speech to the youth to take part in safeguarding our rights and lands. He even appreciated the Kuki youth for defending their lands with this strength ever since May 3. Pu Tongmin Misao (Advisor, KSOD & NCR) chaired the



second session. Dr. Lalsanglen Haokip, Assistant Professor, Delhi University explicated the historical facts of the Kuki-Zos. Mystifying histories, Dr. Lalsanglen Haokip explained the Salai Taret genealogy of the Meiteis. Under the seven major clans, there are over 400 sub-clans among the Meiteis. He also mentioned about the Umang Lai (forest deity). The Meiteis have over 900 forest deities, implying that their deities spread across the forest of the state. This purportedly provides a basis for the Meiteis to claim the whole territory as theirs. He extrapolated on the territorial extent of the state based on different existing literatures of R.B. Pemberton, Chandramani Singh, James Johnstone and T.C. Hudson. There are several contradictions among the writers in regards to the territorial limit of the state of Manipur and the origins of both Meiteis and Kukis. He severely questioned about the imposition of AFSPA law in SoO-operated hill areas and not in valley areas.

Dr. Nemthiangai Guite, Associate Professor, JNU looked at the ensuing conflict in Manipur from women perspective. She made a comparative role of women in the Kashmir conflict and Manipur conflict. She somehow agreed to glorify the Meira Paibis for spearheading the general public of the Meiteis in a series of protest. However, this is not the end of the story. She was upset with the reason behind for them being in the forefront. She clearly pointed out that the Meira Paibis are used as a human shield, and not for other reasons.

Pu Lunjalen Khongsai, Chairman KWSD spoke on the way forward. The Godly leader of the Church knew well that he was being invited with expectations of biblical messages from him. He did not put much emphasis on the nitty gritty of the politics on the conflict. Rather, he cautioned the participants not to imbibe in their mind a sense of hatred against the Meiteis. Hate is what he hates. However, he believes in war ethics. He wished all the fighters to follow these ethics. With this the seminar concluded.



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OUR FALLEN HEROES
IN DEFENCE OF OUR ANCESTRAL LAND & FREEDOM



THANGKHOCHON HAOKIP
s/o M. Sumkhoshon Haokip
Selkui Village, Chandel District

30.09.2023
Saturday

OBITUARY

Our deepest condolences to **Mr. Thangkhochon Haokip** of Selkui, Chandel District tragically lost his life on 30th September, 2023 (Saturday), to injuries sustained in an accident on his way back from frontline area in Ukon Senam, Chandel district, of which he was a Commander.

We mourn his loss and uphold his contribution towards the defence of our ancestral lands and freedom in the highest regard.

May his soul rest in peace!

KSO Media & Documentation Cell
1.10.2023 (Sunday)

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LUNGOUSANG HAOKIP
s/o Pu (L) Lhunkholal Haokip
Leisan Tampak Village, Lamka District

30.09.2023
Saturday

OBITUARY

Our deepest condolences to **Mr. Lungousang Haokip** of Leisan Tampak Village, Lamka District who made a supreme sacrifices in protecting our ancestral land and freedom.

He fell among his comrades in the line of duty, his sacrifice none lesser.

May his soul rest in peace!

KSO Media & Documentation Cell
30.09.2023 (Saturday)



CLAIM:

A Meitei newspaper “Sanaleibak” in its September 30 issue reported that Kukis fired several gunshots towards a Liangmai Naga village in Kangpokpi district, thereby ensuing a feud between the two communities. The newspaper further reported that Kukis have been banned from entering Senapati district and that Kukis staying in rented houses in Senapati town were also notified to leave the district.

FACT:

A fact check has been done over the newspaper report by the TLM and found the report as baseless and unfounded.

The fact of the matter is that on the night of 29 September, the Meitei radicalized group provoked the Kuki village volunteers on duty at Frontline area from Shantipur – a Nepali village near Kanglatombi. The village volunteers fired them with Kartoos while the Meitei radical groups retaliated with automatic weapons. Till now, no Kuki has been barred from entering Senapati district nor any statement issued in this regard by the Naga CSOs. The Meitei media, at their usual best, interpreted as per their own whims and fancies.

FACT-CHECK RESULT:

FALSE, MEITEI LIES EXPOSED



People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.

— George Orwell





"O Sweet Child of Mine"

My child,
How do i explain the fear you have inside?
The fear in your eyes haunts me everytime i close my eyes
It isn't your fault to be born into a world where the adults
forget how to be adults

My child,
How do i explain what had happened to your father,
brothers and uncles?
They never wanted to leave you alone with me
They loved you too much and so they fought
for the future they wanted you to live
Even if it meant losing their lives
Even if it meant a future without them in it

My child,
How do i tell you that you have the power to show us the way?
You may be young but you are here to bring back
the nation to life again
Your late father used to whisper into your ears
while you were sleeping,
"Sweet child of mine,
may your feet grow flowers wherever they land..."

Jacquelyn Laltanpuii Suantak

