

## Armed Miscreants Masquerading as Special CDOs in Valley: Addl Secy Home Pradip

The Additional Secretary (Home) Manipur M Pradip on Tuesday has spelt out that there is information of armed miscreants moving around, masquerading as special CDOs wearing CDO uniforms, using Gypsies/vehicles with special CDO tags/stickers, visiting/entering private individual residences and government offices for extortion in the valley districts,

The Additional Secretary (Home), M Pradip, while briefing the media on Tuesday in Imphal has expressed concern over the recent spate of crimes committed by armed miscreants in the valley districts of Manipur. Pradip said a total of 25 such crimes over the past month have been reported with specific breakdowns indicating 9 incidents in Imphal East, 5 in Imphal West, 3 in Thoubal, 1 in Kakching, and 7 in Bishnupur. He informed that the police have taken several steps including setting up nakas in multiple strategic routes. In one of the nakas set up in Kongba area, on September 16, security forces intercepted five armed miscreants impersonating as CDOs of Manipur Police by wearing Special CDOs uniform and that they were caught along with sophisticated weapons which belonged to police, he added.

The Additional Secretary also said that the frequency of complaints of unsolicited monetary demands, threats and others have also increased in the recent past. He said that the police have taken a serious note of such complaints and is committed to curb the menace to ensure safety of the general public and added that the genuine efforts of the police have been hampered by certain unwanted acts committed by some armed miscreants. Furthermore, the Additional Secretary said, police are conducting extensive search and combing operations both in the valley and hill districts to apprehend the armed miscreants who are actively involved in the present crisis. Similarly, regular checking of the Soo camps located in the hill districts are also conducted to ensure the presence of the cadres in the camp Pradip said while informing that 4 SoO camps in CCPur and one SoO camp in Kangpokpi were jointly inspected by combined security forces composed of CAPF, local police and Assam Rifles on September 18 and 19.

## Zo United Committee Constituted

In a momentous event that could have far-reaching implications for the future of the Kuki-Zo community in Manipur and Mizoram, **Zo United**, an organisation formed by various Zo ethnic tribes, elected its leadership on Wednesday.







The program took place at the Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA) hall in Aizawl's Tuikual locality and was presided over by Manipur's cabinet minister Letpao Haokip.

The leadership team includes Albert L Renthlei elected as the Convener representing the Mizo Peoples Convention. John K Ngaihte from Zomi Council and Ajang Khongsai from Kuki Inpi, Manipur will serve as co-convener. In addition, three secretaries were elected to key positions within the organisation. Lalhrillien, from Hmar Inpui, was chosen as Secretary; Thanglen Kipgen was entrusted with the role of secretary in charge of Finance and Pagin Haokip took the position of Information and Publicity Secretary.

Furthermore, various representatives from different organisations were elected as committee members, further expanding the collaborative efforts and representation within Zo United.

## KUKI VICTIMS UPDATE

	<b>Deaths</b>	<b>- 143</b>
	<b>Churches Burnt</b>	<b>- 359</b>
	<b>Villages Burnt</b>	<b>- 200</b>
	<b>Displaced Persons</b>	<b>- 41,425+</b>

Data as on 20.09.2023

## Census and Delimitation to be Conducted after Election: Amit Shah



The Lok Sabha today passed the Women Reservation Bill with more than two-thirds of the members present voting for it and two MPs voting against it.

The bill must be passed by the Upper house and at least half of the state assemblies before it is being promulgated into a law. The quota for women will become effective only when 2021 census is being conducted.

Amit Shah announced that the census and delimitation of Loksabha constituencies will be conducted after election. The law of the land dictates that delimitation of constituencies must be based on the population.

Once delimitation is completed, the Women Reservation Bill can be fully enforced.



## Canada Issues Travel Advisory for Assam and Manipur Citing Terrorism and Insurgency

The Canadian government has issued a travel advisory urging its citizens to refrain from travelling to the Indian states of Assam and Manipur citing concerns related to terrorism and insurgency. This advisory comes in response to perceived risks associated with terrorism and insurgency in the region.

The official advisory on the Canadian government's website explicitly states, "Avoid non-essential travel to the following states due to the risk of terrorism and insurgency: Assam, Manipur." The advisory underscores the presence of several extremist and insurgent groups operating in these Northeastern states. It highlights their consistent targeting of local government institutions and security forces, emphasizing the potential use of various criminal activities to fund their operations.

"Several extremist and insurgent groups are active in the northeastern states of Assam and Manipur," said the Canadian government on its website.

It added: "They regularly target local government and security forces and may use various criminal activities to finance their activities."

In addition to concerns about terrorism and insurgency, the Canadian government draws attention to ethnic tensions in Manipur, which can escalate into conflict and civil unrest, further adding to the risk factor.

## Street Providence Trust Goa to Roll Out Second Relief Mission

The Street Providence Trust is on its second mission, dispatching a fully loaded truck packed with essential supplies to relief camps in Manipur, with a special focus on Churachandpur. The truck received a blessing from His Excellency Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas and was ceremoniously flagged off by the Honourable Member of Parliament, Mr. Francisco Sardinha. This significant event took place at St. Diego Church Grounds, Guirim, in the presence of the trust's dedicated Trustees, generous benefactors, compassionate volunteers, supportive well-wishers, and its dedicated staff.

The truck carries a total value of INR 25,00,000 (Twenty-Five Lakhs) in relief materials, including Lactogen, biscuits, stationery, blankets, chicken sausages, sleeping mats, socks, innerwear, and other miscellaneous items.

A dedicated team of four volunteers from the Street Providence Trust is scheduled to set out on September 28, 2023. Their mission is to reach Churachandpur, Manipur, and actively participate in the distribution of these crucial relief supplies to displaced women, children, and infants residing in the relief camps, providing them with much-needed assistance and support.

## Every arson in Imphal valley due to short circuit?



A photo processing studio, Sandy Infosys, in Imphal caught fire around 10.30 pm on Tuesday as per valley media reports. Police sources said that the fire was suspected to have been caused by an electric short circuit.

Here, no one bat an eye in a serious manner unlike the previous arsonings that took place in the wake of the ethnic violence in the State. This incident may have happened due to short circuit but the genuineness and authenticity of the recent past arsonings of Kuki Zo establishments, as reported by valley bases media, irked the Kuki-Zo communities.

After the ongoing crisis broke out in Manipur, valley media and the locals in the valley often claimed /blamed 'short circuit' as a factor whenever an abandoned house belonging to a Kuki Zo community in Imphal caught fires.

In an instance of such incidents, a fire destroyed 17 houses in Canan Veng, Zomi Villa, a multicultural neighbourhood in Imphal West district of Manipur on the night of July 31 at around 9 pm. While the police claim that the fire began due to a short circuit, not everyone was convinced.

In another incident on July 11, a massive fire gutted four government quarters, belonging to Kuki-Zo communities in Langol, Imphal West. Here also, a short circuit was blamed as the reason behind the arson.

Another video surfaced on social media on August 18, wherein the footage showed the house of an ex-MP Thangso Baite at Lamphel, Imphal, was caught on fire. The Meiteis social media users claimed that the incident was a result of an electrical short circuit that caused the house to catch fire, but the Kuki Zo strongly denied the claims.

In conclusion, one can say that every arsoning which took place in Imphal valley is not due to electric short circuit, rather blamed 'short circuit reason' to hide their wrong doings.

**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.



## Kuki Diaspora Speaks Out: UN Event on Manipur's Human Rights Crisis

The World Evangelical Alliance, on behalf of a coalition of NGOs successfully hosted United Nations Human Rights Council side event entitled “The Crisis in Manipur and Implications for Human Rights in India” on Tuesday, September 19, in Geneva, Switzerland. Among the panelists was Florence N.Lowe, a Kuki Diaspora from the USA, founding member and President of North American Manipur Tribal Association (NAMTA). Mrs. Lowe vehemently and outrightly spoke about the plight of the Kukis and condemned the atrocities committed by the Meiteis and the Manipur Government. Mr. Nury Turkel, Commissioner, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (UCIRF) in a pre-recorded video talked about the atrocities committed against the Kukis in the form of lynching, cold blooded murdering, sexual assaults, extra judicial killings, vandalism and burning of churches and synagogues. Mr.Turkel also mentioned the widespread dissemination of disinformation and hate speech which became the catalyst for vigilantism, and instigating the Meitei mob to take law and order into their own hands. He also mentioned that UCIRF and UN are quite aware of the ground realities and urges the Indian government to act. Mr. Turkel condemned the filing of FIR against EGI and staunchly advocated for Freedom of Press. The commissioner even said that UCIRF has been urging the Biden Administration to list India as Country of Particular Concern (CPC) for its ‘systematic and ongoing religious freedom violation’.

While the commissioner is laudable for his support and advocacy for peace and justice for the Kukis in India, mention maybe made that the ongoing violence is not entirely a religious issue. The Radicalised Meiteis under the banner of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun with the cover of the State government under N.Biren Singh launch an ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis. The 140 plus martyrs especially those who were hunted and butchered like wild animals in the capital city died because they were Kukis. The two women in the viral video including Florence and Olivia were physically and sexually abused not because they were Christians but because they were Kuki Women. And those churches were vandalised and razed to the ground because they were Kuki Churches. Churches belonging to other Communities were untouched.

During the Question-and-Answer session, Kh. Athouba, Spokesperson of COCOMI, instead of asking questions gave wrong information on the following facts:

**CLAIM 1: Meiteis are not majority in Manipur.**

**FACT:** If it is so, how is it that there are 40 Meitei MLAs in a 60-Member Manipur Legislative Assembly. According to 2011 census ST and SC Population in Manipur is 35.1% and 3.8 % respectively. Take note that most Meiteis are included in SC and OBC as well. Even if we include SC, the Meitei population percentage in Manipur in 2011 is still 61.1. And only a small percentage of them follows Christianity.

**CLAIM 2: Meiteis never targeted Christians.**

**FACT:** Meiteis started attacking Churches in the valley to gain support from extremist Hindu groups. Video evidence of the Arambai Tenggol militias vandalising a Meitei Church in Bishnupur District; putting up of Meitei traditional flag atop Churches after vandalising in Imphal is available.



**CLAIM 3: Lamka (Churachandpur) is the new ‘hub’ of Golden Triangle**

**FACT:** Successful narco-groups are always managed and handled by big organisations. Calling Lamka as a new hub is a misnomer because all the Kingpins and drug lords are Imphal based who have close ties with the state government. A former MPS officer have unearthed the deep nexus between Meitei Chief Minister N Biren Singh and drug lords operating in Manipur.

**CLAIM 4: 19 Churches belonging to the Meiteis were vandalised in Lamka.**

**FACT:** Churches were never targeted in Lamka or other Hills Districts during the current violence or before. No Christians would ever imagine targeting their own Church. In fact, Meitei Christians are safer with the Kukis than with the Meiteis.

Kh. Athouba and COCOMI is a prime example of what Mehdi Hasan in his Oxford Union Debate said “...a farrago of distortions, misrepresentations, misinterpretations and misquotations”. Sensing this, the moderator Wissam al-Saliby asked him to submit the facts after the seminar and continue the discussion after the event. To which Athouba disregard the decorum of the event and disrespectfully heckled the panellists and the moderator making it very uncomfortable for the audience and viewers alike.

The participants were too aware that Mr Athouba attempted to play the victim card. Even if the Meiteis have succeeded in selling their concocted narratives to some bigwigs in the political sphere out of ‘political consideration’ the world already knows that it was them who perpetuated the violence. Independent international bodies such as the UN are more than aware of the ground realities.

It is bad enough that the Meiteis hunted, butchered, and chased us away from Manipur; they would not even let us share our stories and grievances peacefully to the United Nations Human Rights Council.

“If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed.”

— Walter Langer





### Meitei Terrorists Hand-in-Glove with Police??



Another photographic evidence has emerged again on various social media platforms on Wednesday showcasing two Meitei Narco-terrorists donning camouflage uniforms with advanced weaponry.

In the photographic image, one of the two militants carries an MA-1 assault rifle which is a Myanmar-made clone of the Israeli Galil assault rifle; though with some local modifications, its parts can be interchanged with the AK-47 assault rifle. The sophisticated rifle is not a part of weaponry issued by Indian security forces; thus, a clear indication of Meitei-terrorists based in Myanmar being sneaking into the strife-torn Manipur alongwith foreign weapons to annihilate the indigenous Kuki people.

It is also worth noting that the Meitei militants and secessionist groups maintain control over extensive poppy cultivation areas within Myanmar so as to fund their secessionist policy. These territories serve as their bases, enabling them to operate with relative impunity.

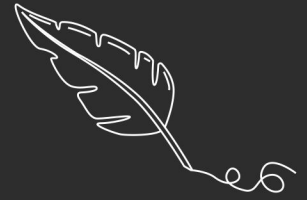
The resurgence of Meitei secessionist groups in the ongoing ethnic violence poses a grave danger to India's national security. There been several instances of Meitei terrorist groups in Police commando uniforms, firing at central security forces deployed in buffer zones, preceded by blockade and protest by women-led group- Meira Paibis.

The banned Meitei groups have been waging war against India and consistently rejected any ceasefire agreements or negotiations with the Indian government.

### POST MORTEM



**MEITEI REPRESENTATIVE AT UNHRC SESSION**



# O DAUGHTERS OF EVE

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O daughters of Eve, where did your legs get the power to keep on stepping the very ground where they tormented and defiled you?

Did you want to die? Did you beg for a flying bullet to strike you down or the earth to swallow you right there than to live through the greatest nightmare anyone with soft bosom could ever imagine?

Did you curse the day your mother pushed you out of her womb?

Were you disillusioned thinking that men were meant to protect women like your fathers did?

It took 78 days for the entire country to weep with you. They wouldn't listen to us... took them your harrowing ordeal to be heard and our suffering to be noticed.

Our oppressors hang their heads in shame, or so they say. Is it in the act or because they've been finally exposed for the world to see? Show us the proof they said, but now your nightmarish ordeal has become the power that ignited the wrath of your billion countrywomen and men... and tears flow.

Manipur has betrayed you, betrayed us.

So let people who know what humanity is fight for your plight. And if it's in the desire of the heavens that governments could be toppled because of your pain, let your tears guide our wrath until justice is delivered and a place for us exists where no woman ever tread in fear of being defiled or violated again.

*George K. Mate*

**Footnote:**

This nightmarish episode shook the nation and broke the barriers of the Meetei controlled news narrative of Imphal during the internet shut down. Their horrific ordeal revealed the brutality and nature of the conflict and the deep-seated animosity with the Meeteis as perpetrators of the ethnic- cleansing against the Kuki-Zos of Manipur.

