

Thingkho Le Malcha

MONDAY | OCTOBER 02, 2023



Young Learners' School

RELIEF CENTRE

Managed by
Hmar Youth Association GHQ

Total Inmates Registered: 166

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| ■ Male: 58 | ■ Female: 108 |
| ■ Children (0-10 years): 57 | ■ Adolescent (11-17 years): 45 |
| ■ Adult (18-59 years): 55 | ■ Old age (60 above): 09 |
| ■ Pregnant Mother: 01 | ■ Lactating Mother: 09 |
| ■ Person with Disability: 04 | |

VILLAGES COVERED

Dongjang Village
M. Phaimol Village



KUKI VICTIMS UPDATE

As on 02.10.2023



144
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.

Meitei Miscreants Abduct Kuki Civilian, CoTU Warns of Indefinite Total Shutdown from October 5

Apart from imposing a 15-hour total shutdown from 6 a.m. of October 3 till 9 p.m. on the same day as a mark of commemorating the fifth-month Manipur violence, the Committee on Tribal Unity Sadar Hills Kangpokpi district imposed a total shutdown along the National Highway 37 (Imphal-Jiribam) road with effect from 4:00 pm of October 2 in connection with an alleged abduction of a Kuki-Zo individuals by armed Meitei miscreants from New Keithelmanbi area on September 30. It may be noted that on September 30 one Satthang Kipgen (52), son of Kamlun Kipgen of Bijang village in New Keithelmanbi area in Kangpokpi district was abducted by armed Meitei miscreants.

A missing case has also been filed by the family members at New Keithelmanbi Police Station. The total shutdown has already been imposed along National Highway-37 in connection with the abduction of Satthang Kipgen and it will continue till the concerned authority expedites the release of the abducted man, CoTU said.

The Committee on Tribal Unity Sadar Hills Kangpokpi district also served a 48-hour ultimatum to the Union Home Ministry for the release of Kuki-Zo individuals including two minors arrested by the CBI and NIA on flimsy ground while cautioning that in case the Union Home Ministry failed to intervene and the arrested individuals are not released during the stipulated time, an indefinite total shutdown will be imposed in the entire Kangpokpi district from October 5.

Total Shutdown Along NH 37

The Kuki Inpi Moltam Block has announced indefinite Total Shutdown along NH—37 from 6 am of October 3. The shutdown has been called against the recent abduction of one Satthang Kipgen, (50) of Bijang Village, New Keithelmanbi area, Kangpokpi District on September 30 by Meitei miscreants.

KWOHR Condemns Arrest of Six Kuki-Zo Individuals, Demands Immediate Release

The Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) strongly condemned the arrest of six Kuki-Zo individuals including women and children in the case of the alleged murder of two Meitei lovers.

In its press condemnation issued on Monday, KWOHR stated that while it advocates for justice and human rights, and also any effort to ensure the same, it is seriously taken aback by the injudicious arrest of individuals including women and children. KWOHR is appalled by the ignoble disdain of the lives of the Kuki-Zo people, the “selective justice” against the helpless Kuki-Zo victims of the radicalised Meitei brutality.

“It is utterly regrettable that the State and Central leadership must turn a blind eye to the barbarity of the radicalised meiteis against the Kuki-Zo people: the rape and murder of our women, the brutal murder of our men, and the countless loss inflicted against our people,” it said.

KWOHR stated that the Kuki-Zo people had not forgotten the naked-parading of their women, the barbaric beheading of David Thick, the mob attack against Vungzagin Valte, BJP MLA and advisor to Chief Minister, the brutal rape and murder of two of their women working at

Gamma Car Wash at Imphal, the immolation of a mother and her sister with her 7-year old boy besides countless other brutality and barbarism, especially against women and children. It asked where is justice for the victims of those abominable crimes.

“KWOHR stands distraught at the action and inaction of the state and central leadership against the Kuki-Zo community. The unrestrained power wielded by the State leadership under N.Biren Singh who have gravely manipulated law and order in the state and have engineered, orchestrated, and perpetrated this ethnic-cleansing against the Kuki-Zo community, and for that matter, the inaction of the central leadership to ensure just and proper functioning of law and order in the state is deeply reprehensible,” the statement added.

Demanding the safe and immediate release of the arrested individuals, KWOHR said that the people could not blatantly accept the gross injustices that was perpetrated against them, and would take forward any action as required for the cause of Justice and dignity for their people.

Are Some Lives More Precious Than Others? ITLF Asks Central Agencies

Are some lives more precious than others because of their ethnicity? Is justice served when citizens are charged for “transnational” crimes to suit the narrative of the powers that be?, asked the Indigenous Tribal Leaders’ Forum (ITLF) on Monday.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders’ Forum (ITLF) in the strongest terms condemned the selective haste of central investigating agencies, who arrested four Kuki-Zo tribals including two women without the knowledge of local authorities, and abducted two children from their homes.

“There were no women police officers and no juvenile police unit, as required by law when the secret operation was undertaken in a case related to the disappearance of two Meitei students. The arrests come less than a week after the appearance of photos that seem to show the dead bodies of the two students,” Ginza Vualzong, Spokesperson ITLF said.

Ginza asked, “If the CBI can act with such swiftness, why has it not arrested anyone in more heinous cases, like the rape and murder of two tribal girls in Imphal, the burning of a 7-year-old tribal boy along with his mother and aunt, the torture and beheading of a tribal youth, and so many other acts of atrocities against tribals? And what about the thousands of weapons and lakhs of ammunition looted (distributed?) in the Imphal valley? Does the central government think violence and shooting can stop without the retrieval of these weapons?”

Incredulously, the Chief Minister has publicly said the

“main culprits” in the students’ case have been arrested, even before any questioning (forget about a trial) has taken place, adding that he was committed to ensuring “capital punishment for the heinous crime they have committed.” Tribals, it seems, are guilty until proven innocent, ITLF stated.

Imphal has witnessed massive protests against the BJP government in the past week. ITLF said it seemed the central government was trying to save the Chief Minister from the Meitei community’s wrath by coming down hard on hapless tribals, including women.

ITLF also condemned the NIA’s arrest of a teacher in a “transnational conspiracy” involving “terror groups” from Myanmar and Bangladesh. ITLF asserted that Seiminlun Gangte worked as a private teacher in Kwakta, a border area separating tribal and Meitei settlements.

“Whether or not he had any role in a blast which injured three persons (for which he was arrested), it seems outlandish that a teacher with no criminal record suddenly had the ability and connections to develop links to international terror networks, that too without traveling abroad even once. It, however, perfectly suited the narrative of the State’s Chief Minister,” it said.

ITLF demanded the NIA and CBI to return its tribal brothers and sisters within 48 hours, failing which the shutdown imposed in hill areas would be followed by more intense agitations.

Seiminlun Gangte Has No Involvement in Anti-National Activities: School

The Principal of V.N. Model English High School, Ukha Tampak, has issued a certification on Sunday stating that Mr. Seiminlun Gangte was not involved in any anti-social activities and has no record of anti-national activities.

“This is to certify that, Shri Seiminlun Gangte S/o (L) Paokhokai Gangte of J. Phaikholum Village of Churachandpur District, Manipur State served as an Assistant Teacher, English Department cum Warden in V.N. MODEL ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL since 02 February 2018 till 2nd May 2023. As the Manipur crisis erupted on 3rd May 2023 in Manipur, he left the school on leave till the normal situation is restored,” stated the Certification.

The Principal has asserted that he (S Gangte) has no

involvement in any anti-social activities and has no record of anti-national activities so far as his knowledge is concerned during his stayed at school.

Seiminlun Gangte was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with a case of Kwakta Bomb Blast, and was flown to Delhi by NIA team. Reports stated that he was remanded in NIA custody till October 3.

The wife of S. Gangte, Ms Mangshi Gangte had earlier denied any involvement in the crime and categorically asserted that he was wrongly framed.

Dismay Over Abduction of Two Minors, JSB Demands Immediate Release

The Joint Student Body (JSB), Lamka, has alleged that two minors had been abducted alongwith four other alleged accused in the killing of two School going students, by central agency on Sunday, the 1st October, 2023.

In its press release on Monday, the Joint Students' Body (JSB) said it is dumfounded by the manner in which the two minor kids were dragged into a murder case, believed to be an abduction or kidnapping.

“Surrounding their abduction, many anomalies have been detected, raising doubts about the integrity of the agency involved in the case,” it said.

The JSB Lamka put-up certain pertinent questions surrounding their abduction as to how the two minor kids – aged 9 & 11, were related to the murder case, and under which relevant law were the two minor kids abducted alongwith four others.

They had been abducted/kidnapped on their way to Lamka (Churachandpur) district headquarters between Molhoi Village and Kangvai. The Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren in his usual self had dragged the two minor kids in the case through his social media post.

“It is an open secret known to the whole world that the two minor kids had been kidnapped or abducted by the notorious Major Rawat of 21 Para Military and Sanjenbam Nectar, Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat),” JSB alleged, while adding that arresting women without the

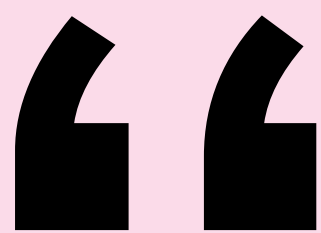
involvement of women police personnel was also against the law, a clear indication of violation of prescribed norms.

The grandfather of two minor kids – Janglam, has filed a missing report at the Churachandpur Police Station on the next day, alleging his two granddaughters have been kidnapped by unknown miscreants at Molhoi village, near Kangvai at around 1:00 PM on October, 1, 2023.

The CBI in their intimation letter to the SP Churachandpur informed the arrest of only four persons. The whereabouts of the two minors have been unknown till date, JSB said adding that separating the two minor kids with their parents was a mental harassment.

JSB also stated that the baseless allegations upon the incumbent President and General Secretary of KSO Leimata Block as members of SoO group was already clarified by the group concerned and the same could be cross-checked or verified with the concerned authority.

JSB demanded that the agency involved in the abduction of the two minors should ensure their immediate release and drop them back to their permanent residence. It also demanded that the charge leveled against the four innocent civilians should also be dropped immediately; failing which, the JSB warned it would be compelled to take-up a more rigorous form of agitations in the coming days across all the hill districts.



Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.

— Honore de Balzac

Total Shutdown in Lamka Affects Normal Life



Normal life in Lamka district of Manipur came to a grinding halt on Monday following the total shutdown called by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) and Joint Students Body, Lamka, against the unwarranted abduction of six civilians.

The shutdown was imposed to show the people's disappointment over the arrest of the Kuki-Zo civilians including two minors who were alleged to have been involved in the killing of two Meitei teenagers in July last and demanded their release within 48-hours.

Volunteers supporting the shutdown took to the streets and placed barricades along the main roads in different locations and stopped movement of vehicles in the district. However, emergency services were given free passage during the shutdown.

Shutters were down in the market areas and even in the localities. Government offices also remain closed.

Earlier on Sunday evening after receiving information about the arrest of the 6 Kuki Zo individuals, womenfolks who demanded the release of the abducted individuals, gathered in front of the Superintendent of Police office and Mini-Secretariat, Lamka, last night and staged a sit-in protest.

However, the womenfolks were convinced by the leaders of the district civil society organizations to return home after hours of protest. However, there was no report of untoward incident during the protest.

As per sources, the six individuals were reportedly

intercepted by a joint team of CBI and security forces in plain clothes near Kangvai while travelling for Lamka town from Leimata village under Churachandpur district at around 8:40 am in the morning on Sunday.

The abducted persons are identified as Seimalsom @ BoisomHaokip, president kuki Students Organisation Leimata block, Paominlun Haokip secretary KSO leimata block, Lhingneichong Haokip, Tinneihing, Tingneikhol (11 years) and Kimeijam (9 years)

The Joint Students Body (JSB) had imposed 12-hour total shutdown in the district on October 2 and the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) in a separate statement declared indefinite shutdown from today (Oct. 2).

While condemning the act of transporting even children alongwith those arrested, the JSB also warned that in the future, any person with arms moving around in plain clothes would be stopped and action would be taken against them.

The ITLF in its statement had also warned of intensifying the agitation in hill districts of Manipur if the arrested individuals are not released within 48 hours. It also declared that all the boundary areas with Meitei would be sealed from Monday (October 2) and that no one would be allowed to leave or enter the buffer zones.

Till the filing of this report, there was no report of any untoward incident due to the total shutdown.

Selective Justice: More Reasons for Separate Administration

The recent abduction of 6 individuals (4 arrested and 2 detained) from the Kuki-Zo community by the Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI), suspected of involvement in the tragic murder of a Meitei couple, shines a stark spotlight on the harsh treatment meted out by both the Central and state governments towards the Kuki-Zo people. These events are emblematic of a wider pattern of alleged Meitei atrocities and the apparent complicity of the authorities.

The Kuki-Zo community has endured a litany of horrors, including ruthless killings, brutal acts of violence, public humiliation, rape, beheadings, and mutilation.

Shockingly, justice has remained an elusive concept, with the perpetrators continuing to evade punishment for their heinous deeds. The Kuki-Zo people were ruthlessly uprooted from their homes in Imphal, a Meitei-dominated region, forcing them to flee for their very lives.

Right from the outset, Manipur's Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, has been embroiled in allegations of shielding those responsible for these grotesque acts of violence against the Kuki-Zo people. The aftermath of the May 3 incident has further divided Manipur emotionally and geographically. It appears that the Meitei community, alongside their government, was resolutely united in their mission to displace and conquer the Kuki-Zo people and their ancestral homelands. Shockingly, reports suggest that the government provided arms, ammunition, and even state commandos to bolster the Meitei's campaigns against Kuki-Zo villages. It is absolutely astounding that one of the accused in the murder of David Thiek is purportedly the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of a Meitei Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). This individual is said to have committed an atrocious act by brutally murdering David Thiek, decapitating him, and then parading his severed head as a gruesome display of victory – yet, remains at large.

The gravity of the crimes committed by the Meitei community cannot, and should not, be swept under the rug. The deeply disturbing incident on May 4, where Kuki-Zo women were shockingly paraded naked in broad daylight, is an indelible stain on humanity's conscience.

To save face, the Meitei Chief Minister arrested seven individuals linked to this incident, but shockingly, many other perpetrators have escaped justice. Numerous other crimes perpetrated by the Meiteis in the Imphal valley have been conveniently overlooked or shamelessly justified as wartime incidents. Shockingly, even though the faces of these perpetrators were clearly captured in



viral videos, their actions were dismissed as merely part and parcel of war. Astonishingly, the leaders of Meira Paibis, a women's group, shamelessly justified the public humiliation of Kuki-Zo women, while a professor astonishingly justified the beheading of David Thiek as a routine wartime act. Even the majority government appears to have exhibited a callous disregard for the immense suffering endured by the Kuki-Zo people during these traumatic ethnic clashes.

A recent viral photograph depicting a Meitei couple has exacerbated existing tensions, with fingers pointed squarely at Kuki-Zo village volunteers as the alleged culprits. However, it is deeply troubling that no concrete evidence has been presented linking them to the tragic deaths of the Meitei couple in question. The Meiteis and their Chief Minister have insisted that the couple was killed in Kuki-Zo territory, raising uncomfortable questions about their presence there during a period of heightened ethnic violence between two communities. The actions of the Meitei community in the past provide a grim indication that they would not have shown clemency had the Kuki-Zo couple been caught within Meitei territory. The cold-blooded murders of Kuki-Zos, the grotesque acts of torture they endured before their deaths, and the shocking abuse of young girls by the Meira Paibis all serve as chilling reminders of the horrors that unfolded.

Regrettably, it appears that the Meitei government has spared no effort in protecting its own, all the while branding the Kuki-Zo people as the aggressors and conveniently ignoring the crimes perpetrated by the Meitei community. This glaring double standard, with swift action taken in the case of the Meitei couple's murder, while justice is denied to the Kuki-Zo community, only adds fuel to the Kuki-Zo demand for a separate administration.

Biren's Tirade Continues; Is There Any Taker?

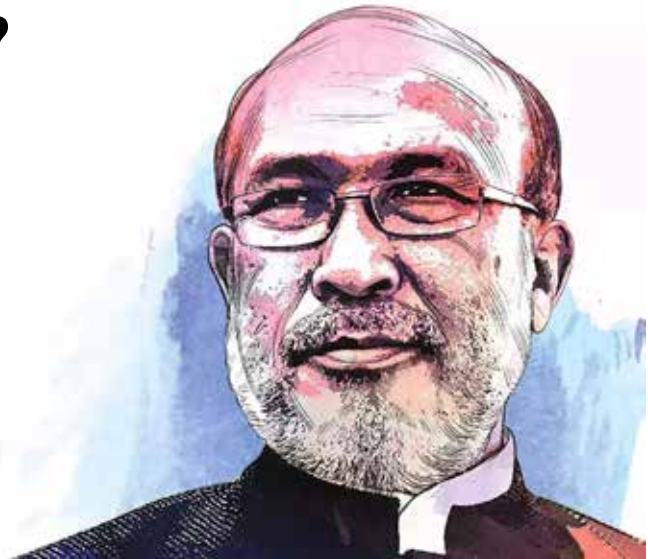
Mr N Biren Singh has continued resorting to peddling lies, uttering divisive rhetoric and presenting false narratives. Addressing a press meet on Sunday, N Biren Singh made a damning, rather derisory remark saying the on-going crisis is neither ethnic clash nor law and order issue of the State. Coming out with yet another conceived reason for the crisis, he said 'it is war against Indian Union by Myanmar and Bangladesh based Kuki militants in collaboration with militant groups operating in Manipur.' This 'new finding' will certainly not be the final.

Biren's vain attempt 'to find' appropriate 'reason' for the ethnic cleansing campaign he orchestrated is making him the butt of a joke. 'Illegal Immigrants,' 'Poppy Cultivators' 'Drugs Dealers' 'Narco-Terrorists' 'Terrorists/Kuki Militants' were some of the reasons he gave for the violence he perpetrated before coming out with another 'perceived reasons' ie 'War against Indian Union by Myanmar and Bangladesh based Kuki militants.' Biren and his cohorts leave nothing to chances to advance the narratives, which best suit their interest.

Everyone was aware that Biren and his henchmen (including the Meitei elite/intellectuals) framed 'Myanmar' in the current crisis. 'Myanmar' and the crisis there has been weaponised by Biren Singh and the Meiteis for two reasons – first, to justify the furtherance of majoritarian power in Manipur; and secondly, to exploit the sentiments of the Nagas and cause a roadblock to Kuki and Naga unity by feigning brotherhood with the later.

If it was not an ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki-Zo community, why would Imphal valley be cleared off Kuki-Zo ethnic tribal population? Why would Meiteis – who have dreamed of independent and sovereign Manipur and waged war against India since long – have antagonism against the Kuki-Zo people if the war is against India? This inference calls for just simple logic. Biren cannot fool people every time. It is the Meiteis who waged war against India. But sadly, now in order 'to rationalise' his illusion, he tried to deceive the political leaders at Delhi by replacing 'Meiteis' with 'Kukis' in the familiarly known dynamics of Manipur's insurgency movement.

Neither Myanmar/Bangladesh based Kuki militants nor militant groups operating in Manipur wage war against Indian Union. This is a fact corroborated by all concerned, but purposefully refused by Biren Singh and his partners in crime.



It is a known fact that the present crisis is the outcome of institutionalised suppression of the Kuki-Zo tribal by successive Manipur Governments and a larger part of an agenda to keep the Kuki-Zo community under further suppression, if not annihilate the Kuki-Zo community, campaign of which was reinforced or intensified after Biren Singh became the chief minister. Towards achieving the goal, Biren Singh raised radical Meitei militias and colluded with secessionist and bigoted groups (including Meitei politicians, CSOs and Media) and Valley Based Underground/Insurgent Groups (VBUG/VBIGs), whose bases in Myanmar were destabilised after a crisis in the country.

Not only unleashing a reign of terror physically on Kuki-Zo community with hundreds killed, N Biren and his sidekicks made untiring efforts to wipe the historical, political and socio-economic positions of the Kuki-Zo community through countless suppressive and oppressive measures and policies. He works hard to sell misinformation and a very partial narrative, and even poisons the ears of political class in Delhi. It is very clear that he resorts to such demeaning tactics just to remain in his chair. It reflects his tyrannical characteristics.

The arrest of Kuki individuals by NIA and CBI in connection with several unrelated cases is another testimony of making the Kukis a scapegoat of his misdeeds and mis-governance. With his falsehood, N Biren Singh is meticulously making one last ditch face-saving attempt by deliberately exporting the violence in Imphal valley to the hills by insisting on arbitrary arrests.

Making such low statements and exporting the chaos in the Kuki land by insisting CBI or NIA to arrest individuals in order to cause confusion may avert or divert the angst of the Meitei populace who have lost complete trust and confidence in Biren, but to the rest, he would be a butt of joke.

NEWS IN PICS



Amid the selective justice prevailing in the strife-torn Manipur, the people of Churachandpur displayed their resentment against the current dispensation by putting up Anti-Biren Singh posters, picturing him as “Drug Lord.”

It is to be mentioned here that anti-Biren Singh posters were found on walls and poles in several spots in the Churachandpur area which have been put by students’ bodies. Some posters have been inspired by the Netflix series ‘Narcos’ and the poster with Biren’s photo read as “Wanted for crimes against humanity”. Lashing out against the central agencies for their selective action – the CBI & NIA, the abbreviated form has been altered to “Central Bureau of Imphal” and “National Imphal Agency,” respectively.



CLAIM:

A Meitei newspaper “Kangleipakki Meira” in its October 2 issue carried a news report about Minister Nemcha Kipgen and a Meitei cabinet minister having secret closed door meeting at Guwahati Airport. The report further stated that the minister and Nemcha meet at around 1.50 PM inside reserve lounge of Guwahati Airport and another man also join them in the meeting.

FACT:

A fact finding team of TLM cross-check the authenticity of the said news report and found baseless. The said newspaper twisted as per their own whims and fancies to suit their narratives.

The fact of the matter is that, Minister Nemcha was on her way to Delhi, when she meet another Cabinet Minister, at Guwahati during a flight lay-over. It was neither a secret meeting nor a closed door meeting of the two, just casual catch-up in a VIP lounge.

FACT-CHECK RESULT:

FALSE, MEITEI MEDIA EXPOSED

মিনিষ্টৰ অমগা নেমচা কিপজেনগা চিকথনা ৱাৰী শামশ্ৰে

মলৈপাকী মৈৱা নুজ সাৰ্ভিস ইফাল, ওভোবৰ ০২ঃ মণিপুৰদেী সপৰেট এডমিনিষ্ট্ৰেচন তাম্বা হাংনবদা অটোবা থোদাং লৌৱিৰা কিকি এম এল এ ১০ গী মনুন্দা মক ইবা অমা ওইৱিৰী ৫০-কাংপোকপী ঃ সি দগী বি জে পি গী টিকেটতা ভং কাৰজুনা মণিপুৰগী বি জে পি লঙাক অসিদা ট্ৰেইনিং, কন্মস ইন্দ ইন্দ্ৰজ, কো-ওপৱেসন ইপাৰ্টমেন্টগী মিনিষ্টৰ ওইনা থৌ ৱিৰী নেমচা কিপজেনগা মণিপুৰী বি জে পি লৈঙাক অসিগী কেবিনেট মিনিষ্টৰ ওইনা থৌ পৰিবা নুপা অমগা গি গুৱাহাটী এয়ৰপোৰ্টতা উমদনা চিকথনা ৱাৰী শামশ্ৰে হায়িৰি। পাউ-চে অসিনা ফঙবা পাউগী মতুং ইমদি, মশক মমিং তাকথোক্ৰিৎদবা কেবিনেট মিনিষ্টৰ অসিগা গুসি নুংখিল পুং ১.৫০ ৰোম তাবা মতমদা গুৱাহাটী এয়ৰপোৰ্টকী ৱিজাৰ্ব লোঞ্চ অমদা চিকথনা ৱাৰী শামশ্ৰিবনি। ৱাৰী শামবা অদুদা অতোপ্লা নুপা অমসু যাওখি। হায়িৰিবা মফম অদুদা নেমচা কিপজেনা হামা গুাইদুনা লৈৱমগা মশক মমিং তাকথোক্ৰিৎদবা কেবিনেট মিনিষ্টৰ নুপা অসিগা চিকথনা ৱাৰী শামশ্ৰিবনি হায়িৰি। পাউ অসিনা হায়, মশক মমিং তাকথোক্ৰিৎদবা কেবিনেট মিনিষ্টৰ নুপা অদু গুৱাহাটী এয়ৰপোৰ্টতা লৈৱিঙে মতমদা মহাকপু হামা গুইদুনা লৈৱমগা নেমচা কিপজেননা এয়ৰপোৰ্টকী ৱিজাৰ্ব লোঞ্চ অমদা ৱাৰী শামশ্ৰিবনি। কৰি কৱম্বা ৱাৰী শামশ্ৰিবনো হায়বদুদি খঙবা গুম্ৰি। মসিগী মতুংদা নেমচা কিপজেননা গুৱাহাটী এয়ৰপোৰ্টতা লৈহৌৱগা মশক মমিং তাকথোক্ৰিৎদবা কেবিনেট মিনিষ্টৰ নুপা অদুদি গুৱাহাটী এয়ৰপোৰ্টতগী এৱোপ্ৰেনদা গুসি ইফাল থোকশ্ৰে হায়িৰি।





AGAINST ALL ODDS

USB Lhungdim



**May was cruel and waged a war:
She spared no thing that was tribal.
She took it all away from us:
Our home, hope, our people and peace.**

**I bear witness to the sufferings;
Of my people, of our people.
To all the frontline warriors with
Tribal blood; thick and fearless:**

**You there, brave hearts of the soil
Who did not flinch an inch
In front of the enemy's arms,
Your sacrifices will be etched in history.**



**The pen too defends the land:
Keyboard warriors fighting off the enemy's lies,
Raising our suppressed voices online:
The world will hear the voices of Kuki-Zo!**

**Our mothers with heavy hearts prays without ceasing:
For our leaders and politicians to lead without conceit.
Our women never backed down from humanity:
Their sit-in-protests tells stories of injustices.**

**May did us wrong and waged a war.
Still we rise, against all odds, against each injustice.
Each in his own way,
Each for freedom, each for Zalengam!**

