

## One Amongst Five Arrested Belongs to Meitei Terror Group, Lawlessness Continues in Imphal

An unsettling pattern of lawlessness continued to be seen in the Meitei capital city, Imphal, as most of the people are hand in glove with the terrorist outfits in waging war against the minority Kuki people.

On Tuesday, normal life was affected as the Meira Paibi, a collective of Meitei women, and five local clubs called for a 48-hour bandh from Monday midnight demanding the release of five Meitei militants who were arrested for carrying illegal sophisticated firearms and donning camouflage uniforms.

Among those arrested on Sunday included 45-year-old M. Anand Singh, a trained cadre of Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) Noyon group, which is banned under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. However, the local club leader claimed that the arrested youths are civilians and village volunteers who have been guarding their respective villages from attacks by Kuki Zo militants as security forces have failed to do their job properly.

Anand Singh S/o (L) Achou Singh of Singjamei Makha Leikai, was initially a trained PLA cadre, arrested 6 (six) times in 1997, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2009. He joined KCP (Noyon) Group and arrested in 2010 at Lamphel-PS under FIR No. 60(6)2010 (extortion from Govt. office) and detained under NSA.

The action also comes a week after three tribals were gunned down by armed men, dressed in police uniform, in Kangpokpi district on September 12. The incident had taken place between Ireng and Karam Vaiphei villages in the tribal-dominated Kanggui area, located at the bordering districts of West Imphal and Kangpokpi.

Demanding the release of the militants, the local people had stormed Porompat Police Station and the Meira Paibis on Monday blocked several important roads at Khurai and Kongba in Imphal East district, Kakwa in Imphal West district, Nambol in Bishnupur district and parts of Thoubal district.

The other arrested persons are identified as Athokpam Kajit @ Kishorjit (39) S/o A. Dhananjoy of Kongba Nongthombam Leikai, Loukrakpam Michael Mangangcha (30) S/o L. Iboton of Khurai Ahongei, Konthoujam Romojit Meitei (28) S/o K. Meghajit of Sagolband Sayang, and Keisham Johnson (35) S/o (L) K. Ibomcha of Singjamei Sorokhaibam Leikai.

From the arrested persons, 1-INSAS Rifle, 4-Mag, 78-rounds; 1-SLR, 3-Mag, 50-rounds; 2-.303 Rifle with Magazine, 5 rounds each and one Bolero vehicle were recovered.





Police statement stated that strict legal action was taken up against those anti-social elements and they were produced before Judicial Magistrate and have been remanded into further police custody. Interrogation is going on and investigation continues, police source said.

## IGP Themthing to Probe Death of Serto Thangthang Kom

The Manipur government on Monday appointed Themthing Ngashangva, IPS, Inspector General of Police (Zone 1), Manipur to investigate the death of Sepoy Thangthang Serto Kom. Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uikey issued an order in this regard.

The development comes after Chief Minister N. Biren Singh assured the family of strict action against those responsible in the alleged murder case. The inquiry report is required to be delivered to the government within a month from the date the order was issued.

### KUKI VICTIMS UPDATE

 Deaths	- 143
 Churches Burnt	- 359
 Villages Burnt	- 200
 Displaced Persons	- 41,425+

Data as on 19.09.2023

## Media Person Assaulted by Meitei Bandh Supporters

Supporters of the 48-hour general strike called in response to the demand for release of 5 arrested armed Meitei militants have assaulted a press reporter belonging to a local media house.

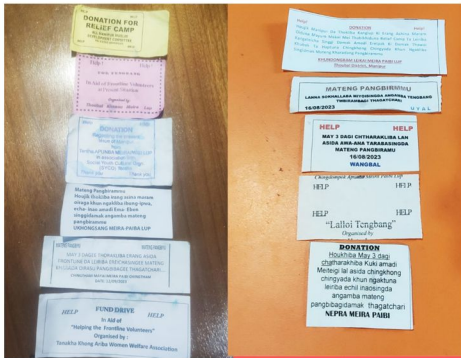
As per reports, the bandh supporters assaulted the pressman by forcefully pushing on his neck at Thongju Beni Leirak, Imphal and other media persons. They were also subjected to humiliation through the use of inappropriate languages in various locations in Imphal East and Imphal West districts.

Reacting to the incident, the All Manipur Working Journalists' Union (AMWJU) condemned the mistreatment of journalists while performing their duties.

"It is deeply regrettable that reporters who are working diligently to gather news are being obstructed and physically assaulted by supporters of the bandh despite repeated appeals made to refrain from obstructing journalist," a statement of AMWJU said.



## Highway Extortion by Meiteis Irks Tribals



Rampant illegal activities by Meitei Volunteers have been happening along the highways for the past few months.

A report from *Ukhrul Times (UT)* conclusively exposed daylight extortion of tribal travellers in the name of donations. Passengers and travellers who frequently visits Manipur complaints of rampant number of stops by supposedly Meitei/Meitei volunteers asking for donations before reaching Imphal, UT writes. These are unacceptable and unauthorised means of collecting money.

UT recorded one such incident where on the 12th of September and on 16th August a traveller from Chandel District was stopped several times along NH-102 at places such as Wanjing, Wangbal, Usoipokpi, Lilong and Thoubal. The traveller was extremely annoyed by this and vehemently opposed this act and said that, "...this has to stop!".

Another traveller questioned why the government is not doing anything about these illegal activities and is very much displeased in the unruly attitudes of some of the volunteers where the travellers are expected to pay. If this is not daylight extortion, then what is? These are indication of the lawlessness in the 650 square miles.

## Assault Case: Peace agreement signed between Liangmai and Kuki bodies.

With respect to an assault case of one Liangmai man, the incident which occurred few days ago along IT Road, the Liangmai Naga Council (LNC) and Kuki Inpi Kangpokpi (KIK) including Sadar Hills Chiefs' Association (SAHILCA) have reached a settlement of agreement on September 18, 2023.

As per the agreement, the KIK and SAHILCA have expressed their willingness to borne the total medical expenses of the victim (in Lumsump) amounting to Rs, 200000 and that the amount shall be handed over to the Liangmai Naga Council on September 26, 2023.

In the spirit of restoring peace, both the parties have mutually agreed to settle the case as per the Naga customary law wherein the KIK and SAHILCA shall initiate customary ritual to proceed for final settlement at Chawangking village.

## Skill Training for IDPs in Lamka



The Lamka District Administration in collaboration with an NGO, Bridging Ministries, today launched Skill Training Programme for IDPs at M Songgel ECA compound relief centre here.

Speaking at launching event, Deputy Commissioner Dharun Kumar said that the concern of the district administration is not just providing relief materials, but also skilling people and enabling them get decent job for their livelihood. He asked the IDPs to keep in touch with the district administration so that their needs are looked into by the officials concerned.

Skill training such as tailoring will be imparted to the IDPs by trainers from Bridging Ministries.

Amongst others, the inaugural programme was attended by Smt. Mannuamching, District Nodal Officer (Relief Camp), Thangboi Gangte, Additional DC, Jangminlal Mate, Coordinator of Bridging Ministries and other officials from the district administration. It is pertinent to mention here that the district administration had also conducted computer training programme for displaced students

## DMK's Raja kicks up row with European Parliament remarks on Manipur in Lok Sabha

DMK member A Raja's remarks in Lok Sabha on the European Parliament adopting a resolution criticising the Indian government's handling of the situation in Manipur kicked off a row with Union minister Piyush Goyal demanding they be expunged.

Raja, while participating in a discussion on '75 years of Parliament', mentioned the issue of the situation in Manipur which has seen sporadic ethnic violence since May 3. "The Manipur issue was discussed in the European Union and the European Union passed a resolution condemning the activities of the government," Raja, a former Union Minister, said.

## Parliament Special Session: Govt Introduces Women Reservation Bill

The Government of India has introduced a constitutional amendment bill to reserve one-third of seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for women, reviving a bill pending for 27 years for want of consensus among parties. Making it the first bill to be introduced in the new Parliament building on Tuesday, the government said it will enable greater participation of women in policy-making at the state and national levels and help achieve the goal of making India a developed country by 2047.

The bill be named Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.





## The Manipur Crisis: Where 'Fact' Faces a Fiery Backlash

In the enigmatic realm of Manipur, the Editors Guild of India (EGI) fact-finding committee ventured into uncharted waters, only to find themselves facing the ire of an uncommon phenomenon - FIRs filed against visiting members. This unique experience seems to have taken root exclusively in the tapestry of Manipur's socio-political landscape. Notably, the National Federation of Indian Women's fact-finding committee wasn't spared either, meeting with a similar chorus of disapproval from the Meitei community, culminating in FIRs filed against them. It's as though, in the presence of 'fact,' certain sections of society that thrive on 'fake' news develop an acute allergy. Rather than confronting the facts head-on, they prefer to silence the 'fact' finders.

For those acquainted with the ongoing Manipur crisis, the origin lies squarely in the realm of 'fake news.' Those who closely monitor the crisis need not gaze too far to discern that Meitei actions bear the fingerprints of state sponsorship and meticulous pre-planning. As Meiteis assaulted Kangvai and set houses ablaze, the social media sphere was already awash with counterfeit images portraying Meitei women as victims of rape. Meanwhile, the Kukis of Imphal, effectively barricaded within the capital town since May 2, 2023, a day preceding the crisis's eruption, were held back by the Meitei Leepun cadres to endure the subsequent unleashing of Meitei brutality the following day. Their assault, fuelled by rapidly circulating fake news, was delayed until the evening of May 3.

The EGI report boldly asserts that Manipur's media has metamorphosed into the Meitei Media, an inference drawn from their glaringly biased reporting throughout the crisis. EGI didn't shy away from pointing out the Meitei Media's culpability in stoking animosity and hatred against the Kukis. However, it's this undeniable revelation in the EGI report that the Meiteis simply couldn't stomach. It's akin to striking a nerve so deep that they resort to an unethical and barbaric response. Rather than engaging in constructive debate or addressing the report's findings, they opt for the expedient route of filing police complaints. It's crucial to note that even the Chief Minister himself chose to vilify the EGI by branding them as anti-national. Their frantic rush to take swift action against the EGI serves as a stark testament to the glaring absence of FACT and TRUTH in the Meiteis' world.

Their vehement opposition to FACT-FINDING agencies shouldn't come as a shock. Anyone who dares to speak the unvarnished truth finds themselves bearing the brunt of FIRs. Noteworthy individuals like Prof. Khamkhansuan Hausing, Prof. J. Guite, Prof. Thongkhohal Haokip, and others have experienced this heavy-handed attempt to silence Kuki intellectuals. However, the world watches with an unwavering gaze, observing their fabrications and their disdain for the TRUTH.



## 10 Kuki Students Reached Kannur to Continue Studies



Under the aegis of Kuki Students' Organization General Headquarters, 10 Kuki students from strife-torn areas of Manipur have reached Kannur University to pursue higher education.

The university had announced support to students in Manipur following the ethnic strife in that State. The students were given a warm a welcome by K.K Shailaja, MLA, Vice-Chancellor Gopinath Ravindran, and faculty members on Tuesday.

Vice-Chancellor of Kannur University, Ravindran said most students reached here with the support of the Kuki's Students Organisation. They had expressed their wish to join BBA, LLB, master's in English, History, Political Sciences, Ancient History and Archaeology, Commerce, Sociology, Chemistry, Computer Science, and other subjects.

Meanwhile, the students said they were thankful to the University for supporting them.

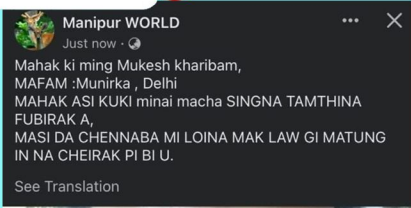


**Thingkho Le Malcha** (charred wood tied with chilli): A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.





# FACT CHECK 03



**CLAIM:**

Various Meitei social media pages/handles have falsely accused the Kukis of thrashing a Meitei man named Mukesh Kharibam at Delhi on 18 Sept. 2023.

**FACT:**

Mukesh Kharibam was drunk & beaten up by the locals at Munirka, Delhi. This false accusation was later debunked & clarified by the Manipur Police.

**FACT-CHECK RESULT:**

**FALSE-Meitei Fake News Exposed**

## POST MORTEM





# WE NEVER SAID GOODBYE

HK MILAN

(A tribute to the Kuki-Zo youths who have to sacrifice their dreams for our motherland)

Mom, I have left this hometown when the rooster crows.  
When the earth's morning dew haven't wither yet.  
When the village that passed across the streets is in deep slumber .  
The roads were smooth but there wasn't any wears.  
I feel the terror,the footprints of the lifeless soul that were abducted and murdered cold blooded.  
On our way through I recollect my childhood memories.  
The time I was seven.  
When we use to play nearby the village river.  
Until the sun goes down.  
Running till our legs could carry around the green fields and meadows.  
You told me a pen and book would change the world.  
Mom,you told me mankind is the greatest gift of all.  
Endowed with love, wrapped with kindness, filled with humanity.  
But you never told me humans are dangerous, cruel and callous.  
And some don't even have mercy upon the weak, the physically and mentally challenged .  
No sympathy to the old aged neither to women.  
They regards women as an object to played with, to lay their hands on.  
Their womanhood are not respected either.  
They paraded them naked, stripped them apart, burned them.  
From what I know and it is; Women are the most fragile soil on earth.  
Their soul must be crying in pain and hoping if atleast their lifeless body gets justice.  
Oh Mother, I couldn't save them.  
People in power couldn't save them.  
That is why I must go .  
To defend our land. To stand against people who take pride in hurting women.  
People that are chicken-hearted.  
And Mom let me remind you, If I'm not there when the rest of my friends are back.  
If my seat is empty on our dining table at Sunday's dinner.  
Don't let your eyes rainy tears.  
Because every drop would make me feel a little more guilty .  
For all the times I made you sad.  
Tell them every one of us that had passed.  
Wouldn't suffice the pained our women suffered.  
Our sacrifices wouldn't comprehend the innocent souls that were slaughtered.  
Mom,when tomorrow starts without me.  
Grief if you will, but not for long.  
Because it would never be our last goodbye .  
For I have left my heart with you.  
That love that's within me .  
Shall reach you from the starts.  
You'll feel it from heaven  
And it will heal the scars.

