

# Thingkho Le Maleha

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 04, 2023



GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
OFFICE OF THE  
SUB-DIVISIONAL OFFICER: SA  
CHURACHANDPUR DISTRICT



## Saikot BDO/SDO

### RELIEF CENTRE Saikawt, Lamka

Managed by Hmar Youth Association GHQ

#### Total Inmates Registered: 125

- Male: 57
- Female: 68
- Children (0-10 years): 42
- Adolescent (11-17 years): 18
- Adult (18-59 years): 54
- Old age (60 above): 11
- Pregnant Mother: 01
- Lactating Mother: 02
- Person with Disability: 03

#### VILLAGES COVERED

Sajal Kuki, Sadar Hills  
Thangja, Sadar Hills



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 04.10.2023



**143**  
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.

## SC Appointed Panel Visits Kanggui and Lamka



The Supreme Court appointed three-member committee visited Lamka (Churachandpur) and Kanggui (Kangpokpi) district today.

In Churachandppur, the team was accompanied by Chief Secretary Shri Vineet Joshi, Deputy Commissioner Churachandpur Shri Dharun Kumar and SP Shri Karthik Maladi.

The team held meeting with CSO leaders at the DC's Conference Hall, Mini-Secretariat, Tuibong. Later the team visited Relief Centre at ECA Church campus, Tuibong.

The team members included Justice Gita Mittal, Justice Shalini Joshi and Justice Asha Menon.

In Kangpokpi, Chief Secretary Shri Dr. Vineet Joshi along with the Supreme Court appointed three-member committee headed by former Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice Gita Mittal visited Kangpokpi district today.

The three-member committee also includes former Bombay High Court Judge Shalini Phansalkar Joshi and former Delhi High Court Judge Asha Menon. Supreme Court appointed the three-member committee to oversee relief, rehabilitation and rebuilding measures in Manipur.

Today, the Chief Secretary and the SC appointed three committee members were welcomed by the officials of the District Administration led by Deputy Commissioner Shri Mahesh Chaudhari, IAS, at the DC Office Complex. Later, the visiting team members met with the District Level Officers in the conference hall and had a thorough discussion on the prevailing situation, other requirements and issues faced in the district.

After the meeting, the team along with the officials of the District Administration Kangpokpi visited two relief centres – Keithelmanbi High School and DIET Centre, Leikop under Champhai Sub-Division and interacted with the people taking shelters in these centres. More than 500 inmates each are accommodated in these two centres.

The team also inspected the under-constructed fabricated houses at Keithelmanbi, more than 150 houses are planned to be constructed. The committee members also distributed relief items to the inmates at the relief centres.

### Meiteis Launch Fresh Attack on Kukis at New Keithelmanbi Area

After weeks of sabbatical, the Meiteis started their attack on the Kukis once again. Meitei radicalized group launched a fresh attack in the periphery of New Keithelmanbi area this evening at around 9:30 PM.

The Meitei radicalized groups who came to attack the Kuki villages of New Keithelmanbi area under Kangchup Geljang Sub-Division in Kangpokpi district were thwarted by Central Security Forces stationed in the area. After an hour of Gun firing between the Meitei radical groups and Security Forces, the firing subsided at around 11:00 PM.

However, no casualty has been reported from both sides. The Security Forces present in the area could successfully prevented the Meitei radicals from advancing further into the buffer zone area.

## CoTU Lifts a Month-Long Economic Blockade in Kangpokpi, Total Shutdown Along NH-37, Held Sit-in-Protest

The Committee on Tribal Unity Sadar Hills decided to lift its month-long economic blockade along the two important highways passing through Kangpokpi district.

CoTU had reimposed the economic blockade on August 21 demanding adequate supplies of essential commodities to Kuki-Zo communities in hill areas of the state. CoTU Sadar Hills Kangpokpi began the blockade on NH-2 which connects Imphal with Nagaland's Dimapur and NH 37 which links Imphal with Assam's Silchar.

CoTU's decision to lift the economic blockade as it considered the political dialogue between the Government of India and the UPF-KNO has reached an advanced crossroads.

CoTU's General Secretary, Lamminlun Singsit said that we are delighted to learn that the political dialogue between GoI and UPF-KNO is at a very advanced stage and has reached a crossroads.

He said that we have also learned that a charter of demand for the formation of a separate Union Territory has been submitted by leaders of UPF and KNO in New Delhi and a formulation has already been submitted to the office of the Union Home Minister.

He continued that the Government of India is most likely to respond very soon and we hope that the aged old political issue of the Kuki-Zo people shall be resolved once and for all.

Therefore, in order to pave the way for a political solution, CoTU has decided to lift the economic blockade until further notification, he added. He also said that if the need arises to resort to agitations and protests, CoTU shall reconsider the same.

CoTU also lifted the total shutdown along the National Highway-37 over the alleged abduction of the a Kuki-Zo individuals from New Keithelmanbi area as the alleged abducted was reportedly found safe and sound by the New Keithelmanbi police, Kangpokpi district.

CoTU expressed profound gratitude to the district police for their tireless effort in finding the man.

Meanwhile, a sit-in-protest organized by CoTU's Women Wing under the aegis of the Committee on Tribal Unity Sadar Hills Kangpokpi today in connection with the arrest of Kuki-Zo individuals by the Central Agencies, CBI and NIA demand the unconditional release of the arrested individuals. Hundreds of people mostly Kuki-Zo women from

Saparmeina and its adjoining areas in the Kangpokpi district participated in the protest.

The protesters shouted slogans such as, "We want justice", "We want Separate administration", etc.

They also hold placards that read, "You can bend the law, but, you cannot bend Justice", "NIA and CBI should distance from politics", "CBI and NIA should act as Central Agencies, not a state puppets", "Don't misuse central agencies for political mileage", "We want non-partisan agency", "We don't want Meitei eccentric CBI and NIA", "Don't take our gullibility as weakness", "Meiteis trampled the Constitution, Centre should not follow suit", "power tends to corrupt, absolute power corrupts absolutely", "We demand Separate Administration", "We want Separate Administration for judicious action", etc.

Speaking to the media on the sideline of the protest, CoTU's Media Cell Coordinator, Ng. Lun Kipgen said that the Kuki-Zo individuals were arrested by the central agencies on flimsy ground by tracking a mobile phone and we want to ask what about those cases with video evidence. He also wondered when the central agencies are quick enough to arrest on flimsy ground, why delay in arresting those involved in the murder, parading Kuki-Zo women naked, raped, etc. with video evidence. He said that the arrest of Kuki-Zo individuals by the central agencies with a mere link of evidence cannot suffice and does not board well and suffice the Kuki-Zo community. He then appealed to the centre not to play with the central agencies such as CBI and NIA while adding that you can bend the law but you cannot bend justice. He then said that we need equal treatment from the centre with regard to arrests or any investigation carried out by the central agencies such as CBI and NIA.

CoTU Women Wing's Convenor, Neinu said that when the Meitei insurgents who brutally murdered Seigunlal Misao at Motbung in March are yet to be booked even after six months, the CBI is swift enough to make a biased arrest on the Kuki-Zo people. She also said that the CBI is also yet to arrest those involved in the looting of arms and ammunition in the state armories and there are many cases with photos and video evidence but the CBI and the NIA are ignoring the facts.

While strongly condemning the alleged selective justice, the CoTU women's wing also demands the immediate unconditional release of the Kuki-Zo individuals arrested by the central agencies.

## MU Deliberately Fails Kuki-Zo Students Based on Ethnicity: ATSUM

The Manipur University has deliberately failed the tribal students based on their ethnicity, said All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) on Wednesday.

“In the five months long of unabated ethnic fighting in Manipur, the Kuki-Zo tribal students continued to bear the brunt of the crisis where they have been subjected to all sorts of discrimination even in a centre of learning, the Manipur University,” said ATSUM.

In its press communique, Education Secretary, ATSUM, Kaikho Hopeson Mao said that a complaint has been received by the union from ITLF that there was an open discrimination towards the tribal students in the recently declared 6th Semester exam result in the Psychology department of Manipur University.

Hopeson said, “76 students of Kuki-Zo community from Rayburn College appeared in the examination but only 10 students were deemed to have passed the exam. But what baffled the people most is that a student was given a score of -2 (minus two) in Elective English and many students received a score of 0 (zero) in certain papers despite the subject having both theory and practical components. This amply proves that the university deliberately

failed the tribal students based on their ethnicity.”

“The story did not end here. As the students who were aghast at the outcome of the exam results made a verbal complaint to the Controller of Examination of university. An updated result was released within a span of 2-3 hours. In the revised result the number of students who passed the exam shot up from 10 to 41,” he added.

Hopeson asserted that never in the history of any university, result have been manipulated and declared in this way. It clearly showed that marks and the result have arbitrarily being fixed with malice.

ATSUM also alleged that examination results are no longer assessed based on the performance and integrity of the student but based on the ethnicity of the student in Manipur.

“This is highly condemnable and needs to be investigated thoroughly,” ATSUM said, demanding that necessary arrangement has to be made for the Kuki-Zo tribal students by the concerned authority so that they can pursue the studies without discrimination and malice.

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## ANSAM Opposes Extension of AFSPA in Naga Areas

Vehemently opposing the continuous arbitrary imposition of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) by Government of India particularly in Naga 'homeland', the All Naga Students' Association Manipur (ANSAM) has said that while the Nagas are experiencing relative peace in Naga areas, imposition of AFSPA was very unfortunate and highly questionable.

“Extension of AFSPA to the entire State of Manipur as disturbed areas excluding 19 police stations in Imphal valley for period of another six months with effect from 1st October, 2023 on the pretext of “law and order” while we are experiencing relative peace in Naga areas unlike other parts of the State is very unfortunate and highly questionable,” ANSAM said.

Expressing its strong opposition, ANSAM said that ever since the promulgation of AFSPA, Naga people have been experiencing undeclared war where innocent

Naga villagers were terrorized by the Indian Army and even woman and children were not spared. The Naga people have been terribly affected by the brutalities unleashed by the Indian security forces with the impunity sanctioned by AFSPA, it said.

ANSAM also stated that the blatant and continuous imposition of AFSPA in Naga areas negated the spirit of Indo-Naga peace process, and it reflected the insincerity on the part of the Government in resolving the longest political issue in Southeast Asia.

ANSAM urged the Government of India to uphold the principles of democracy, justice and human rights by repealing AFSPA and expedite the Indo-Naga peace talks for logical conclusion in the true spirit of the Framework Agreement, recognizing the Naga flag, Constitution and integration as an inalienable right of the Nagas to usher in an enduring peace in the

## Brinda Sheds Light on Genesis of Present Manipur violence; Forced to Retract Her Words

The Kuki-Zo people's constant assertion on deep involvement of Meitei radical groups- Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun and others, patronised by N. Biren Singh and Leisemba Sanajaoba, in the ongoing ethnic cleansing against Kuki-Zo stands vindicated when an audio/voice record of a former cop, Th. Brinda, went viral on social media platforms.

In the voice clip which went viral on Wednesday, Th. Brinda spoke about Arambai Tenggol's involvement in the violence and blamed the Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh and Leisemba Sanajaoba, Rajya Sabha MP, for patronising the radical groups.

Reacting strongly to the audio record, cadres of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun alongwith Meira Paibis stormed Th. Brinda's residence. Intense altercation ensued between the former police personnel and the mob. Brinda, who was left with no other choice, was later forced to clarify her words in the voice clip as wrong and misinformed. While giving her clarification, Brinda said that her statement in the audio record would be proven wrong after the findings of investigating agencies come out.

In the viral voice clip, Brinda also made strong argument against the state BJP's regime under the leadership of N. Biren Singh. She said that Arambai Tenggol were already stationed in Churachandpur from May 2 and were well-prepared for violence and arsoning. She further said that the Arambai Tenggol were involved in parading the two Kuki Zo ladies naked.

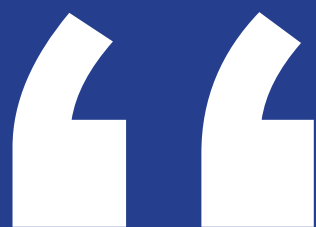
The former cop added, in audio record, that the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun were formed under the patronage of the Chief Minister of Manipur and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Leishemba Sanajaoba.



"The relationship between the Chief Minister and other BJP MLAs in the State is not sound. If he is removed from the post of the Chief Minister as per law and protocol or if he quits as the Chief Minister, the option for him is to leave the BJP or to try to be a Member of Parliament or becoming a member of opposition party," the voice clip said.

The audio record also alleged that Biren's position was not secured and if he quits BJP, he is trying to built a Meitei fanaticism and formed a regional party along with Meitei fanatics to built his vote bank in the same manner like the caste politics in UP and other parts of India.

Arambai Tenggol in its Facebook page stated that they were already aware of the voice clip before, but remained silent, thinking that enemies (Kukis) might take advantage if they made fussing about it. "She must provide proof of her statement failing which, she should tender apology," Arambai Tenggol had warned her.



**Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth.**

-William Faulkner

## KUKI(ZO) PEOPLE'S RESILIENCE MUST SHINE AMIDST CHALLENGES AND THREATS

Since May 3rd, the Meiteis have subjected us to unimaginable horrors: killings, rapes, property destruction, and forced displacement from the state capital, Imphal. Manipur, once a diverse home to three distinct groups—the Meiteis, Nagas, and Kukis—now finds the Kuki-Zo people estranged from its fold. Geographically, this separation is complete, but the Indian state must officially recognize Kuki Hills as an independent entity separate from Manipur.

Our journey toward separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people has come at a great cost. Countless brothers and sisters have sacrificed their lives. Our dignity was stripped away when Meira Paibis delivered us into the hands of Meitei men, subjecting us to rape, and when hundreds of Meitei youths shamelessly paraded us, violated our modesty, and assaulted us in full view of the world. We were brutally killed—lynched, burnt, shot, stoned, hacked, and even thrown into rivers. They flaunted our decapitated heads as symbols of their victory over our fallen bodies. Yet, in the place of our martyrs, new heroes have arisen. They may beat us, but they cannot defeat us. We may falter, but we shall never be defeated. Our spirits remain unbreakable.

Many of our brave brothers and sisters took up arms to defend our land and identity. They stood watch at the borders, keeping a vigilant eye on the enemy's movements, ready to lay down their lives if necessary. Others took to social media tirelessly, countering the Meiteis' relentless lies. The Meiteis have no qualms about spreading falsehoods, and with their significant presence on social media, the sheer volume of lies generated is staggering. Our social media warriors may be weary, but they never surrender.

Our intellectual champions, who play a pivotal role in countering Meiteis' narratives, have been unfairly targeted with FIRs. Efforts are being made to silence us, a loss that would be devastating for the Kuki-Zo people. We rely on our intellect and wisdom, which we must never yield to the Meiteis' legal manoeuvres. Our diminishing presence in the national media threatens to sink our ship slowly. We implore you to lead our vessel and steer us away from the Meiteis toward a politically separate administration. Your silence resonates deafeningly, bringing joy to our adversaries.

Reflecting on the past five months, it warms my heart to realize that we are not alone in this arduous struggle. The Almighty God has bestowed upon us a network of individuals who empathize with our pain and suffering, standing beside us during these trying times. Despite the relentless onslaught by the Meiteis, their formidable state apparatus, and institutions, they have not succeeded in breaking our spirit or stifling the voices of those who support our cause. In fact, our ranks have only grown stronger, and our voices have grown louder in the face of their attempts to silence us.

Following the barrage of FIRs (First Information Reports) targeting our scholars and intellectuals, there is a noticeable decline in voices emerging from within the Kuki-Zo community. They have indeed intimidated us, cornered us, and coerced us into the shadows, leaving our people to face an uncertain fate. We have been driven to conceal our support for political separation from Manipur out of fear. Our careers, the well-being of our children, and the prospects of our lives appear bleak under the shadow of the Meiteis' oppression. It is high time we shed our cocoon of fear and emerge as champions for our future, for our very survival.

We should be fearful, not of raising our voices, but of the questions our children may one day pose: "Why did you hide when the Meiteis sought to eliminate us? Why did you let fear dictate our actions? Why didn't you stand up for our rights and our identity?" The Meiteis threaten to render us stateless and identity-less, and this prospect should instil in us a sense of urgency. We should be fearful of a future where our existence holds no value under Meitei rule. We should be fearful that our demands may go unmet.

It is now the time to leave no stone unturned in our fight for survival. Victory in this battle guarantees our future, ensuring that the children of Kuki-Zo inherit a world of peace and opportunity. If we falter, if we allow the Meiteis to prevail, we risk being stripped of our very essence and identity. Our future beckons us to wage this war without hesitation, so that the children of Kuki-Zo may lead lives filled with promise and tranquility.

# FACT CHECK 14

**CLAIM:**

A viral message falsely claims that people from the Kuki community are entering trains in Assam, those from Guwahati to Silchar of Assam to look for Meitei people on July 26, 2023. The post also claimed that the Kuki-Hmar community inspected the trains and requested NC Hills Authorities to look into it

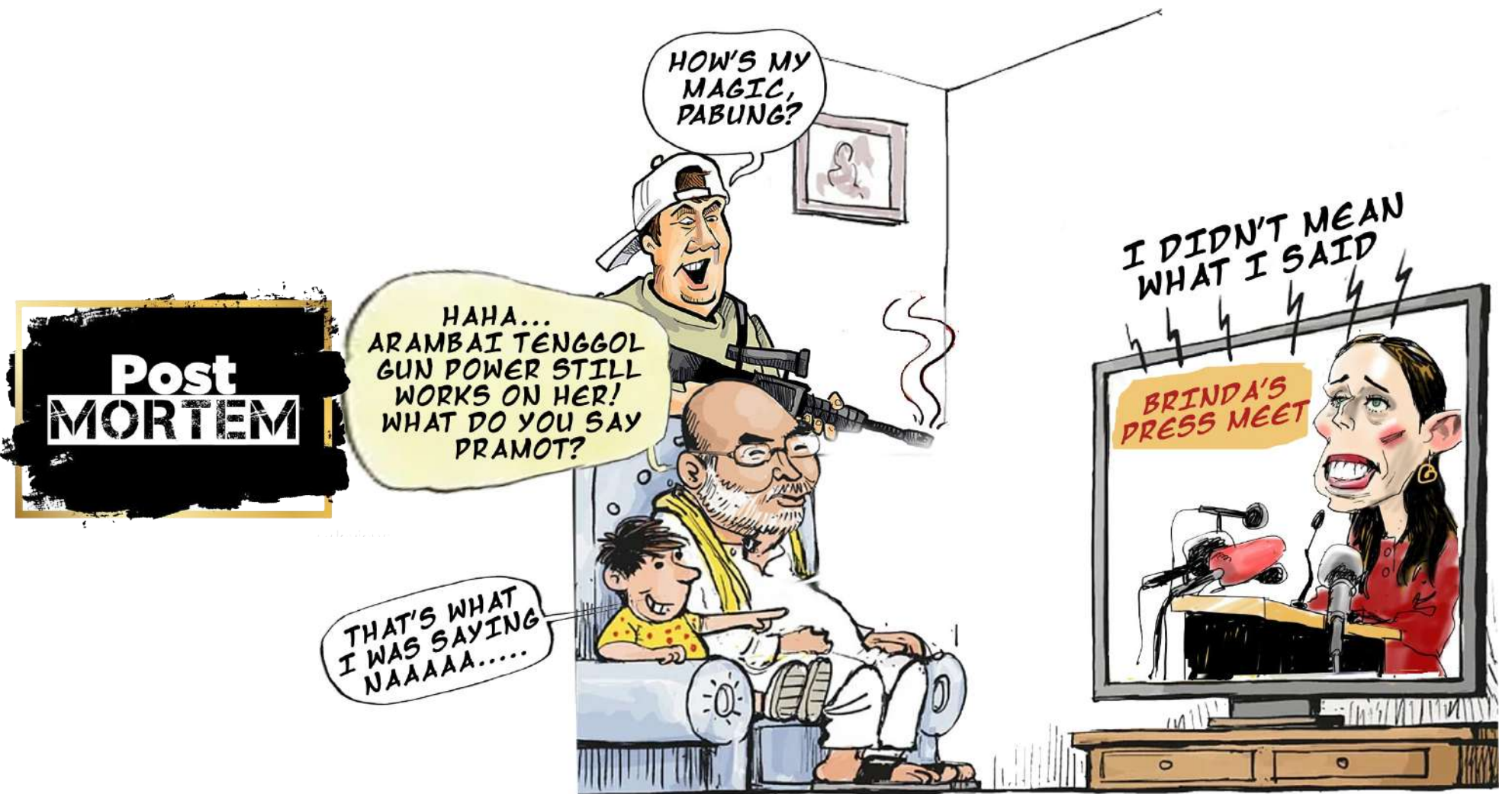
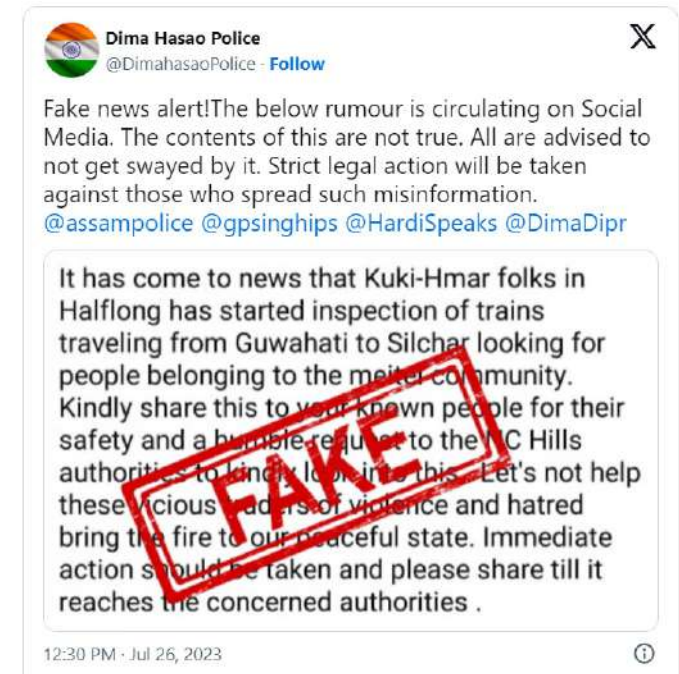
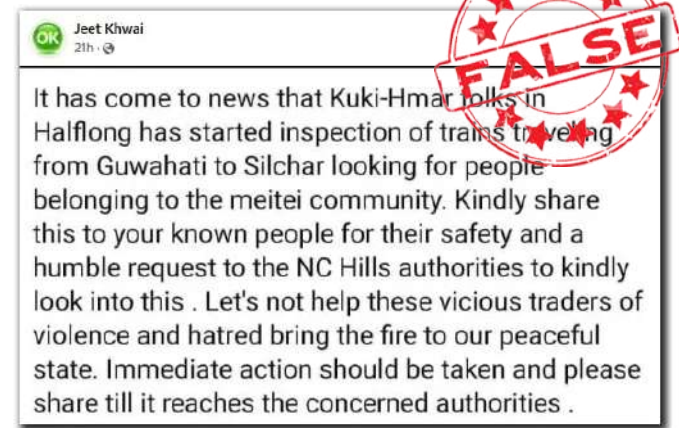
**FACT:**

Dima Hasao Police, on its social media handles, however issued a clarification about the viral message terming it as fake and added that legal action will be taken against those sharing the misinformation.

Dima Hasao Police tweeted a screengrab of a viral post carrying the same message and wrote, "Fake news alert! The below rumour is circulating on Social Media. The contents of this are not true. All are advised to not get swayed by it. Strict legal action will be taken against those who spread such misinformation."

**FACT-CHECK RESULT:**

FALSE, MEITEI LIE EXPOSED

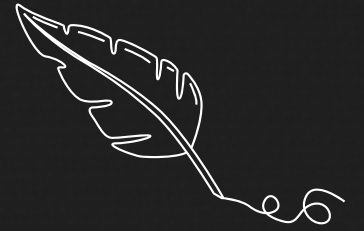






# THE STORY THAT SURVIVED

## *Faith Nengngainem Haokip*



Never a night of complete ease,  
Petrified of arson and theft,  
A nightmare of extreme terror.  
Who would've thought that  
A brother would kill a brother?  
Humanity, we have lost faith in.  
Sweet timbre of laughter and joy,  
The perfect amount of harmony,  
Now replaced with that of gunshots.  
Safest havens built for decades,  
With blood, sweat and tears,  
Drenched today, in blood, sweat and tears.  
A beautiful land of colours once  
Now, a painted canvas of Red.  
To whom do we owe this much pain and torture?  
Our beautiful friends currently pawns of the devil.  
The great Switzerland of India,  
The lovely soil of the hills and the valleys,  
Stands alone now, deserted and barren.  
Yesterday gone, today lost, tomorrow feared,  
A cycle repeated like an unhealthy habit,  
The ugliest pattern in history.  
If today we die, we die with honour.  
If tomorrow we live, we live for honour.

