

Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



Mongkot Chepu

RELIEF CENTRE

Mongkot Chepu Village, Ukhrul Sub Division, Ukhrul District

Managed by Kuki Students' Organisation Ukhrul District

Total Inmates Registered: 119*

■ Male: 60

■ Female: 59

VILLAGES COVERED

S Bongjang
Saichang
Gwatabi Kuki
Khongsai Veng, Imphal

*As on 19th October, 2023



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.11.2023



146
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.

THOUSANDS JOIN PEACEFUL RALLY AGAINST GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION ON KUKI-ZO PEOPLE



Thousands of young and old Kuki-Zo people from different walks of life on Friday took to the streets for a mass peaceful rally in Churachandpur district “against the gross human rights violations on the Kuki-Zo people”.

The rally, initiated and organised by the Kuki Women Organisation For Human Rights (KWOHR) with support from other civil society organisations and student organisations, began from Leisang village ground and concluded at Peace ground Tuibong, near the site of Wall of Remembrance, opposite Mini-Secretariat.

The participants of the peaceful rally, mostly dressed in black attires to show their disappointment, were seen holding placards such as “Silence is consent, speak out for the rights of Kuki-Zo people; Valley for Meitei, Hills for Tribals; Neutrality favours the oppression; Peace is far fetched without justice; Manipur state government born in 1972, died on May 3, 2023; Inaction breeds indifference, act now; Meitei lies vs Kuki-Zo blood; Separation from rapists; Separation from murderers; Separation from looters and arsonists; Please separate us from animals; Where is the law, where is justice; Our homes were burnt, ransacked and looted while the state govt watched; Separation is the only way for reconciliation.”

After concluding the rally, the participants gathered at Peace ground wherein leaders of

different tribe organisations, civil voluntary organisations addressed the mammoth gathering.

Addressing the gathering, the President of Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights, Ngaineikim rejected the claims made by the Meiteis that the ongoing crisis in the State was an outcome of separate administration demanded by the Kuki-Zo people.

Questioning the state government and the Meitei populace whether the innocent Kuki-Zo killed in early May in Imphal were demanding for separate administration, Ngaineikim said the Kuki-Zo were compelled to demand separate administration only after the Meitei began ethnic cleansing of the Kuki-Zo.

“The Meiteis have forced and chased the Kuki-Zo people from Imphal and warned us not return to Imphal. As such, the Kuki-Zo have started the demand for separate administration,” Ngaineikim said.

The KWOHR President spoke pertaining to the death of a Meitei police officer and Kuki police officer and mentioned how the CM convened an emergency meeting and announced an ex-gratia for the deceased officer. However, the chief minister has not uttered a word

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in the case of a Kuki-Zo Sub-Inspector of Manipur police, Onkhomang, who died in the line of duty and nothing has been announced or done till date, she said adding that if justice can be delivered for the two Meitei teenage lovers, why not for those Kuki-Zo who died in Imphal.

Ngaineikim also said that all such actions and unequal treatment showed that the Meitei and Kuki-Zo have already separated. She then appealed to the people to avoid child labour and requested the people to approach KWOHR and consult if they faced any hardships.

She further announced that the Kuki-Zo women may even go to the extent of launching “fast unto death” if the Meitei commandos are not removed from Moreh.

The General Secretary of Kuki Inpi Manipur, Kaikhohao Gangte, in his speech said, “The ongoing crisis is an issue of survival for the Kuki-Zo and we will fight till the last drop of our blood”.

Claiming that buffer zones within a country has existed only in the present Manipur crisis, Kaikhohao Gangte said the creation of buffer zones also showed the Kuki-Zo and Meitei are already separated.

KIM General Secretary urged the people to work unitedly and support decisions taken by the Kuki apex body. He assured the people that KIM as an apex body will not work against the interest and welfare of its people.

The General Secretary of Kuki Students’ Organisation, General Headquarters, Seiboi Touthang, said the Meiteis have already declared war upon the Kuki-Zo,

but the Kuki-Zo have not made any such declaration till date. Even though the Meiteis have begun ethnic cleansing against the Kuki-Zo, the latter have been able to survive only because of unity among themselves.

Seiboi Touthang, while mentioning the immense importance of Kuki-Zo women’s role in the ongoing conflict, also appealed to the Kuki mothers to encourage their children who are old enough to be prepared as volunteers and uphold them in prayer.

Stating that Kuki-Zo since the past had been fighting for their rights and that the same has happened in the present crisis, Seiboi Touthang also encouraged the Kuki-Zo people to fight with truth but not on lies like some communities.

“The Kuki-Zo people are done away with the word ‘lies’ soon after they moved out of Imphal valley,” he said.

Seiboi Touthang further said that the Kuki Zo people did not start the ongoing war but they were forced and compelled to respond to attacks. He also expressed confidence that the Kuki-Zo will emerge victorious in any attacks against them.

Several other dignitaries from different civil society organisations such as ZSF, ITLF, Zo United, HSA, Hmar Inpui, PTC, etc., spoke on the ongoing violence perpetrated by the Meiteis, and urged the people to unitedly fight till the demand for separate administration is realised.

MEITEI ILLEGAL INSURGENTS FROM MYANMAR SEEKING REFUGE IN MOREH AND PURSUING SEPARATION FROM INDIA: CoTU TO UHM AMIT SHAH

The Committee on Tribal Unity, or CoTU, Sadar Hills Kangpokpi district apprised the Union Home Minister through a representation submitted through Deputy Commissioner Kangpokpi on Moreh issue on the second day of its total shutdown today.

The CoTU Sadar Hills Kangpokpi and KSO General Headquarters have imposed a 48-hour total shutdown from midnight of Nov.1 in protest against the alleged forceful occupation of border town Moreh in Tengnoupal District by the Meiteis.

The Kuki-Zo people from Kangpokpi led by the leaders of CoTU marched towards the DC Kangpokpi office from National Highway-2 and submitted the representation to the DC Kangpokpi to be forwarded to the Union Home Minister.

Speaking to the media, CoTU's General Secretary, Lamminlun Singsit said that the forceful occupation of Moreh is the ill-design of Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to provide a safe haven to Meitei insurgents from Myanmar who are facing the being of the Democratic Alliance Army.

He said that these outlawed Meitei illegal insurgents from Myanmar who are part of the anti-democratic alliance seeking refuge in Moreh, are pursuing separation from India and they should not be welcome in Moreh at any cost.

He also said that the barbaric activities of the Meitei forces currently in Moreh such as demolishing houses, looting church money and burning vehicles are condemnable and the culprits should be immediately prosecuted.

"Therefore, immediate withdrawal of Meitei insurgents disguised as state forces and the state Meitei police officers is the need of the hour and the central forces should be the sole authority of tackling law and order in Kuki-Zo areas", he asserted.

He further said that until our demands are given the attention it deserves, the Kuki-Zo populace will stand tooth and nail to fight the state terrorism in any form deemed fit for our survival.

The Committee on Tribal Unity in its representation to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that the forceful occupation of Moreh by Meitei insurgents disguised as state forces have triggered another wave of violence in Manipur and urged the Union Home Minister to take necessary immediate humanitarian action.

It stated that the repeated arms and ammunition looted at the state armoury in Manipur clearly indicated the support of the

political class, the latest of such seizure on November 1 at the armoury in first Manipur Rifles came after the clarion call of Sanajaoba Leisemba, the Rajya Sabha MP in one of his social media post, which read, "Be prepared my dear children".

Three CRPF personnel sustained bullet injuries in the attack and several assault rifles and rounds of ammunition were confiscated by the Meitei insurgents. The insurgents also looted arms and ammunition from the escort personnel of IGP Zone-I and from the security guards of Manipur Central Jail, old Lambulane, Imphal, it stated.

Such countless events of handing over the state arms and ammunition to Meitei insurgents have occurred since the start of the ethnic cleansing. The looted cases are stage managed as it is supported by the evidence of CBI unable to probe the infamous MPTC arms loot case, it stated.

It also stated that the Meira Paibis are used to conceal the loopholes among the bureaucracy and the political class.

The committee in its representation further stated to the Union Home Minister that in connection with the arms and ammunition loot cases, it is pertinent to conduct a special investigation by an SIT monitored by the courts.

The committee reminded the Union Home Minister that the assurance he had given on his visit to Moreh on May 31 to remove all Meitei State forces by replacing them with neutral forces of the centre is yet to materialize. It then apprised the Union Home Minister that to avoid another wave of Meitei insurgents-aggression in Moreh and in other parts of Kuki-Zo dominated area, the security advisor and the Governor should play a vital role as an intermediary to see that the assurance is fulfilled.

Reminding the Union Home Minister of his verbal affirmation that the valley should be under the watch of N.Biren Singh and the Hills under his watch, the Committee apprised the Union Home Minister that the prolonged presence of Meitei forces in Kuki-Zo areas is an intimidation to spoil the existing tranquillity.

It also stated that as the ongoing conflict is a communal conflict supported by the state, most of the state machineries are compromised and the need for implementing impartial policies such as installing immediate Helipad at Kangpokpi is very crucial and the airway should connect Churachandpur and Moreh for relieving the burdens of emergency travellers.

MEITEI COMMANDOS TERRORIZE DENIZENS OF TENGNOUPAL DIST, SAYS KUKI INPI TENGNOUPAL; SUBMITS MEMO TO AMIT SHAH

The Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal District vehemently condemned the beastly nature and atrocities of the Manipur Police Commando upon the innocent citizens of Moreh hill town in the aftermath of an unfortunate incident where Chingtham Anand Kumar, MPS, SDPO Moreh, was killed by unknown miscreants on November 31.

In a statement issued on Friday, the Kuki apex body of the district stated that the Manipur Police have gone wild and rampaged on the Kuki-Zo villages of Sinam, Chikim, Govajang, New Leikot, Tinnu Munjang, Canan Veng, Phaicham Veng etc. all within Tegnoupal District.

“In the name of combing operation, the Manipur commandos accompanied by Arambai Tenggol thieves powered by Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh were on looting spree in Moreh town and surrounding. The Manipur Police Commandos beat, tortured and harassed the public irrespective of gender or age. They also act to the extent of snatching the valuable ornaments from the hand, neck and ear of the victims,” KIT said.

“The cruel actions of the Meitei Police and Arambai hooligans forced the Kuki-Zo tribals of Moreh flee to safety towards the Indian Army camps, thereby proving that the Meitei Police have come to carry out ‘genocidal mission’ on the Kuki-Zo tribals and not for maintaining of law and order at all,” it alleged, adding that the Chief Minister N Biren Singh’s ultimate intention to seize the Kuki-Zo territory was, therefore, openly proven to all Indians.

Seeing the whole developments unfolding in Moreh, the Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal has questioned the Home Minister Amit Shah as to where the promise to withdraw the Manipur state forces from Moreh has gone now.

The Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal also submitted a memorandum to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the atrocities committed by Manipur Meitei police commandos and their Arambai Tenggol hooligans at Sinam and Moreh border hill town on 1st of November, 2023.

In the memorandum, the Kuki body said ruthless atrocities were committed by Manipuri Police commando suspected to be in collusion with Meitei Militias- Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun who dressed themselves in Manipur police combat uniforms, had ruined and terrorized the villages and towns of Kuki-Zo tribals in Tegnoupal district.

It stated that Sinam village was captured by the lawless



Manipuri police accompanied by Arambai Tenggol thieves who started damaging properties, looted cash, precious ornaments and property documents, burning houses and vehicles belonging to the villagers. Fortunately, the Assam Rifles rushed to the village and stopped the Manipur state forces from burning down the whole village and also evacuated the villagers to safety.

Later, on November 1, 2023, the Manipuri police accompanied by Meitei militias began their atrocities upon the people of Moreh town in the name of ‘combing operation’ where they have physically assaulted women, aged and minors. They also looted all valuable properties including gold chains, cash worth crores from the residents of the town. Important documents viz. adhaar cards, property documents, educational certificates etc. were being torn and burnt down. This Manipur state sponsored militants also abducted innocent citizens of the town without any proof of crime. Women, children and old aged had no option left but to move out from their houses and seek protection of the Assam Rifles, KIT stated.

The Kuki Inpi reiterated its demand for Separate Administration to free its people from such breach of law, for equal political rights and survival of the Kuki-Zo people of Tegnoupal district.

It also demanded the Union Home Ministry’s intervention for the withdrawal of all Manipur state forces including police commando from Tegnoupal district particularly in Moreh hill town for lasting peace and harmony and speedy progress of the Act East Policy, and to replace them with Kuki-Zo police personnels and officers until the demand for Separate Administration is fulfilled by the Union Government.

KWOHR CONDEMNS ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MOREH, KNOCKS PMO'S DOOR FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF MEITEI POLICE COMMANDOS FROM MOREH

The Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) has condemned in the strongest terms the indiscriminate use of force by the state police commandos in the ongoing search and combing operations in Moreh in the aftermath of the death of a Meitei police officer.

In the process, innocent Kuki-Zo civilians have been ruthlessly beaten up by the police commandos while several women were frisked, assaulted and molested in which three women got head injuries due to pummeling with walkie-talkie/wireless sets, who were later admitted to hospital.

In a statement issued on Friday, KWOHR said the reprehensible acts of stealing money from church donation boxes, robbing money from the women, vandalization/burning down of houses and household properties and ransacking of many valuable items including vehicles, gold and jewelries clearly evidenced that Manipur is no better than Junta regime.

“Such despicable acts of vandalism, theft and robbery in the guise of combing operation is highly condemnable by all rational individuals in a democratic society like ours,” said KWOHR.

The human rights organisation also said following police commandos excesses and brutalities, innocent Kuki-Zo civilians of Moreh including the sick and the aged, women and children fled to the nearby jungles while others are taking refuge at 5 AR camps spread across Moreh town, enduring the ordeal without food, medicines and drinking water the whole night. The continued presence and deploying of additional state forces in Moreh escalates the already volatile situation, it stated.

While it is outlandish on the part of the powers-that-be to entrust enemy police personnel as law-enforcers given their direct involvement in the ongoing state-sponsored genocidal pogrom against the Kuki-Zo people, the KWOHR demanded the Government of India to immediately and unconditionally withdraw all the state forces from Moreh and book the police personnel for their inhumane and unlawful acts in the interest of peace and security in the state.

The Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, calling his attention to the unwarranted deployment of Meitei Police Commandos

who are working together with the secessionist Valley based Insurgent groups based in Myanmar, the radicalized Meitei Arambai Tenggol dressed in Manipur Police uniform at Moreh, thereby resulting in gross violation of Human Rights and unprecedented threatening the safety and security of the people of Moreh.

KWOHR urged the PMO that the Meitei Police Commandos must be replaced by other Kuki-Zo state forces to rebuild the trust and confidence of the general public in the government, citing there are enough efficient Kuki-Zo IPS officers and personnel to do the job.

The memorandum also mentioned the injudicious discrimination between Sub-Inspector Onkhomang Haokip and Sub-Divisional Police Officer Anand Kumar. “This is the height of Manipur state government’s indiscretion and outright discrimination,” KWOHR said.

The human rights organisation also pointed out the partial and biased approach of the National Investigation Agency and the Central Bureau of Investigation in the arbitrary arrest and detention of various Kuki-Zo individuals while no legitimate action is taken against the beheading of David Thiek, the burning of a seven year old Tonsing Hangshing, his mother and aunt in an Ambulance, and the rape, murder and mutilation of the Kuki-Zo people.

In view of the tyrannical mis-governance under the leadership of chauvinistic N. Biren Singh at this emergent war-time situation, the Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights strongly implored PM Narendra Modi to immediately recall all the state forces from Moreh thereby deploying competent and high-ranking Kuki-Zo Police officers to be assisted by the central security forces in maintaining law and order in the border town.

“The sincerity and seriousness of the central government in ushering peaceful and conducive atmosphere for devising lasting political solution to the Kuki-Zo people shall be revealed and tested in its dealing of the current crisis in Moreh,” it said.

Stating that the protection of human rights, the rule of law and the safety of affected communities should be paramount in addressing this issue, KWOHR cautioned that if any untoward incident(s) of violence occurred upon the Kuki-Zo people, the government shall be held responsible.

MANIPUR FORCES RESORTED TO ARSON, LOOTING IN THE NAME OF 'COMBING OPERATIONS' IN MOREH: 10 KUKI MLAS

The 10 Kuki MLAs condemned the unprofessional conduct and inhumane excesses of the Manipur Police particularly the commandos against many innocent and helpless Kuki-Zomi- Hmar civilians in Tengnoupal District, especially in Moreh during ongoing operations in the aftermath of the unfortunate incident at Moreh on October 31, 2023 in which Ch. Anand Kumar, MPS, SDPO Moreh died.

A statement issued by the 10 MLAs on Thursday said while the loss of life of the officer in the line of duty is condoled, the elected representatives highlighted the continuing excesses and atrocities perpetrated by the state forces against their people in Moreh and other places in Tengnoupal district based on ground reports. On November 1, 2023, Sinam Kuki Village in Tengnoupal district was attacked and houses and properties/vehicles destroyed by the Manipur Police commandos.

In the operation that is underway at Moreh, the State Forces resorted to arson, indiscriminate firing, looting of civilian properties, vehicles, household items, including valuable ornaments/documents/gold/cash and unprovoked brutality forcing common people, including women and children to flee into the nearby jungle. Several women have been mercilessly assaulted/molested by the commandos and admitted in the local hospital.

"While we understand that the State Police may be hard pressed to nab the culprit (s) responsible, we cannot condone the unrestrained illegal and barbaric activities of the commando and state police personnel," the MLAs said, adding that the lack of faith that the people have in the state forces stemmed from the innumerable instances of their direct involvement in attacking Kuki-Zomi-Hmar villages during the current conflict.

The MLAs have been voicing the serious concern and apprehension their people have against deployment of Manipur Police Commandos at various forums, including the centre government and requesting



for the non-deployment in the Kuki -Zomi- Hmar dominated districts of Manipur. In spite of this, more and more strength of the commandos have been dispatched to Moreh resulting in fresh disturbances and violence.

Appealing the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India to intervene into the matter at once and ensure withdrawal of all the commandos deployed in Moreh and other Kuki-Zomi-Hmar tribal areas and replace them with neutral central forces, the 10 MLAs demanded that all erring state police/commando personnel should be booked as per law.

UNC URGES UNION MINISTER TO REJECT PROJECT PROPOSALS

The United Naga Council (UNC) has written to Arjun Munda, who is Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, on October 31, 2023, requesting him to ignore the project proposals submitted to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide D.O.No.11/vc KVIB/04/2023, Imphal, May 12, 2023, & D.O.No 2/6/2023-CM Imphal, October 23, 2023.

In the letter, which was made available to Newmai News Network, the UNC said, "As cited in the subject, the undersigned on behalf of the tribal populace beg to bring the following few facts for favour of your kind consideration and sympathetic action that the tribals living in the state of Manipur have come to learn that the vice chairman of the Manipur Khadi & Village Industries Board, Lamphel, Imphal had recently submitted 6 project proposals to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India for consideration of the same exclusively for the valley -based NGOs based in Imphal East and Imphal West in the guise that valley based NGOs are relentlessly working for the tribals in the far flung areas of Manipur".

The UNC letter to the Union minister also said the office of the Manipur Khadi and Village Industries Board has its own ministry and hence submitting proposals to Tribal Affairs Ministry without mentioning the targeted beneficiaries and locations/areas for implementation is "ultra vires and a ploy to siphon off the fund allocated for the tribals of Manipur".

The letter further said the Tribal Affairs & Hills Manipur being the nodal department and in-charge of tribal programmes and activities, plan formulation and documentation, work proposals etc. for that matter ought to be within the purview of the Tribal Affairs and Hills department and not any other agency.

The Naga body also said the Ministry of Tribal Affairs,



Government of India, has identified priority districts for the state of Manipur viz, Tamenglong with 95.72 per cent of ST population, Ukhrul with 94.35 per cent, Churachandpur with 92.94 per cent, Chandel with 88.97 per cent and Senapati with 87.49 per cent and therefore, allocation of funds under proviso to article 275(1) of the constitution of India is solely for the purpose of promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the state or raising the level of administration of scheduled areas therein to that of the administration of the areas of the state with limited allocation of fund.

"As such, breaking up/splitting the allocated funds meant for the tribals to valley based NGOs will certainly destabilise the tribal affairs in its execution of work programmes and yield negative impact while addressing the need of plugging critical gaps," the UNC letter added.

"In the light of the above reasons, your good self is requested kindly to ignore the project proposals in the larger interest of the tribals of Manipur," the UNC further added.



In times of war, the law falls silent

- Marcus Tullius Cicero

ATTACK ON PRAMOT SINGH: HIGH-DRAMA FOR SECURING GOVT'S SECURITY COVER?



Six bullets were reported to have hit the vehicle carrying Pramot Singh, the chief of a radicalized communal group Meitei Leepun at Langol in Imphal. Pramot was booked in July for allegedly promoting enmity between groups and criminal conspiracy amidst the ethnic violence in the state.

Pramot and his associates issued a statement through a video clip where he gave a brief overview of his Meitei Leepun as an organization, and expressed his displeasure over the armed attack on his life, which he says is an attack on the Meitei Leepun and to the Meitei community as a whole. "This kind of attack has caused fear and grim to the women and children of the family, although it does not scare me," Pramot said. He also warned the miscreants of extreme actions if such acts are repeated in the future.

Any attack on anyone's life is highly condemnable in the strongest term. The alleged attack on Pramot however seems to be an attack on his vehicle rather. All six bullets seem to have conveniently been shot to a point where there usually is no passenger, all while the vehicle was at its minimal speed.

Interestingly, it turns out that the vehicle used by the Meitei Leepun chief belongs to the Director of Horticulture, Government of Manipur. One wonders

as to why an official vehicle could be used by a non-official person in the midst of high tension between two communities who are at civil war.

Pramot, in his rise to prominence has never stayed afar from lies. The man enjoys the limelight and attention he received from the public. He has repeatedly made threats, derogatory remarks, openly called for radicalized youths to carry out inhumane acts against the minority Kuki community using his social media platforms like Meta's Facebook and also on his various interviews with national media channels.

The past few months however, have seen him becoming the background actor. Recently, a court in Manipur had issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against him, with further actions from the concerned police station still awaited. Considering the manner of attack on his vehicle, it leaves to one's imagination if this attack was a staged act, to enable the Meitei Leepun chief to once again be in the limelight amidst the current situation in Manipur or to avail official, governmental security services from the state authorities citing such reasons as attack on his life etc. It will not be surprising if in the future such order or statement from the government authority for security cover of Pramot Singh is issued.

‘WILL NOT FORGET MANIPUR’: CATHOLIC CHURCH IN KERALA’S THRISSUR HITS BACK AT BJP’S SURESH GOPI

The Catholic Church in Kerala’s Thrissur, where the BJP plans to fill actor-turned politician Suresh Gopi in the next LS elections, has blasted the party saying the Church “would not forget Manipur.”

In the November edition of its mouthpiece “Catholica Sabha”, the Catholic arch-diocese of Thrissur said there was an attempt to cover up the Manipur riots as elections approach. It said the party looking to retain power at the Centre was behind the move.

During the recent riots in Manipur, several Christian churches were attacked in the state. The Catholic Bishops Council had raised its concern over the continuing violence in Manipur.

Quoting former BJP Rajya Sabha member Suresh Gopi’s recent comment “Don’t look to Manipur and Uttar Pradesh, there are strong men in those states to look after”, the lead article in the publication said, “People are asking whether (Gopi) has the guts to ask the Prime Minister or the BJP central leadership what these strong men were doing when Manipur was burning? ‘We will repeat Manipur, you vote for us here (in Kerala) also. If we get power, we would convert Kerala into another Manipur’... is it the aim, people have started asking,” said the article in the diocese mouthpiece.

“The government’s ineptness in Manipur turned out to be a license for rioters. No democratically thinking person



can forget it. People are aware of the bid to solicit votes, hiding the Manipur violence. Suresh Gopi’s statement was deplorable and immature. Voters in Kerala have the prudence to recognise religious extremists irrespective of the guise it is under. Supporting religious extremism would only lead to disaster,” it said.

The LS seat at Thrissur is one of the few constituencies in Kerala where BJP has planned to put up a strong fight. In the 2019 LS elections, Gopi had contested as a BJP candidate, but lost to Congress leader T N Prathapan. Gopi came in third. He has openly stated his intention to fight the next LS elections from Thrissur and has been concentrating on the issue in the constituency, where the BJP hopes to cobble together the Hindu and Christian vote banks. BJP state leadership has also indicated that Gopi will contest from Thrissur.

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The wars will end and the leaders will shake hands, and that old woman will remain waiting for her martyred son, and that girl will wait for her beloved husband, and the children will wait for their heroic father, I do not know who sold the homeland but I know who paid the price.

- Mahmoud Darwish

MAINLAND INDIANS TOO NOT SAFE FROM RADICAL MEITEI ARMED GROUPS

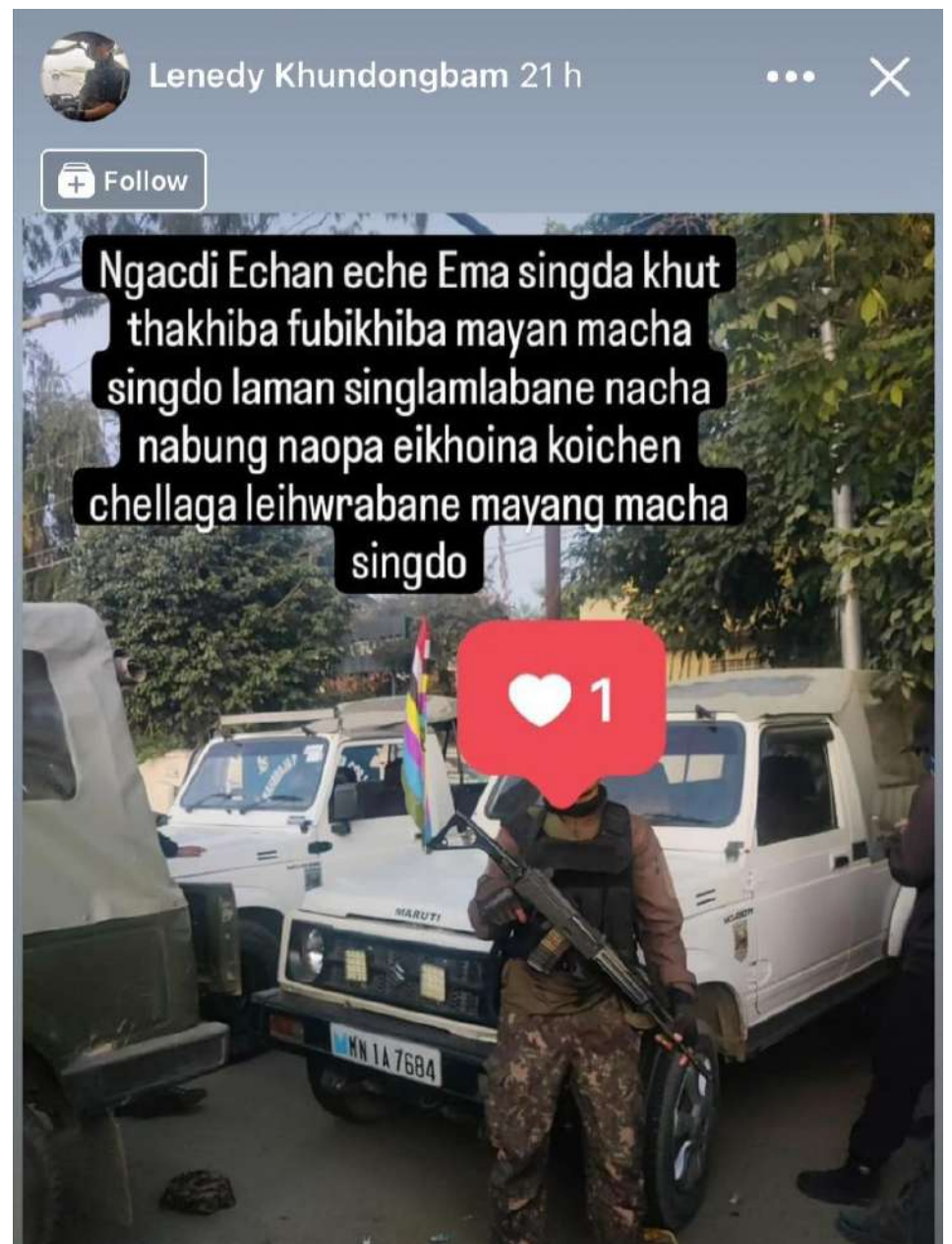
A social media post on Facebook, of a Meitei combatant armed with sophisticated weapon, was widely circulated today. What is interesting is the caption, addressing parents from Meitei community, he posted: “Ngacdi Echan eche Ema singda khut thakhiba fubikhiba mayan(g) macha singdo laman singlambane nacha nabung naopa eikhoina koichen chellaga leihwrabane mayang macha singdo”, which roughly translates to “Your sons and brothers have today avenged the high handed acts of Mayang Macha [mainland Indians] on our mothers, sisters and women, they have been chased around.”

It must be noted here that ‘mayang macha’ is a derogatory - with a pinch of racial profiling - term used by Meiteis for mainland Indians and Non-Manipuri Hindus settling within the state. In the present case, it is used to mean the central security forces personnel deputed in the Imphal valley during the ongoing conflict.

Mention may be made that the central security forces posted in the Imphal valley have had a hard time controlling unruly mobs of radical youths and womenfolk who have time and again had multiple stand-offs and confrontations with the forces when and wherever it suits their communal motives. In their quest to control such mob, there have been instances of security personnel resorting to differing tactics of mob-dispersal- lathi-charge, mob-bombs, tear-gas shells, etc. The recent stand-off between radicalized Meitei combatants and the central forces in Imphal can thus be seen, amongst other reasons, as a revenge for the alleged atrocities of central forces personnel.

Dutiful personnel are profiled and derogatory terms used against them for carrying out their lawful duties by secessionist and radicalized youths of Manipur. Playing the Hindu card for the neutral Indians while also racial profiling of mainland Hindus is oxymoronic. This is just one of many instances wherein there is utter disregard for the job well done by central forces in quelling mob at various locations within the 700 sq. km of Manipur.

The Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun combatants have grown in confidence with the unconditional backing of CM N Biren, insurgent groups and their Titular King Sanajaoba who is also a Rajya Sabha MP. They have taken control of the “Law and Order” situation in Imphal valley. They can be seen flaunting their looted weapons, patrolling the streets, often in a stand-off with opposing forces, man-handling and handing out “correctional” acts and sentences to any and every individual or group that exposes them, thereby promoting



themselves to be the real rulers of the Kukis' death valley.

The central and state authorities, despite ample evidences (photos, videos, voice records etc) of proofs, are powerless or are rather the backing force behind such radicalised groups. No legal action whatsoever has been taken up against such groups and their acts. Where is Manipur heading? How does one then expect the Kuki-Zo community to reunite with the state when even the central forces, mostly Hindus from mainland India, are not safe, with threats of mortal retribution looming over their heads in carrying out their defined, lawful duties in the valley?

The only way forward is “total separation of administration for Kuki-Zo from the 700 square miles of Meiteiland (Manipur)” for everlasting peace in the Northeastern region.

NEWS IN PICS

OBSERVANCE OF
6th
MONTH OF
MEITEI ATROCITIES
ON KUKIS



Sit-in Protest at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi jointly organised by Joint Unau Delhi Tribal Students' Forum, Delhi; Kuki-Zo Women's Forum, Delhi; and Unau Tribal Women's Forum, Delhi



The Committee on Tribal Unity, or CoTU, Sadar Hills Kangpokpi district apprised the Union Home Minister through a representation submitted through Deputy Commissioner Kangpokpi on Moreh issue on the second day of its total shutdown today.



Thousands of young and old Kuki-Zo people from different walks of life on Friday took to the streets for a mass peaceful rally in Churachandpur district "against the gross human rights violations on the Kuki-Zo people".

The rally was initiated and organised by the Kuki Women Organisation For Human Rights (KWOHR) with support from other civil society organisations.



Christian Emergency Alliance @ChristianEmerg1 · 6h

India: We have reports of fresh attacks on tribal Christian villages in Manipur. Thousands of Christians are now fleeing and without help from their government. This violence has been going on since May. Please pray for them.



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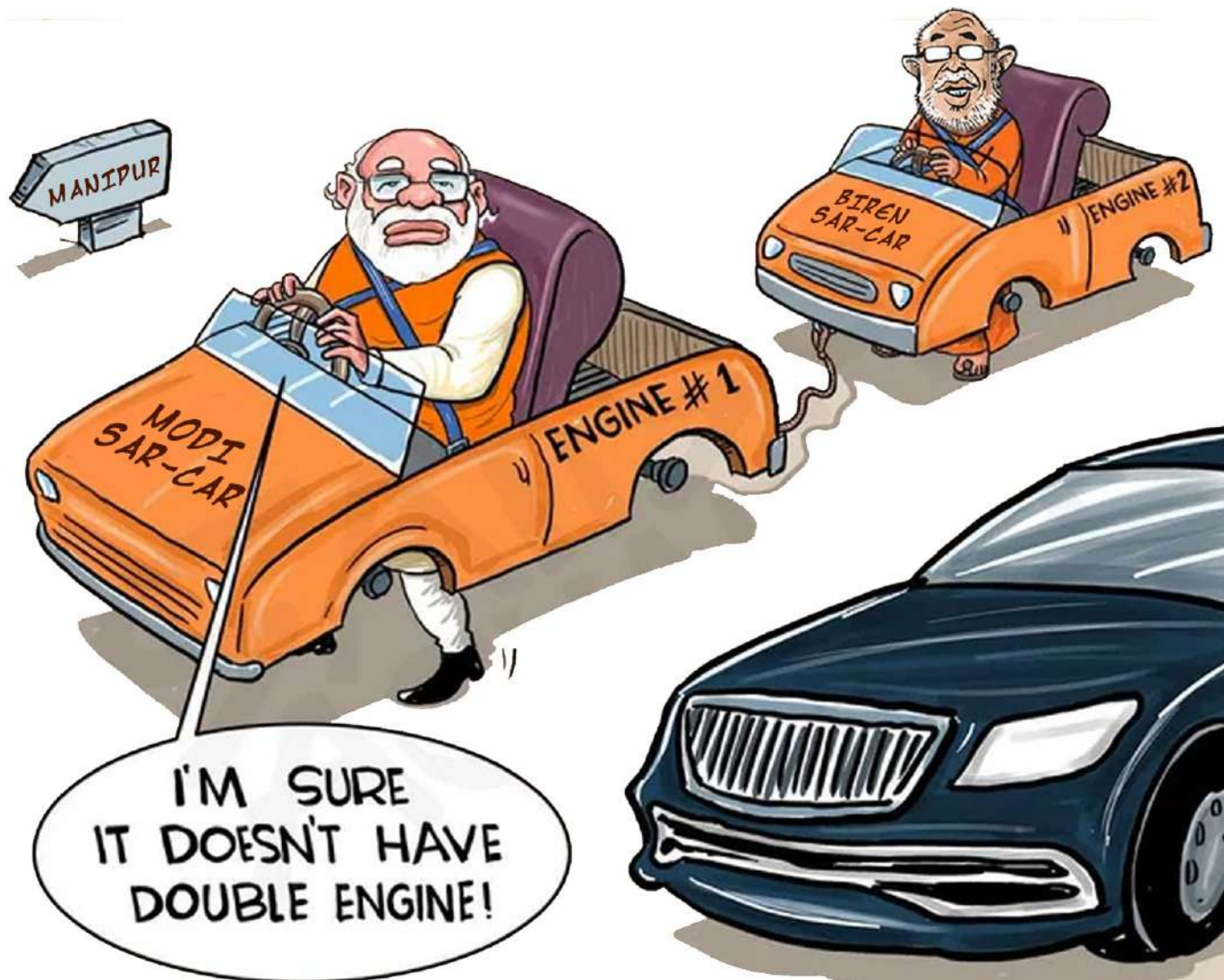
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Today marks six months.
Six months since life as we knew it took a 360° turn.
Six months of oppression, torture, humiliation, bloodshed.
Of moments of deep agony and feeling like all hope is lost.
Of loss - those countable and those irreplaceable.
Of being on the receiving end of hatred.

But today also marks
Six months of resilience for my people.
Of standing for the truth in an ocean of lies.
Of many sacrifices - made in love.
Of loving and serving even in the midst of hurt.
No, we aren't perfect but we each did our part.

But oh lest we boast, may we remember -
Today marks six months
Six months of God's protection and provision.
Of miracles and breakthroughs in response to prayer.
Six months of outpouring of love from all across the globe
All made possible through the Cross.

So, as we cross the six month mark
Yes, today looks dim and tomorrow seems uncertain
But may we not give up hope
May we lean on God and return to Him
For surely as the sun rises, He will come (Hosea 6:3)
He alone is our firm anchor- in life, in death and unto eternity.

~ Nembei Haakip