


Thingkho Le Malcha

MONDAY | OCTOBER 09, 2023



 Saikot Primary Health Centre

Saikot ITI RELIEF CENTRE

Saikawt, Lamka

Managed by Hmar Youth Association GHQ

Total Inmates Registered: 101

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| ■ Male: 47 | ■ Female: 54 |
| ■ Children (0-10 years): 18 | ■ Adolescent (11-17 years): 13 |
| ■ Adult (18-59 years): 56 | ■ Old age (60 above): 14 |
| ■ Pregnant Mother: 00 | ■ Lactating Mother: 04 |
| ■ Person with Disability: 02 | |

VILLAGE COVERED

Langza Village, Lamka



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 05.10.2023



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.

Viral Video Case: ITLF Demands CBI Investigation, Reiterates SA for Kuki-Zo Community

In a new development to the recent viral video of a Kuki man being set ablaze by unknown miscreants, the Security Advisor of Manipur, Kudeep Singh, has said that the deceased is a tribal man and the Director General of Police (DGP) has requested the CBI to take over the case.

A video of the man being set ablaze surfaced on social media on Sunday. Soon after the video surfaced, Kuki social media users have claimed that the man in the video belongs to a Kuki-Zo community but the identity of the deceased is yet to be identified. The perpetrators, amidst possible sounds of gunshots, in the background of the video used Manipuri/Meitei language which said, 'Do not click photo' (in Meitei dialect).

Briefing the media in Imphal on Monday, the Security Advisor said as per their preliminary findings, the name of the person was Laldingthanga Khongsai alias Lal James Khongsai (37), son of Jamtinmang Khongsai, a resident of Houkhongching village, Kangpokpi District under Nongpok Sekmai police station and his body had been presently kept at JNIMS hospital, Imphal

Kuldiep said, "It has been requested that the case be given to the CBI. The DGP has requested CBI to take over this case because this case also is a sequel of that incident to the viral video of two women who were paraded naked."

While vehemently condemning the 'horrific burning alive' of the Kuki-Zo man, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum reiterated its call for separate administration.

In its statement, ITLF said a video surfaced on the internet on October 8, depicting the horrific burning alive of an unidentified man belonging to the Kuki-Zo community. "The video is a harrowing testament to the ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki-Zo community by the majority Meiteis," it sated

Spokesperson of ITLF, Ginza Vualzong said that the complicity of the Manipur government has emboldened the Meiteis to take the law into their own hands. Acts such as the burning of the Anglo-Kuki War Centenary gate, the destruction of over 20 houses in Kangvai, and the killing of a pastor in Phoughakchao on May 3rd ignited an ethnic war that lasted for more than five months.

"During this period, Kuki-Zo individuals were relentlessly pursued and subjected to horrific violence. The free transfer of more than 6,000 sophisticated weapons and over 5 lakh



rounds of ammunition into the hands of Arambai Tenggol and Meetei Leepun further fueled the aggression against the Kuki-Zo community," Vualzong said in his statement.

He also stated that numerous incidents of inhumane killings of Kuki-Zo people have already garnered attention.

The delivery of Florence and Olivia into the hands of Meitei youths by the Meira Paibis, the parading of two Kuki Zo sisters naked, the parading of two Kuki Zo sisters naked, the burning of Tonsing, his mother Meena Hangshing, and his aunt Lydia inside an ambulance, the electrocution of Vungzagin Valte and the murder of his driver, the killing of Dallamthang Suantak, who was pulled out of the ambulance he was driving, the beheading of David Thiek, the burning alive of elderly women Chingjaluan and Thiandam, and many other brutal acts against the Kuki-Zo community cannot be overlooked.

"The Manipur government's failure to address these heinous crimes underscores its bias and exclusionary approach, which only serves the interests of the Meiteis," the Spokesperson added.

Denouncing the grave injustice inflicted upon the Kuki-Zo people in the strongest terms, the ITLF asserted that the selective application of justice further reinforced their demand for a separate administration. It reiterated its call for a Separate Administration, as it said it is increasingly apparent that coexistence with the Meiteis, who have driven them out of their valley, subjected them to violence, and attacked their villages, was an untenable proposition.

Views of TLM: The Central Govt should make DNA testing facilities available for those bodies which are not identifiable through normal means. It should preserve the viscera / DNA samples for DNA testing to determine which body belongs to which family.

Will Shortly Issue Notification for Appointment of Manipur HC CJ: Centre to SC

The Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court that it would shortly issue a notification for appointment of the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court. It has also informed the apex court that it has cleared 70 other names for appointment as High Court judges.

“Now, there is no overdue pendency of names and secondly, regarding the appointment of the Chief Justice of Manipur is concerned, the central government is shortly going to ensure notification, and for transfer of judges, they say they are implementing transfers,” the bench said.

On July 5, the SC Collegium led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud recommended the appointment of Delhi High Court judge Justice Siddharth Mridul as the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court.

While recording the development, a bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia asked Attorney General R Venkataramani, representing the Centre, why it requires an intervention by the court to get the things moving.

Temporary Prison for Lamka

The government of Manipur has declared East Wing, Ground Floor of DLO Block-4, Mini Secretariat Office Complex, Tuibong as the designated ‘Temporary Prison’ for Lamka.

The government also appointed SDO Churachandpur and Officer-in-Charge of Churachandpur Police Station as Superintendent of Jail and Jailor respectively.

The Manipur government on September 22 declared the premises covered by the Subsidiary Training Centre (STC) of Border Security Force (BSF), Ganpimul under Churachandpur district as ‘Temporary Prison’ under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Prisoners Act, 1994.

However, it is learnt from reliable sources that the BSF Campuses, which were designated earlier for Temporary Prison, are designed and laid out in such manner that there is no exclusive area or building which can be converted into prison. The BSF also reportedly requested the State government to make some other arrangements at their end.

INDIA Bloc Targets PM Modi over Horrific Video Footage of Manipur

Following another horrific video of a Kuki tribal youth being ‘burnt alive’ in Manipur emerging on social media platforms, the Opposition alliance on Monday slammed the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, for failing to save Manipur from the deep crisis.

While the Manipur DGP, Rajeev Singh, had reportedly received the video some time ago and said they are investigating the case. The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) has said that the incident of passing away was “extremely sad and shameful”.

“This is from Manipur!! Kuki tribal youth burnt alive in Manipur, The incident of passing away is extremely sad and shameful. Modi ji is expressing sorrow about the neighboring country but failed to Save Manipur..,” wrote INDIA Alliance on X (formerly Twitter), while sharing the video clip.

The 7 second video, marked as “Kuki”, was shared on various social media platforms on Sunday. It shows a man, in a black T-shirt and camouflage trousers, lying in a trench. The face looks bludgeoned and the body is on fire.

A leader of the Kuki civil bodies said the incident occurred in the month of May and they were trying to ascertain the identity of the person as during the violence, five to six people from the community were said to have been burnt alive.

INDIA bloc partner and Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi also reacted to the horrific crime.

“In yet another horrific video emerging from Manipur, the body of a tribal man is seen being set on fire in a trench. A police official said the video appeared to be from early May. The tragedy of Manipur is still not discussed & addressed. Priorities,” she wrote on X.

The ethnic violence in Manipur enters 6 months and there is no sign of peace and normalcy returning in the near future. At least 200 people have been killed and over thousand injured in the ongoing ethnic cleansing pogrom.

Manipur HC Reserves Order on ST Case



The Manipur High Court has reserved its order on the All Manipur Tribal Union's (AMTU) application seeking a leave to file a third party appeal against its March 27 order on recommending Scheduled Tribe status to the State's dominant Meitei community.

A Division Bench of Justices Ahanthem Bimol Singh and A Guneshwar Sharma this week concluded the hearing in the application filed by the AMTU, which sought a leave to appeal the controversial order that is said to be the immediate trigger for the five-month-long conflict underway in the State between the dominant valley-based Meitei community and the hills-based Kuki-Zomi people, who come under ST category.

The March 27 judgement was on a PIL filed by a Meitei body seeking directions that their pleas for ST status be acted upon. A Bench of Acting Chief Justice MV Muralidharan had ordered the State government to consider the representation and directed them to write to the Union Government within four weeks.

Tribal bodies across the State started protesting against the order as soon as it was made public in April, spiralling into violence that began on May 3.

Within days of the violence beginning, the AMTU had approached the Manipur High Court with its application arguing that as a concerned entity, the tribal body was not made a party to the initial PIL and that the March 27 order was passed without hearing them. It also argued that the Court had passed the impugned order without applying the necessary tests.

Advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing for AMTU, had argued that the Meiteis' plea for ST status was missing

a basic ingredient to qualify as an ST - the claim of backwardness. It further submitted that the community had always been relatively forward compared to STs of the State.

The Union Government had submitted before the Court that it would not be objecting to the leave to file appeal by the tribal body. However, the Manipur Government led by Chief Minister N Biren Singh, which has been accused of supporting the Meiteis in the ongoing conflict, opposed the application.

The State Government submitted that the AMTU was not an aggrieved party in the instant case and hence had no locus standi to file an appeal against the March 27 order. The Meitei body, which was party to the case, had made the same argument. In a hearing on October 5, the Court said it had concluded the proceedings and was reserving its order in the case.

While the Court has not specified when the order in this case is expected to be delivered, the matter has been listed for next hearing on January 3, 2024, as per the High Court's website.

If the leave to file third party appeal is allowed, the tribal body's appeal against the March 27 order can be taken up by the High Court.

Meanwhile, a petition seeking a review of the same order is pending in the High Court. This matter, where both tribal outfits and Meitei bodies are parties, is expected to come up for its next hearing on Monday.

IN DIVIDED MANIPUR, DISTURBING QUESTIONS

-KARAN THAPAR

Whilst I applaud the alacrity with which the Central government sent a special CBI team to Manipur to investigate the killing of two Meitei students and the speed with which they allegedly cracked the case, it's worth considering a few questions that could complicate matters. No doubt, some are raised by the Kuki community but that shouldn't be surprising. I certainly don't think that invalidates them.

First, the CBI is investigating eleven cases. So you could ask why has a special team flown to Imphal to investigate two Meitei deaths when nothing similar has happened to investigate the rape and killing of two Kuki women at a car-wash, the beheading of David Theik or the killing of a young boy and his mother when their ambulance was burnt to cinders. If you're a Kuki, wouldn't this seem like special treatment?

The second question is equally important. The special CBI team led by Ajay Bhatnagar reached Imphal on the evening of September 27th. Yet four days later they made the arrests. The Indigenous Tribal Leader's Forum asks "If the CBI can act with such swiftness why has it not arrested anyone in (other) heinous cases?"

The Kuki Inpi, which calls itself the "apex body of the Kuki tribes", asks a more pointed question: "When arrests are made on grounds of suspicion against the Kuki-Zo community, why are the culprits of the barbaric beheading, mutilation, rape and immolation against the Kuki-Zo people not apprehended in the same manner?"

However, it's not just questions raised by the Kuki that are worth pondering over. There are also issues that arise out of Chief Minister Biren Singh's comments. After the CBI arrests he tweeted: "I'm pleased to say some of the main culprits responsible for the abduction and murder of the students have been arrested from Churachandpur today." But on what basis has he called them culprits when they're only accused? And could this adversely influence their chances in court?

Not surprisingly, this hasn't gone down a bundle with the Kuki. The Indigenous Tribal Leader's Forum has articulated a concern that, no doubt, has occurred to many others. "It seems that the central government is trying to save the Chief Minister from the Meitei community's wrath by coming down hard on hapless tribals, including women."



So, now, can you see why I've drawn your attention to these questions? In this instance, how things appear in Imphal is very different to how they look when seen from Churachandpur. Surely, after five months, both ministers and mandarins in Delhi should have known this. Yet that hasn't restrained them. That leads to another question: I wonder why?

Let me end by raising a different but connected matter. This is how the Chief Minister now views his state: "The current crisis in Manipur is not a clash between ethnic groups and not a law and order issue of the state but purely a war against the Indian Union by Myanmar and Bangladesh based Kuki militants in collaboration with militant groups operating in Manipur." This raises more questions. Is this view shared by New Delhi? If it is, has this matter been raised with Naypyidaw and Dhaka?

No doubt, if questioned, the Chief Minister would point to the arrest of Seiminlum Gangte, a Kuki, alleged by the National Intelligence Agency to be a member of a militant group from across the border. But days earlier Moirangthem Anand Singh, a Meitei, and a member of the banned People's Liberation Army, was also arrested by the NIA. This suggests militant groups connected with both communities and based in Myanmar and Bangladesh have crept back and are fueling the Kuki-Meitei discord. Why is the Chief Minister only talking about one side? Again, this is a disturbing question.

My conclusion: Manipur throws up disturbing questions from both sides, which is why an answer from just one perspective can only make the situation worse. I hope this piece has helped you understand why.

Source: [The Hindustan Times](#)

IS THE GOVT OF INDIA SIDING WITH THE MEITEIS?

Former Home Secretary Gopal Pillai, in his [interview with Karan Thapar](#) for The Wire, had alleged that the BJP government at the Centre was siding with the Meiteis in the current conflict. Two things in the last 10 days confirm this. Two Meitei youths were allegedly killed by Kukis though their dead bodies are not yet found nor are the accused convicted. However, the swiftness with which the NIA and the CBI acted for this particular case was not only baffling, it also raises more pertinent questions as to what they were doing when more than 100 Kukis were butchered in the streets and peripheries of Imphal. The Killer of David Theik holding his severed head was not gruesome enough it seems as no central power seem to be concerned even as the killer is still roaming freely in Imphal!

Secondly, our fears of BJP led Central government giving a free hand to Meiteis seem to have been confirmed by the way the Government of India (GOI) has extended the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) only in the hills while leaving the Imphal valley out. Even the most ignorant would be aware that in the Imphal valley, the Meitei secessionist groups are creating havoc orchestrating their attacks to the hills while freely moving in the valley. Thousands of Meitei insurgents based in Myanmar who are fighting for an independent Manipur with alleged China's tacit backing has also entered Manipur which can potentially harm India in the long run.

The Kuki-Zo groups are the only major tribal community in Northeast India that has not raised the secessionist flag till now. However, the government at the Centre which swears by ultra-nationalistic fervour seems to be favouring secessionist groups. Is this what we get paid back for our loyalty all these years? Is this fair play, is this just?

If one looks at history, the British found Kukis to be a great ally due to their great martial traits and thus used them as buffers from Burmese Kingdom stretching from Chittagong Hill Tracts in the South to Sagaing in the North with the many Kuki Levies formed. However, after the fall of Burma in 1885, the British started planning to take back most of the guns that the Kukis accumulated. They also started interfering in Kuki way of life, which along with other factors, led Kukis to fight the British for three years famously known as the Kuki-Uprising 1917-1919. Though Kukis were subdued in this Anglo-Kuki War (1917-1919), when the Japanese Imperial Army along with the Indian National Army marched to India through Burma in the 1940s, it was our Kuki people who greatly helped them as a result of which they marched till India with great Initial successes. If we look at history, waves of attacks



BJP Govt Siding With Meitei against Kuki; Modi Was Wrong Not to Reach Out and Heal: Gopal Pillai

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to India happens from the east with the Ahoms, the Burmese and the Japanese being some examples. The hills stretching from Sagaing in Burma in the North to Chittagong Hill tracts in the south are homes of the Kuki-Zo groups. It is in the hands of the GOI as to what kind of relations they would want to have with the Kuki-Zo in the years ahead. India's Act East policy is also anticipated to finally unlock India's economic potential, and the routes incidentally criss-crosses Kuki-Zo areas in Manipur, Mizoram and Myanmar. Today, Kukis look upon the government of India to adjudicate the crisis in Manipur with justice as a father would to his children.

In this current conflict, Kukis could have completely cut off the Meiteis and starve them by closing all the entry points in the hills. However, Kukis didn't go to such extent as they are not the aggressor in this conflict. Moreover, many aged elderly and children would suffer untold suffering if such a blockade was enforced. However, to our dismay, all the entry points to Kukis areas going from Imphal like Lamka, Tengnoupal and Chandel are closed by Meira Paibis. Even Meitei Pangals who, in humanitarian ground, had carried some medicines were subjected to torture. Today, Kukis in Moreh and other areas of Tengnoupal District are having severe food crisis with some already allegedly having to make do without two meals. Should we take an eye for an eye?

It is our earnest appeal to the Government of India to at least treat us fairly even as we continue suffering from the relentless Meiteis attacks. We appeal as a child to a father to kindly intervene and bring to an end the endemic suffering of the people even as the unbearable cold winter winds are already blowing in this forgotten part of India.

THE BARBARITY OF THE MEITEI TERRORISTS AGAINST THE MEITEIS

Sl no	Date of Incident	Location of the incident	Gist of the Incident
1	24-05-2023	Bishnpur	Residence of Mr. Govindas Konthoujam, State PWD Minister, ransacked by Meitei terrorists
2	28-05-2023	Uripok Sorbon Thingel, Imphal West	Residence of Mr. K Raghmani Singh, MLA of Uripok constituency, Imphal was ransacked and looted by Meitei terrorists. All the security vehicles of the MLA were set on fire by the terrorists
3	16-06-2023	Kongba, Imphal East	Residence of Mr. RK Ranjan Singh, Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Education ransacked, looted, and burnt by Meitei terrorists. 03 four-wheelers were also burnt
4	16-06-2023	Thongju, Imphal East	BJP Office at Thongju, Imphal East vandalised by Meitei terrorists
5	16-06-2023	Imphal	Arson attempted by Meitei terrorists at Palace Compund, Imphal
6	16-06-2023	Porompat, Imphal West	Attempt to vandalise the residence of State BJP President Smt. A Sharda Devi by Meitei terrorists
7	16-06-2023	Porompat, Imphal West	Attempt to vandalise the residence of Shri Biswajit Singh, State Power/Forest/Agriculture/ S&T Minister by Meitei mobs
8	16-06-2023	Singjamei, Imphal West	Attempt to vandalise Office of the BJP, Singjamei
9	22-06-2023	Pangei, Imphal East	2000 strong unruly Meitei mob led by the infamous meira paibis obstruct the CBI team from performing their official duty of investigating the arms and ammunition looted from MPTC, Pangei
10	26-06-2023	Kairang Muslim Awang Leikai, Imphal West	Meitei terrorists attacked and burnt the houses of Meitei-pangals on the suspicion that the pangals were helping the Kukis
15	01-09-2023	Singjamei, Imphal West	Office / Residence of Lawyers Mr. Soraisham Chittaranjan & Mr. Victor Chongtham ransacked by Meitei Meitei terrorists just because they were appearing in the hon'ble High Court of Manipur for the Kuki scholars
16	16-09-2023	Porompat, Imphal West	Crowd instigated by Meitei terrorist stormed Porompat PS demanding for the release of the arrested 05 Meitei terrorists
17	16-09-2023	Imphal	KKL (Kangleipak Kanba Lup) imposes 3 year ban on Meitei actress Soma Laishram
18	21-09-2023	Imphal	Residence of Meitei Police Inspector Ingocha, OC of Imphal PS, and Inspector Sanathoi, OC of Singjamei PS, vandalised by Meitei terrorists
19	27-09-2023	Porompat, Imphal West	Meitei terrorists vandalised the residence of State BJP President Smt. A Sharda Devi

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20	28-09-2023	Khongjom, Thoubal	BJP Office set on fire by Meitei terrorists, and also burnt 01 Police vehicle . 01 Meitei Policeman was assaulted by the Meitei terrorists and his weapon seized to be used to attack Kukis
21	28-09-2023	Imphal West	Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Imphal West vandalised and 02 four-wheelers set on fire by Meitei terrorists
22	28-09-2023	Imphal	Meitei terrorists attempted to storm the residence of their Meitei CM N Biren Singh, but the plan was thwarted by the Central Security Forces
23	05-10-2023	Kwakeithel Thiyam Leikai, Imphal West	House of Babloo Loitongbam, a renowned Meitei Human Rights Activist, vandalised by Meitei terrorists
24	05-10-2023	Imphal	Meitei Leepun, a radical Meitei group, boycotted fellow Meitei Th Brinda and Babloo Loitongbam
25	05-10-2023	Imphal	Members of radical groups Meitei Leepun and Arambai Tenggol forced Th Brinda to apologise for speaking the truth
26	05-10-2023	Imphal	M Barish Sharma, President of BJYM, Manipur urged the Meitei police to file an FIR against Th Brinda
27	07-10-2023	Yumnam Leikai, Imphal West	Meitei terrorists threw a hand grenade aiming at the residence of Mr. Y Khemchand. 02 persons, including 01 CRPF soldier, were injured in the process

Views of TLM:

The above data shows the impunity with which the Meitei terrorists have been on a rampage against their own Meitei fellows. This shows a total disregard for the law and order, and that only 'might is right' in the valleys. It is this lack of respect for human lives, even if he/she is a Meitei, that resulted in the killings/ maiming of the Kukis in the valleys, and the destruction of the properties of the Kukis. These Meitei terrorists have no love and respect for their own Meiteis, and it is only a natural corollary that they will not hesitate to annihilate the Kukis, if given a chance. The Kukis cannot be a part of this lawlessness and chaotic society, and hence the demand to be granted a separate administration where there is rule of law.



Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.

-Barry Goldwater

DID YOU KNOW?

PREPAK's 46 Years of Secessionist Movement Against INDIA

The People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) is an armed insurgent group in Manipur demanding a separate and independent homeland. It was formed under the leadership of R.K. Tulachandra on October 9, 1977.

Claiming to be the “most genuine revolutionary group” in Manipur, the PREPAK's main demand is the expulsion of ‘outsiders’ from the State.

It is a well-known fact that Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) are actively involved in the current Manipur mayhem. Their cadres have been spotted in plain clothes or in Manipur Police uniforms with sophisticated weapons, waging war against the Kuki community and India. The valley based CSOs in cohort with the Meitei radicalized groups are working in proximity with these banned outfits.

Their secessionist stand has been loud and clear since their inception. Calling upon people to stand united and raise their voice against atrocities committed by Indian forces against civilians in Kangleipak (Manipur), the outfit observes that as long as continues to be part of India and adopt foreign culture and tradition, the people of Manipur will remain as slaves without the sense of ownership.

According to SATP website, PREPAK became dormant after its leader Tulachandra was killed in an encounter with the security forces in 1986. Following his death, S. Wanglen became the Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) of PREPAK. The organisation's General Secretary, Lumbeban Masunga was killed on May 19, 1993. At present, Achamba is the Chairman and Tajila is the C-in-C of PREPAK. The PREPAK is also part of Manipur People's Liberation Front (MPLF), along with United National Liberation Front (UNLF) and the People's Liberation Army (PLA).



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Shattered by the memories of her beloved son, a heart-broken Mom looks at her son's photograph inconsolably at the 'Wall of Remembrance' set up in memory of people of the Kuki-Zo community who lost their lives in the violence.

**Post
MORTEM**





A CAPSIZED LIFE



**Why did I swap my pen for a knife,
When wisdom says the former is mightier for me;
Why did I let hate conquer me,
When the word teaches to love all around me;**

**What choice had I to take?
What of life was I to make?**

**When I am called traitor
For defending my home,
When I am called anarchist
For defending my sister's honour,
When I am called alien
For defending my brother's valour;**

**Then this new fate I shall face
Through this storm I shall sail;
Until truth and justice usurp this disgrace,
Till one day with hope I shall prevail.**

T. Gangte

