



Three Kuki men waylaid, brutally murdered; KIM, COTU, ITLF condemn



The Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) and Committee on Tribal Unity, Kangpokpi, (COTU) have strongly condemned the deliberate persecution of the Kuki people in the ethnic cleansing perpetrated by majority Meiteis, sponsored by State machineries, against the minority Kukis since May 3, 2023.

On Tuesday at about 8:20 AM, three Kuki men were waylaid on their way between Ireng and Kharam Vaiphei villages and brutally killed in Kangchup area, Kangpokpi district, reported to be Meiteis' Police commandos.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), KIM stated that the Manipur Government has become the aggressor and persecutor against the Union of India and against the minority Kukis. The apex body of the Kuki tribes urged that Indian government should protect its citizens.

"The deliberate persecution against our people is most condemnable. India must protect its citizens," KIM said.

COTU stated that the repeated attacks on the Kuki villages by the State-sponsored terrorists from the valley continues unabated. "In the latest of such attacks between Ireng village and Kharam Vaiphei, three innocent villagers of Kangchup Area were killed this morning," COTU added.

The deceased persons were identified as Satneo Tuboi of K. Ponlen; Ngaminlun Lhouvm of K. Ponlen and Ngaminlun Kipgen of Lhangkichoi Village (Secretary, Thadou Artiste Association).

COTU warned that such cold blooded murder of the Innocent Kuki Villagers would not be tolerated and befitting action would be taken against stray Meitei terrorists trespassing into the Hills.

COTU also stated that if the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, is sincere in its appeal for normalcy then he must immediately declare all valley districts as 'Disturbed Areas' under AFSPA failing which, it will be considered as an inaction from the Union Home Ministry to provide leeway for the "Wiping out Campaign" initiated by the State autocratic leadership and that the Kuki people would be left with no choice but to retaliate in full scale and might.

In its press condemnation, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) stated that the involvement of well-trained and armed Meitei terrorist groups, working hand in glove with the Meitei population have given a new dimension to the ethnic conflict which would be a big obstacle in the road towards peace in the state.

"A report by the news agency PTI said officials have been warning for the past few weeks about the resurgence of banned valley-based groups like UNLF, PLA, KYKL, and PREPAK in the state. The Kuki-Zo tribals have steadfastly tried to maintain peace after the initial bout of violence in May, but the unending attacks and arson are testing us to the limit," ITLF said.

ITLF vehemently condemned the latest killing of tribal civilians and urged the central government to crack down on valley insurgent groups and reimpose the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in valley areas immediately since the state government and sections of the police force are openly siding with the majority community.

KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

-  Deaths - 141
-  Churches Burnt - 359
-  Villages Burnt - 200
-  Displaced Persons - 41,425+

Data as on 12.09.2023

No more "Black" on Kuki's Black Day



In what could be termed a turning point for peace after thirty long years, the Kukis in Kangpokpi District decided to avoid hoisting up black flags and donning black clothes on the solemn occasion of Sahnit Ni, the widely known Kuki's Black Day on September 13.

Various top civil society organizations of the Kukis in Kangpokpi District along with intellectuals, and prominent Kuki leaders on September 5 at Kangpokpi District Headquarters, had a crucial meeting over the observance of Sahnit Ni, or the Kuki Black Day under the aegis of Sadar Hills Chiefs' Association Kangpokpi District, with the participation of its cabinet and advisory board.

While accommodating more space for peace, it had resolved to observe September 13 as a "Prayer Day for Peace" in Kangpokpi District and avoid mass congregations to observe the day like the previous years.

It also resolved that there should be no more hoisting up of "Black Flags" in every household and along the roadside like before and also avoid donning black clothes.

Lastly, all the Kukis must pray for peace as the day shall be observed as a "Prayer Day for Peace".





Can there be FIR over fact-finding report, SC asks Manipur on cases against EGI

The Supreme Court on Monday questioned if a fact-finding report on Manipur violence prepared by the Editors Guild of India (EGI) could lead to a criminal case, observing that it was at best their subjective opinion. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud posted the petition filed by EGI president Seema Mustafa and the three-member team that visited the state last month to Friday and sought the state's response to permit the body to approach the Delhi high court to quash the two criminal cases registered against them in Manipur.

"It is a report after all. Can that be subject matter of a criminal case? It is at best their subjective opinion. This is not a case where a person was accused of doing anything on the ground," said the bench, also comprising justices PS Narasimha and Manoj Misra.

The state has filed an affidavit that the petition against the first information reports (FIRs) should be filed with the Manipur high court, which it said, was fully functional and where there is provision to appear virtually.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who appeared for EGI, said it was "hazardous" for the team of journalists to go to the state and referred to a recent instance where the house of a lawyer was vandalized for appearing in a case against the government. "I am not playing politics, but we do not want a situation where we pursue the matter before the high court and our lawyer's house gets vandalized," he said.

ST Panel Seeks Action-Taken Report in 30 Days From Manipur Govt on AFSPA, Border Disputes

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has sent a reminder to the Manipur government seeking an action-taken report on its recommendations made in a December 2022 report which flagged the wrongful inclusion of Manipur's hill villages in the valley districts, among other critical issues.

The report said that in the Booklet of Census of India 2011 and Administrative Atlas, "Manipur has wrongly included several hill villages under valley districts" and that the issue had been flagged to the state government by the office of the Registrar General of India in 2017, the Hindu reported.

Following this, Manipur's revenue department had, in October 2022, asked the deputy commissioners of the districts concerned to rectify the list of around 400 hill villages overlapping between the districts of Kakching, Tengnoupal, Kangpokpi, Imphal West, and Bishnupur, the NCST report noted. The report was prepared on a state review of Manipur conducted in December 2022 during which the NCST team met with Manipur government officials and representatives from the All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM) and the Joint Coordination Committee on Tribal Rights in Imphal (JCCOTR).

The report also called for a review of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1958 in hill areas since the Act had been withdrawn from 15 police stations in the valley districts, calling its selective implementation "discriminatory".

NCST had also pointed out that reserve forests, including pocket settlements, in Kangpokpi district were moved to the Imphal East district in October 2022 by the revenue department without specific approval from the Hill Areas Committee (HAC). The report recommended that this order should be reviewed. In its representation, the ATSUM highlighted that the Meitei community's demand for ST status was an alleged attempt to grab tribal land. It noted that about 144 hill villages had been placed under the jurisdiction of police stations in valley districts "in the name of convenient administration", calling it a "systematic way of encroaching into hill areas". The ATSUM had also added that several hill villages had their land records in the custody of adjacent valley districts. The tribal bodies also told the NCST of complaints about the majority Meitei/Manipuri language being imposed on people from tribal communities, the Hindu report said.

The ATSUM alleged that recruitment in banking institutions and postal services in the state required proof of passing Meitei/Manipuri language class at the level of Class X or XII, when most ST students either opt for English or their traditional language at that level. The commission had called such policies "unfair and discriminatory" in its report.



KSO education desk



Sainik School: Due to prevailing situation in Manipur, the KSO GHQ is taking initiative to transfer all affected students of Sainik School Imphal to a safer place outside Manipur. As per Principal's input, Ministry of Defence is currently processing the file for transferring of 20 cadets.



Kannur University, Kerala: In an effort to let the war affected students continue their education, the affected students from DMU & MU IIT were sent to the hon'ble VC of Kannur university with the approval from the higher authority. Around 70+ students is expected to continue their studies at Kannur University. All accommodation and arrangements shall be taken care by the local NGOs, CSOs. This will include PhD candidates too. All details have been shared in all leading WhatsApp Groups.



Student of class 5-12: The school of Nnichols Aryan Girl School, Kerala is willing to give free education from class 6-12 exclusively for female sans fees. In this regard, KSO-GHQ appeal all willing family to submit their Student Name, Contact Nos. to 9366292180 at the earliest. Documents required: Birth Certificate, Aadhar & Transfer Certificate.





We are absolutely delighted to extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Prof. J Doungel** (Dept. of Political Science, Mizoram University) on his well-deserved selection as an Executive Member of the Indian Political Science Association. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to your dedication, expertise, and contributions to the field of political science.

Your commitment to advancing the understanding of political science and your active involvement in academic and professional circles have not gone unnoticed. As you embark on this new role, we have every confidence that you will continue to excel and make significant contributions to the Indian Political Science Association.

**-Department of Education,
Kuki Students' Organisation GHQ**



The Kuki Students' Organisation GHQ extends our heartfelt congratulations to **Dr. M Philip Gangte** s/o (L) Rev. VL Siema & Pi Khoizaching on his success in the Central Armed Police Forces(CAPFs) Assistant Commandant(Medical Officer) Examination-2022 conducted by Medical Officer Selection Board (MOSB).

Dr. Philip will be serving as Assistant Commandant (Medical Officer) in Indo-Tibetan Border Police(ITBP).

May God bless him in his future endeavors.

**-Department of Education,
Kuki Students' Organisation GHQ**



IN OTHER NEWS



Three Kuki Brethren, **Ngamkhohou Mate (Captain), Levis Zangminlun Haokip and Vumlenlal Hangshing** helped India lifted the SAFF U-16 at Bhutan for the fifth time. Levis Zangminlun Haokip, scored the winning goal with a thump sealing the title for India. Earlier in the game Haokip played a major role in the first goal with his assist.

This is not the only instance us Kukis have displayed moment of pure brilliance and helped bring laurels for our country. In September 2022, Thanglalsoun Gangte was selected to the India U17 squad for the 2022 SAFF U-17 Championship, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He finished the tournament as joint top scorer with 4 goals, clinching India U17's fourth championship and thus becoming the first team to successfully defend a junior SAFF crown. Obed Mangminhao and Paogoumang Singson, another true sons of the Kukis have grace the tournament in recent memories as well.



Northeast Kuki journalist **Makepeace Sitlhou** wins Rocky Mountain Emmy for her documentary "A Wall Runs Through It," along with two other Journalist Trilce Olvera & Hakob Karapetyan.

About 'A Wall Runs Through It':

Former Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's plan to build 10 miles of a double-stacked shipping container wall federally protected land in Arizona came to an abrupt end almost as soon as it began. The documentary is a story of how a citizen group brought down an international border wall, the first in four decades since the Berlin Wall.

A journalist with roots in Lamka (Churachandpur), Manipur, has achieved a significant milestone by winning the prestigious Rocky Mountain Emmy for her documentary.



DEEPEST CONDOLENCES



BRONSON NGAMMINLUN KIPGEN
Lhangkicho, Saitu Gamphazol Sub-Division
Sadar Hills District

Three lives, all gone in an instant, killed by Meitei militants lying in ambush between Kangchup Ireng and Kharam Vaiphei.

1. Bronson Ngamminlun Kipgen
2. Ngamminlun Lhouvum
3. Satneo Tuboi



NGAMMINLUN LHOUVUM
K. Ponlen, Kangchup Geljang Sub-Division
Sadar Hills District

Brave lives stolen by cowards who dare not face warriors in real battle but would lie in ambush for innocent blood, returning home from long hours of duty on the frontlines.

Today they rest, sacrificing their lives on the altar of freedom, their role in the struggle now passed on to the living. Their memories will live on in the annals of the great heroes of our war against Meitei tyranny and oppression.

Rest in eternal peace!



SATNEO TUBOI
K. Ponlen, Kangchup Geljang Sub-Division
Sadar Hills District

KSO Media & Documentation Cell

IN DEFENSE OF OUR ANCESTRAL LAND AND FREEDOM





Sahnit Jaila

Pupa jilsa phunggol houtong kitona gamlei,
Ngai jatam sam'ang vaina Vangkhojol cheng,
Phunglun jatam henkol kaina asohtai tunin,
Nam dougal in thina Kholhang ahinsam'e.

Lhalam Chollha Sangkhat Jako Somko le thum,
Tamei Khopam gamthip noiyah thisan lonlhi alonge.
Huhhingna ngaiya vo chun le jo tia naobang naka,
Ngaicheng banjal jet a kisang theilou aw anai..ana ngeije..
Vo Chung Pathen kadiuva chungto nisa hoiba hitam?

Gama pisa'n bon avenchoi khoto thema,
Anglai losa kavenchoi jengjong khoto joulou,
Theisen venchoi hema nalou naselung oimong hinam o dougal mel!
Kave ngampo i venchoi melma hema nalou pichu.
Thisan longjong chung thong go bang bang pilchang kithe.
Laidip adame ngai venchoi toh neikhen neikhen jeng vang..

Vo kasen angkoi hemkol nakai lai ve-ngam louvin,
Nasen angkoi le navenchoi lonlhi kalonge.
Somai jengjong vengam louvin laidip kadame.
Huhdoh ding bei genleng thei khoto ding bei,
Chung Pathen'in thu tanjeng hen genthei tedin.

Pasal hina mel bouta, huhdoh jou talou tunin vang,
Sen angkoi leh ka-venchoiyo, malam sonto jinlam asaove.
Melma khut'a phaimit singding kahi tauve.
Jingjin tonglam najot teng, kasha lhong lupna meipin tom nante.
Eina lelpeh tan melma khut a kaphaimit sinna thimthu hi..

Chungleng Va bang alenge lunglai thimthu hi..
Chung Chollha le Ahsin jong neivet da maito iya selung mon nalou,
Gamgil noiya lung genthei, Sung gilkel leh dangchah a sam'ang vaina,
Ajankho jong asot ngeiye O Lhalam Chollha.
Thimthu lelao kilel henlang nopna kolni hungsoh loiyo kadiuvin...

L. SEIKHOLIEN KHONGSAI

Tuibong, Lamka
Lhalam (September) 13, 2018

