

Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



B. Salvaphai

RELIEF CENTRE

Sangaikot, Lamka

Managed by Young Vaiphei Association, General Headquarters (YVA GHQ)

Total Inmates Registered: 118*

■ Male: 52

■ Female: 66

*As on 24th 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.

MEITEI MILITANTS RESUME ATTACKING KUKI VILLAGES; ATLEAST 10 MEITEI ARMED MILITIA SUSTAINED INJURIES IN RETALIATORY FIRES

Multiple incidents of firing occurred today along the buffer zones in various locations of Kangpokpi district.

After sufficient rests, the Meitei radical youths or Biren's alleged private militia have resumed their attacks to the Kuki-Zo inhabited areas in the periphery of the death valley of Imphal. The firing incidents are reported from Maphou Kuki village, Kangchup, Tingkai and Haraothel areas of Kangpokpi district.

Maphou Kuki was once again attacked today - after more than half of the village was burnt previously - by the Meitei militants. The gunfire started at about 9:30 in the morning and lasted for about three hours when the central security personnel could finally thwart the attack and thus prevented the Meitei militants from looting and burning the remaining houses and properties of the village.

In another incident, a bolero carrying 5 people from Lamka's Bolkot village on their way to L. Phaijang, Kangpokpi for a family function lost their way and travelled towards a Meitei locality, where they were greeted and later reportedly killed by a Meitei mob. It is reported that one of the passenger Manglun Haokip (65) H/O Nengkim Haokip of Bolkot village, left to die, was rescued by the Assam Rifles and admitted to a hospital in critical condition. It is further reported that he was air-lifted to a neighboring state for further medical treatment. The other passengers are identified as – 1. Nengkim Haokip (60) W/O Manglun Haokip (Bolkot Village), 2. Neilam Haokip W/O Ginkhai Haokip (Laimanai Kuki Village), 3. Jamkhotang Lhanghal H/O Tingneilam Lhanghal (Eldest daughter of Manglun Haokip – Mongjang village), 4. Thangjalam Haokip (Bolkot village). There has been no official report, till the time of writing this, on whether these individuals are alive or dead. Their whereabouts are still unknown.

Upon hearing the news, tribal volunteers reportedly opened blank fires which was responded in kind by the Meitei groups which further escalated the tension. Reports suggest that at least 10 people from the Meitei community sustained injuries in the ensuing gunfight and hospitalized at RIMS and Raj Medicity in Imphal.

Details are now awaited from Manipur government on what sort of actions will be taken on this matter and will



there be a combing-operation along the Kangchup-Chingkhong areas for a search and rescue operation of these missing persons? Or will the government once again remain silent as the missing persons in this case are not from the Meitei community? Selective deliverance of justice has been the norm in this New Manipur and the lives of a certain group holds more value to the government. Will the Manipur government prove itself to be a government for all community this time, or once again be the government of Meitei community only like in the past few months?

Incidents of firing was also reported from Haraothel in Kangpokpi at around the same time when firing occurred at Kangchup and again at around 5 to 6 pm in the evening. The Meitei militants reportedly fired towards the Kuki villages at intervals. However there has been no reports of casualty among the villagers.

Another incident of gunfight between the radicalised Arambai Tenggol militant and the Kuki volunteers reportedly occurred in Tingkai area of Aigejang village today afternoon. However, there has been no report of casualty.

Such incidents of firing occurred at the buffer zones whenever and wherever the Meitei Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun fancy it. The Meitei radicalized youths, using their looted government weapons and vehicles, carry out attacks to the otherwise half-burnt Kuki villages along the vicinity of the 700 sq Km while claiming to be village-defenders and victimizing themselves to the national and international media.

COTU SERVES 24 HOURS ULTIMATUM TO TRACE FIVE MISSING KUKI-ZO

The Committee on Tribal Unity Sadar Hills Kangpokpi served a 24-hour ultimatum to the concerned authorities to trace the five missing Kuki-Zo to be brought back safe and sound.

The missing Kuki-Zo, members of a wedding party are Manglun Haokip (65), son of Haokholet of Bolkot village and his wife Nengkim (60), Neilam Haokip (55), wife of Ginkhai Haokip of Laimanai Kuki, John Thangjalam Haokip (25), son of T. Paoboi Haokip of Bolkot village and Jamkhothang Hanghal (40), son of Semkhohao Hanghal of Mongjang village.

Speaking to the media, CoTU's Media Cell Coordinator, Ng. Lun Kipgen said that the Committee on Tribal Unity is constraint to serve a 24-hour ultimatum to the concerned authorities to find the 5 (five) missing members of a wedding party who had sojourn from Kangchup Chingkhong were waylaid by the Meitei Arambai Tenggol to be brought back to their families, failing which the Committee on Tribal Unity will not responsible for any untoward incidents arising out of it.

He also said that it is pertinent to mention that two



Arambai Tenggol who had crossed the Buffer Zone on November 5 at Kanglatongbi were supposedly kidnapped by the Village Volunteer Force was concocted narration to tarnish the image of the Kuki-Zo community.

However, he said that the Kuki-Zo community gave support and cooperation in the search and combined operations taken under the Kangpokpi SP and 22 Assam Rifles in the areas.

The Committee on Tribal Unity, therefore, appeals to every other community not to fan hatred and animosity by ill-conceived narration without proof.

TRIBAL BODY CONDEMNS ABDUCTION OF KUKI-ZO CIVILIANS BY MEITEI MILITANT GROUP

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) has condemned the abduction of four Kuki-Zo civilians by radicalised Arambai Tenggol group near Kangchup Chingkhong village, Kangpokpi district on Tuesday.

"In another despicable act, four middle-aged Kuki-Zo civilians including two women were abducted today by Meitei militant group Arambai Tenggol near Kangchup Chingkhong village in Kangpokpi district of Manipur," ITLF said in a statement.

On hearing the news, angry tribal volunteers at the frontline fired at the Meitei side, resulting in a firefight. There were reports of several injuries among the Meitei community.

ITLF stated that five tribal civilians were travelling towards L. Phaijang village when they were accosted by gunmen. In the ensuing scuffle, 65-year-old Manglun Haokip from Bolkot village got injured and

fell unconscious. Thinking him to be dead, he was left behind. CRPF personnel later found him and transported him to Leimakhong. Due to the severity of his injuries, he has been airlifted to a neighbouring state.

Two women (Nengkim, 60, from Bolkot and Neilam, 55, from Laimanai) and two men (John Thangjalam Haokip, 25, from Bolkot and Jamkhothang, 40, from Mongjang) were taken captives by the Arambai Tenggol

After the incident, the Arambai Tenggol chief Korounganba Khuman shared a post on social media stating: "Today some domestic wine (wild) animen (animal) has been brought to the Zoo".

The tribal forum said it feared that they might have been killed or were being tortured. It fervently requested the central security forces to immediately launch an operation to rescue them.

KUKI INPI TENGNOUNPAL DECRIES “STATE-SPONSORED GENOCIDE” CAMPAIGN; CLARIFIES ON WILD ALLEGATION AGAINST MOREH YOUTH LEADER

The Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal has expressed its deep concern about the Meitei-led state government which is openly calling out and instigating the state police commandos and its radicalized armed groups to annihilate the Kuki-Zo Indian tribes.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the Kuki apex body decried the unwarranted deployment of the Police commandos in Moreh hill town and the ensuing destruction and affliction to the public resulting in serious physical, mental and emotional impact on the common men, women and children, thereby threatening their safety and security.

“This senseless and outrageous attacks on the lives and properties of the indigenous Kuki-Zo inhabitants have again proven the terrorist nature of the state leadership to further its ‘genocide’ campaign on the Kuki-Zo tribes,” KIT said.

The Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal also expressed its profound gratitude to the 5 Assam Rifles and all the Central Security Forces for their relentless effort to prevent human casualties and also maintaining law and order in Tegnoupal district. The Assam Rifles, as the oldest and one of the most decorated Para-Military Forces, has shown great sympathy and exemplary actions again in this conflict which we believe will never go in vain, it said.

The KIT appealed the law enforcing agencies including all the Security Forces to understand the sentiment of the tribals who are threatened and victimized in their own land.

Meanwhile, in response to the wild allegations leveled on its member and the President of Moreh Youth Club (MYC), Mr Philip K Khongsai, a resident of New Moreh of Moreh Town, by one S Ahongsngbm in connection with the death of SDPO Moreh, Mr Chingtham Anand Kumar, the Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal said the allegation against Philip Khongsai was baseless and uncalled for as he as nothing to do with the incident.

After a fact checking, KIT said, it is found that an individual who operates a Facebook account by the name of S Ahongsngbam first uploaded a post saying “Chingtham Anand Kumar was killed by Philip Khongsai with a sniper shot.” The same was also published by some vernacular newspapers blindly. The Facebook account operator also uploaded Mr Khongsai and his family photos. The said



Facebook account - A Ahongsngbm was created on July 22, 2014 with user name Surajit A Singha who had his user name changed seven times between July 22, 2014 and May 19, 2022 finally in the name of A S Singha.

The said Facebook account owner had been uploading many hate speeches/comments against the Kuki-Zo people. It is crystal clear that the facebook account operator had evil motives to tarnish the image of KIT and the Kuki-Zo tribes of Tegnoupal, it said.

Mr Philip Khongsai is an Indian Army veteran, who proudly served his country for over 20 years in the Assam Regiment. Post retirement, Mr Khongsai devoted most of his time to create a drug-free society and healthy living among the youths of Moreh through games and sports. He is also an invaluable member of the Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association Tegnoupal district (ESWAT).

KIT asked: “On what basis the said facebook account operator accused its member, also a Retired Indian Army over the unfortunate incident of SDPO Moreh without any proof? Was it a deliberate gameplan to tarnish the image of Philip K Khongsai and KIT?”

It clarified that the allegations against Mr Philip Khongsai is baseless and uncalled for as he has nothing to do with the incident.

5 VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS APPREHENDED; WOMENFOLK STORM AR POST, 17 WOMEN SUSTAINED INJURIES

The personnel of 46 Assam Rifles Khuga Battalion posted along the Tiddim Road near Mata have apprehended five village volunteers today. The Village volunteers were coming from Singngat for routine duty at the frontline areas.

They were apprehended without any reason and rhyme by the security personnel who were on duty at 46 AR Check Post at Mata village.

On hearing about the unwarranted arrest, womenfolk from Lamka town stormed the said AR Check Post. Demanding the unconditional release of all the arrested village volunteers, womenfolks stormed the AR Check Post in a bid to rescue the village volunteers.

The womenfolk also tried to dismantle the AR Check Post which was erected along the Tiddim Road. The AR personnel at the Check post, in their attempt to thwart away the womenfolk resorted to using lathi charge, injuring many women in the process.

After a minor scuffle between the AR personnel and the womenfolk, the arrested village volunteers were released unconditionally by the Assam Rifles. In the melee, around 17 women sustained injuries



due to highhandedness of central security forces. The injured individuals were later admitted to Churachandpur district hospital for medical treatment.

TLM Views: The naivety of the Central Security Forces including the Assam Rifles is appalling. The Village volunteers who were on their way to Frontline areas for routine duty with Kartoos/Single Barrel were arrested without any reason and rhyme while many of the Arambai Tenggol who openly flaunt sophisticated weapons and directly threatening central security forces in Imphal were never apprehended by the security forces. According to the Central Security Forces, flaunting sophisticated arms and terrorizing people seems legit to them.

ATTACKING SPREE IN IMPHAL SPARES NONE, NOT EVEN VIPS

The residential gate of Mayang Imphal A/C MLA Kongkham Robindro was attacked by unidentified armed miscreants on Monday night at around 9:30 PM. The attacked was reportedly captured by a CCTV camera. Footage shows unknown armed miscreants who came in a car open ed-fire at the residential gate. At the time of the incident, the MLA was reportedly at his official quarters in Imphal. Mayang Imphal police station has registered a case. An hour later at 10:30 PM, unknown armed miscreants attacked the residence of the director of Jawaharlal Institute of Medical Sciences, professor Laishram Deben, located at Kakwa Asem Leikai in Imphal. The miscreants reportedly shot about 10 rounds of bullets. No injuries have been reported in these incidents.

It may be recalled that during the past few months, there has been many instances of an individual attacked by armed miscreants. The Imphal valley has been living under fear psychosis and 'reign of terror' perpetrated by certain radicalized group



is evident, from all these mindless shooting. Notably, the notorious radical group Meitei Leepun's Chief Mayengbam Pramot Singh also came under attack from unidentified armed assailants on November 3 morning at around 7:30 am. The incident reportedly occurred at Langol under Lamphel Police Station in Imphal West District when Pramott and his driver were heading for a meeting at Meitei Leepun Office in Langol.

UNION HM AMIT SHAH FAILED TO HONOUR HIS PROMISE: ITLF

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) has said the trust that the Kuki-Zo people have placed in the centre government has been waning day by day, and suggested the BJP government that it was time to put electoral political considerations aside and look at the humanitarian toll.

“When the majority community that controls the state government is trying to eliminate the minority tribal population, it is the duty of the central government to safeguard the rights and lives of the true victims of this conflict,” ITLF said in a statement on Tuesday.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) stated that when it tried to bury martyrs killed in Manipur's ethnic conflict on August 3, the Home Ministry had requested the tribal leaders to postpone the mass burial for a week to sort out all issues. “We agreed in good faith. After four months, none of our demands have been met, including the return of our dead bodies lying in morgues in the Imphal valley,” it said.

When the ITLF met Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi, the tribal leaders demanded the removal of Meitei state forces in all hill districts. ITLF said the minister disregarded their request but promised that he would not allow state forces to be deployed independently and they would only act “in conjunction” with central forces in hill areas. Recent events have shown that this is not being followed in letter or spirit.

The tribal forum alleged that while the killing of a tribal police officer by a Meitei sniper did not evoke any response from the state or central government, the death of a Meitei police officer is being used as an excuse to terrorize Kuki-Zo civilians living in Moreh



town and other villages in Tengnoupal district. “Meitei commandos are being given a free hand to assault civilians and burn down houses. Vehicles are set ablaze and money looted from homes,” it added.

ITLF asked: What are the central forces doing? In a conflict between Meiteis and tribals, why are Meitei forces allowed to conduct operations among tribals? What is preventing the central government from deploying neutral central forces among the tribal population?

Meanwhile, militant Meitei groups like Arambai Tenggol are releasing videos where they are openly brandishing sophisticated weapons looted from state armouries and urging their cadres to attack Kuki-Zo tribals. No action has been taken against them by security forces or investigating agencies like the CBI and NIA.

ITLF reiterated that Kuki-Zo people need a separate administration to live apart from those who want the tribals destruction.



My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right..

- Abraham Lincoln

AFTER SURVIVING MANIPUR RIOTS, KUKI STUDENTS DETERMINED TO RENEW LIFE IN KERALA'S KANNUR

Having started life afresh in Kannur, 34 students belonging to the Kuki community are beginning to dream high again. This unexpected transformation is beyond their wildest expectations, having had to go through a torrid time in relief camps in riot-torn Manipur. Amid the uncertainty, they could hardly think about their studies. The only prayer was to survive the riots.

Providing a ray of hope, the Kuki Students' Organisation got in touch with various universities across the country, looking for higher study opportunities for students affected by the violence.

"Kannur University was the first institution that came forward to offer an opportunity for studies to us," says Goulungmon Haokip, the education secretary of the Kuki Students' Organisation. So far, 120 Kuki students have reached Kerala. Of them, 34 students have been accommodated in various colleges and departments under the Kannur University.

"We have received information on the arrival of two more students from Manipur. We expect them to reach here in the coming days," says Nafeesa Baby, the director of Students' Services at the Kannur University.

The 25-year-old Haokip says a situation in Manipur continues to be bad. "The parents of almost all the students studying in Kerala have been rendered jobless. The houses of many of us were burnt down in the riot. We are lucky to be alive and more than lucky to be able to continue our studies here, thanks to the great gesture of humanity by Kannur University," he says.

Nafeesa expressed happiness that many colleges have come forward to provide space for these students from Manipur.

"As the university doesn't have the funds to provide financial assistance to these students, only colleges that are ready to bear the expenses relating to education, hostel and food can accommodate these students. But many colleges came forward to accommodate them," she points out.

As many students had come straight from relief camps, they didn't have their original documents with them. "So, the university has given them time to produce



MLA K K Shylaja with students from Manipur at Kannur University

the documents before the completion of the course," Nafeesa says.

Haokip says conversations about the Manipur riots should not stop in Kerala. "We want the elite society of Kerala to discuss it more and more. Though we, the students, are safe here in Kerala, we are very much concerned about the lives of our parents," he says.

As grateful as they are to their benefactors regarding their education, many of the Kuki students continue to face financial problems to meet their needs. More than six weeks have passed after they joined various courses at Kannur University. "We can't ask for more. Still, it is tough going," Haokip says.

A third-year LLB student at the Manjeshwar Law College in Kasaragod, terms unfortunate the allegations levelled against them from some quarters that they are using the money generated from Kerala to procure arms to add fire to the violence in Manipur.

"This is baseless and we ask the people to show some humanitarian consideration before levelling such unfounded and biased allegations against us," he says. Though they carry the frightful memories of their riot-torn homeland, the Kukis are determined to go back to their homes once they finish their studies in this friendly place, Haokip added.

Source: [The New Indian Express](#)



OPINION

HAS BIREN DESTROYED MEITEI'S '1000 YEAR CIVILISATION'?

Meiteis have been a community that love Art, Culture, Sports, etc. and they can be compared to the Bengalis in this aspect. Manipuri dance is appreciated through out the country, and Meitei cinema perhaps has no rival in the Northeast with the Assamese film industry coming closest to it. The Meiteis often allege that they belong to a Thousand Year Civilisation and they take great pride in it. However, the events that has unfolded since May 3, 2023, has exposed the fundamental foundations of the Meitei society and it has been found shockingly hollow, immoral and deprave. Is it because it didn't have a foundation, a moral compass or a Point of Reference? Has it been a process or is it because of that one man Biren who has orchestrated the mayhem that is to blame which led men to act in such abominable heights? Lets looks at some points. When the conflict started on 3rd May, Biren Singh's government first allowed a fake news of Meitei girls being raped in Lamka go viral. Once the IT Cells have done enough damage, they shut the internet making it impossible for the people to know the truth. When the father of the Meitei girl who was allegedly raped spoke up to deny it, much damaged was already done. Secondly, when Meitei goons ransacked Kuki houses in Imphal, what was shocking was the wanton loot of property including beds, mattresses and washing machines. While thieves are found in all societies, the country saw a different side of the Meitei community when even respectable looking mothers were carrying looted

goods in 'thelas'. Rape cases and naked parading by the most loathsome youths is sometimes seen from some North Indian states. That a community, including respectable men and women would parade girls naked with men taking turns to grope them and rape them is unheard of in Northeast India. That women of a particular community would ask men to rape other women is the most filthy, undetestable and nauseating actions that no community on earth has ever heard of.

While casualties do happen in war including non-combattants, the fact that a mentally-challenged woman who wasn't even aware what was happening was murdered in the heart of Imphal speaks for itself what kind of society Imphal valley has become! With what face will Meitei women ever face the people of India when they complain of Indian Army's atrocities upon their women? That the community tried to harm who ever spoke up some sane words from within is a testament of a society that is falling apart. In the last 5 years, there was not even one Meitei intellectual to speak some sane words and highlight counter-narrative historical truths even as a depiscable politician was spewing venom. It shows the intellectual poverty of a community that claim a Thousand Year Civilisation. One day, this war will end but pity the men who have to grow up in such

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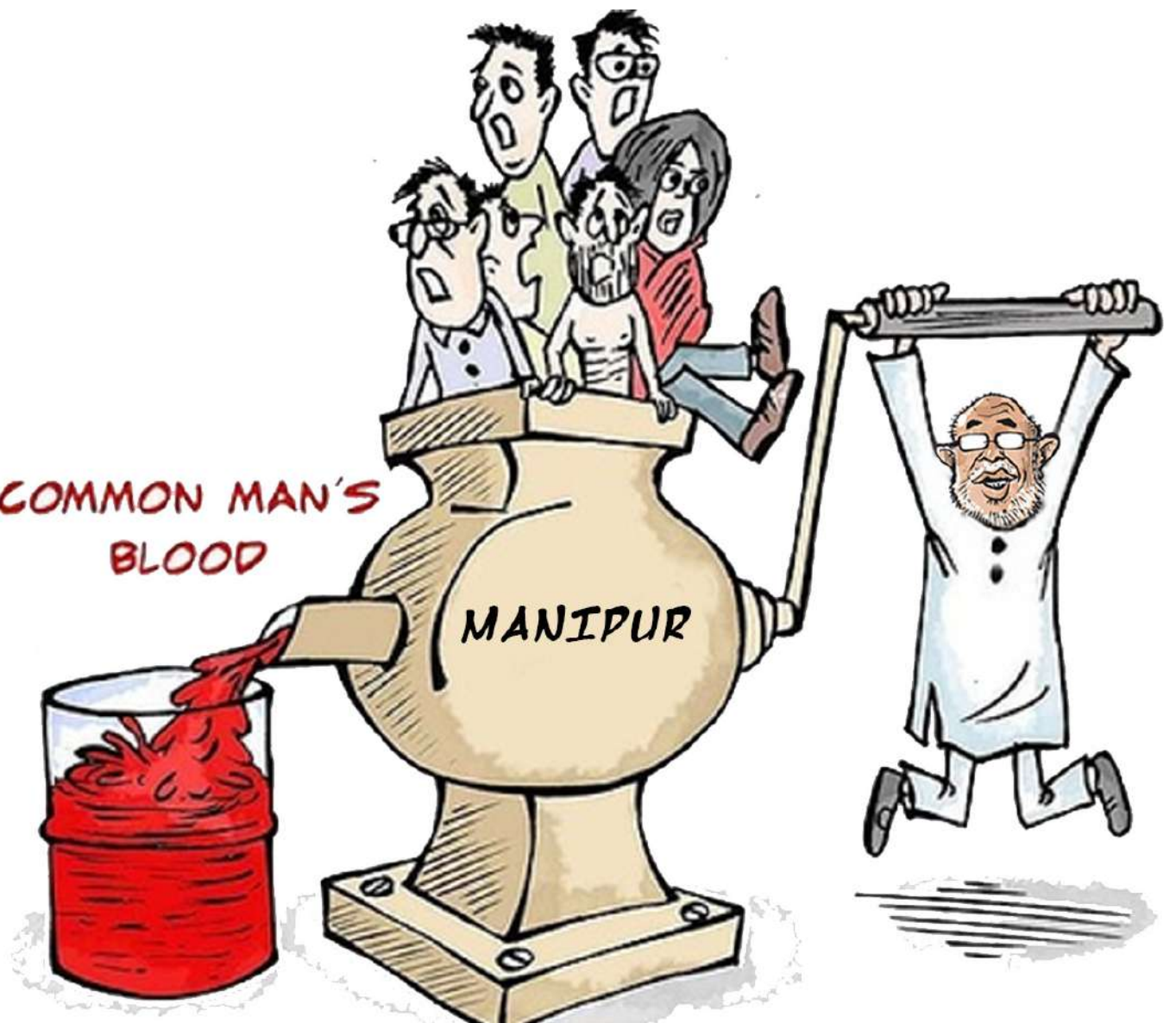
a society where narratives are changed every day like one changes clothes, where the 'Head' lies and the 'Hands' shake machete, where the dead counts are hidden, where the affluent and high class incites the peripheral 'lowlies' to war, where women bares their all in the forefront to hide the 'effeminate' of their men, where lying is worshipped and beheading is trumpeted! Thank God, I wouldn't have to live in such a society, and i know that deep down, those Meiteis still holding on to their still small conscience would be ashamed of what has happened to their proud Civilisation. What their forefathers built for a thousand year is brought to ruin by someone from within whose hunger of power might shame the Burmese invaders of 1819! Such a man is a curse for any community, and his worshippers are the greatest enemy of their own kind.

The tribe that they sought to eliminate 'came out' of the jungles just a 100 year ago! Yet, they have showed resilience, their speeches more genuine, with their women herding together to give safe-passage for Meiteis in Lamka and their men releasing 6 men that lost their way in Khamenlok! They didn't rape for it has not crossed their mind. That's what the 'Light' has done to change such head-hunting 'savages' to. Where a Thousand Year Civilisation crumbled and acted with much savagery, a Hundred Year of the Good News has shone bright and showed much war-ethic even as they manned their defense line ! A Civilisation based on lie, deciet and hatred will not stand. Only the Truth shall set us free and a Civilisation based on its tenets will surely prosper.



**THE BLOODY'S
BLOOD
FACTORY**

COMMON MAN'S
BLOOD



O David...

O David, the giants slew you.... wasn't it supposed to be otherwise?
Heaven has other plans...
for when he severed your head, he chopped off their humanity;
yours to be no more a part in this barbaric and inhumane world.
But will your soul ever be at peace?
Oh how your soul must've still wept when they mounted your mutilated visage upon
spikes like a trophy or spoils of war.
Did your soul overcome with horror and bitterness when they celebrated and took
videos of your defilement?
or did you even wish to sacrifice your head to be displayed in their great museums
for their children to see, a reminder of what great war they waged in the name of
their Kangleipak?
And does your soul seek vengeance or a rebirth to claim your own justice?

We failed to protect you...

But if only you could still see how we shuddered
and wept as our bones chilled to the core.
Your memory is our armor now; your story stirs passion and evoke a patriotism never
felt before; mothers pray more, hesitant legs march stronger, resolve ironclad.

Your earthly body may have passed but your spirit inspires.
Your blood seeps deep into our lands and has nurtured deep roots of oneness.
You have triumphed!
Your death is your victory, o Hmar pasaltha!
So go in peace now to Liendo and Sura and our forefathers, o bravest son of
Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi- Hmar soil.
Just wait for us upon the shores of Zion where you will be whole again.

Your memory and name will bring shudders and forever haunt them....
and in that O David, you will have slain your giants.

On behalf of everyone of us, *George K Mate*

