

## NIA Arrests One Meitei Militant in Manipur Transnational Conspiracy Case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested a Myanmar-based Meitei terrorist Moirangthem Anand Singh for conspiring with Myanmar-based Meitei terrorist groups to wage a war against the Govt. of India, by exploiting the current ethnic unrest in the State of Manipur. The accused had been booked in a case registered suo moto by the NIA on July 19, 2023 and was taken to New Delhi, and will be in Police custody till 27.09.23, as per the concern judge's order.

Investigation by NIA revealed that the Meitei terrorists, including Mr. Anand Singh, are regularly augmenting their strength through recruitment to be able to carry out attacks on security forces and the opposing ethnic groups (Kuki-Hmar-Zo people). NIA also mentions collecting of arms, ammunition and explosives by unlawful means; plundering and pillaging of government facilities and resources by the Meitei terrorists.



Various commentators observed that the NIA investigation may go beyond the terrorist activities, and may also unearth the link between the Meitei govt employees and these terrorists, as without the active support of these employees it will be almost impossible to allow Myanmar-based Meitei terrorists to plunder and pillage government resources.

This arrest flies in the face of the lies continuously vomitted by the Meitei COCOMI that the present violence was caused by Kukis hailing from Myanmar. One social media user raised a thought provoking point: COCOMI may file an FIR against NIA for exposing their lies. Only time will tell.

## ITLF Raises Concern Over Possible Fallout of Bail Granted to Meitei Terrorists

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) has raised its concern over the possible fallout of bail being granted to five armed men on Friday, who were impersonating security forces in Manipur.

The five Meitei terrorists were arrested with sophisticated weapons and wearing camouflage dresses on September 16. "Despite this, members of their community led by women (Meira Paibis) have been protesting for almost a week to demand their release. The fact that the men were dressed in uniforms shows they had nefarious intent, and the argument that they are volunteers defending 'innocent villagers' rings hollow," ITLF said in a press release issued on Saturday.

Spokesperson of ITLF, Ginza Vualzong said security forces have repeatedly flagged their concerns about the misuse of police and security force uniforms by Meitei militants, who are using it to get past security barriers to attack Kuki-Zo tribals.

"Compare this to the May 22 arrest and denial of bail to former tribal MLA TT Haokip, who is accused of instigating two youths including his son to threaten women vendors at a market," said ITLF. It also stated that the Police had reportedly recovered registered weapons from his home. But even after four months, women vendors of the said market have not identified Mr. Haokip and his son in the case and, significantly, police have not been able to file charges.

"Mr Haokip's counsel also submitted that his client was 71 years old and suffered from various ailments. Despite all these factors, Mr Haokip has been unable to get bail."

The ITLF expressed its fear that granting of bail to the five Meitei men would only encourage the misuse of uniforms by radicals in the community, who may feel that even if they are caught, the law will not go down hard on them.

## Manipur Govt Sets Up Temporary Prison at BSF's STC in Lamka



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

Accordingly, the government in view of the urgent requirement of making the temporary prison functional in the context of the present law and order situation in the state, the Governor of Manipur designated SDO/Lamka and Officer-in-Charge of Lamka Police Station as Superintendent of Jail and Jailor of the temporary prison in addition to their normal duties and assignments as mentioned in the order. Additionally, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) has reiterated their demand for transfer of Kuki-Zo inmates from Imphal prison.

## Two Airtel Field Engineers Suspended Over Data Leakage

Telecom giant Airtel has suspended its two field engineers for alleged data leakage in Churachandpur district of Manipur on September 20, for six months.

".....we have observed that the equipment configured to the restore the riot impacted site TORBG1 was of older settings which lead to prior data barring settings of 3rd May 2023, leading to data leakage on that site on 20th Sep. 23" mentioned the letter of suspension to its two field engineers identified as Samar Paul and Rakibul Islam.





## Biometric Data Collection for Illegal Immigrants to Continue: Biren Singh

N. Biren Singh has said that collection of biometric data for illegal immigrants and to identify the influx of the same be resumed. "State government has requested the Centre to extend and give another one year time to the State government to complete the biometric registration of the illegal immigrants," he said.

Besides resuming the biometric registration, Biren said the border fencing at vulnerable areas along the 398 km stretch is also of utmost importance and Border Road Organisation has been instructed to take up the border fencing work for about 60 km in the vulnerable areas.

Regarding the Free Movement Regime (FMR) which allows citizens living along the border on either side of India and Myanmar to travel up to 16 km inside the other country without Visa, Biren said he has requested the Centre to permanently close the FMR with Myanmar.

"The State govt has firm belief that the Centre will also consider the request for closing free movement regime," he said.

Biren also said that the State government will conduct aerial survey of poppy plantations in hill areas and destroy the plantations with the help from Narcotics Control Bureau, Narcotics Affairs and Borders along with security personnels.

## Mobile Internet Restored



The Government of Manipur has restored internet services which had been suspended from the month of May throughout the State in the wake of an ethnic strife between Meitei and Kuki communities.

The restoration of the services was announced by the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in a press conference held on Saturday at his Secretariat, Imphal. The announcement comes a day after the Chief Minister issued an ultimatum to submit all illegal weapons held by any person or groups across the State within a period of 15 days from September 22.

In his press conference, Biren said the youths, media persons and different professionals have to bear the difficulties of the internet ban for the past 4 months and that it was imposed to curb the spread of fake news, propoganda and hate speeches.

## Ineffective Internet Ban and the Restoration of Mobile Internet Services

After four months of suspension, mobile internet services in Manipur has been restored from Saturday. The government had suspended mobile internet services on May 3 after a violent clash erupted following the attack on the Kuki-Hmar-Zo community by the Meiteis in the valley districts. Addressing a press meet today at Imphal, Mr. N Biren Singh said that "with the improvement of the situation, a ban on mobile internet services will be lifted from today".

Although the reasons for the said suspension were attributed to "check the spread of fake news, propoganda and hate speech," the Meiteis, and their media, were actively spreading misinformation (lies and half-truth) and broadcasting the meitei speeches of hate against the Kuki-Hmar-Zo community, even during the period of the ban. Various hill leaders saw the suspension only as an attempt to deny information to the people, particularly of the hills, and a dictatorial suppression of their Right to Expression. The Meitei government had succeeded, to an extent, in silencing the voices of the Kuki-Hmar-Zo tribals. On the other hand, not even slightly affected by the ban, the Imphal-based media monopolised the information channels during the ban and intensified their selling of biased narratives to the world.

For instance, after ensuring the total ban on mobile internet, the Meitei Chief Minister N Biren Singh and his close ally - COCOMI, using the Meitei media, took advantage of the ban and started a ridiculous racial profiling, used loose terms such as 'narco-terrorists,' 'Kuki terrorists,' 'illegal immigrants,' etc against the Kuki-Hmar-Zo people. The report of the Editors' Guild of India (EGI) fact-finding team clearly underlined the experiment writing that during the internet ban – "The law and order situation continued to spiral out of control... the narrative began to blame those who did not have a voice in this conflict."



The factors that convinced the government of Manipur to lift the ban on mobile internet are not very clear. What N Biren Singh meant in saying 'Improvement of the situation' can only be guessed, because the ground reality shows that the ethnic divide is not improving, but only deepening, and the situation in Imphal is only worsening after the arrest of Meitei Terrorists impersonating the State Forces.

Some commentators opined that the meitei government is only succumbing to pressure from the various Naga Students' bodies. The Rongmei Naga Students Org. was the most vocal and had even threatened to close the NH 37 if the internet is not restored. It is very unlikely that the lifting of the ban is due to June's ruling of the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur, or the July's demand of the Meitei Manipur University Students agitation for restoring the internet. This, some commentators opined, can be a good indicator to understand who the meitei CM listens to, and is willing to go the extra mile to humor them.

With the restoration of the internet, it is hoped that many of the visuals of the atrocities committed by some section of the Meiteis, and the Meitei Police, on the Kuki-Hmar-Zo people will finally see the light, as truth cannot be kept hidden, not even by the Meitei CM, for long.





## Kukis Representation at the UN Forum Is For Justice, Should Not Be Misconstrued

Recent discussions on the Manipur crisis at the side event titled "The Crisis in Manipur and Implications for Human Rights in India," during the 54th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, raised many questions and cleared up many uncertainties, especially in regards to the minority indigenous communities of Manipur. The UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, the International Religious Freedom Roundtable and North American Manipur Tribal Association (NAMTA) are the organizations represented on this panel. Their reports and speeches are grounded in reality, based on information gathered on direct testimonies and narratives. These are first-hand accounts of atrocities committed against the defenceless minority Kukis, including attacks on women and children, rape, lynching, and more.

What makes the Kukis' participation in the UN conference so crucial? For sure, in light of their lack of influence in national politics and an even smaller voice in the Manipur State Assembly, the minority Kuki population has turned to the United Nations for help. You may be reminded that one of their 10 MLAs was brutally tortured and lynched in broad daylight in the heart of Imphal, sending him to the intensive care unit of a hospital in Delhi. The rest of them have been driven out of the valley. When your cries for help and sympathy go unheeded, you have little alternative except to look for support and assistance from elsewhere.

The majority Meitei, who control the State assembly and have representatives in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, are also seeking support from international organizations, which is ironic given their position of power. The Chief Minister has been their enduring supporter, granting them requests for supplies including ammunition, weapons, police protection, and humanitarian aid. What exactly are they attempting to convey to the world at these summits? They can't even back up their claims with evidence. Since day one, they have lied and pushed narratives that have no factual basis or occurrence, whether in national media or state-sponsored electronic and print media.

Their representative Khuraijam Athouba, the spokesperson of the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), had nothing to convey except to begin his speech with a lie. His statement that *"...they missed informing that Meitei churches have been completely vandalised and razed in Kuki-dominated areas in Churachandpur right on the first day (of the violence) before violence broke out in Imphal...we Meiteis in Manipur are not the majority... We represent around 8.5 lakh of the (state's) population. And the Christians in Manipur are around 12 lakh. They comprise more than 53-54 per cent..."* is, in fact, putting into question the veracity of reports compiled by non-governmental organizations with expert knowledge of the situation in Manipur, such as the United Nations as well as governmental reports such as Census of India. It's a smack in the face to him and the Meitei people. They cannot continue to lie and fabricate facts in a global forum as they do in their controlled television talk shows and news media.

The Kukis have been permanently scarred by the pain, relocation, and loss of life caused by the ethnic cleansing in Manipur. The need for minority representation like the Kukis in the United Nations (UN) is not just a matter of fairness but a crucial imperative. This is because Kukis, being a politically powerless minority, cannot effectively advocate for themselves within their own country. To amplify their voices UN representation offers them a platform to share their experiences, concerns, and demands directly with the international community. It provides an avenue for advocating their human rights, including violence against women, children and their right to life and security. It is also a forum that provides them to seek justice for crimes committed against them including rape. Reaching out to the global forums is not a luxury but a necessity, as it empowers them to advocate for their rights and demand justice. This event should be seen as a positive development, bringing us closer to finally giving the Kukis the justice they've been denied for so long.



The Council Of Higher Secondary Education Manipur (COHSEM) has informed all concerned Principals/Head of institutions that the last date for online submission of Enrolment and Registration of Class XI & Class XII along with completed registration application forms, print out copies of Enrolment & Registration Statement and necessary documents have been extended in view of the present situation in the State.

**Last date for online submission:**  
September 26, 2023

**Last date for submission of forms/ statements to the Council:**  
September 29, 2023.

The prescribed Registration Application Form is available from the Council office or may be downloaded from the Council website "<https://cohsem.nic.in>".

Correction of student(s) data due to inadvertent mistake(s) from the institution side may be done on or before the last date of online submission without charging any fees.

For correction of any mistake beyond the last date, a correction fee fixed by the Council from time to time shall be charged.

For those students who transferred from Class XI to XII under the Government of Manipur letter dated June 6, 2023, details should be entered in the newly given format and enrolment should be submitted separately.

**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.







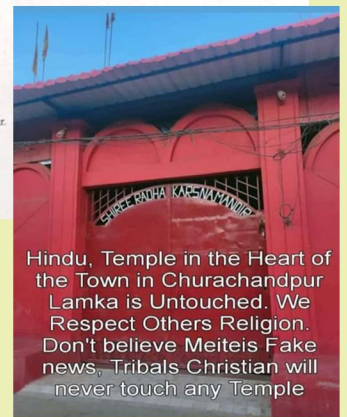
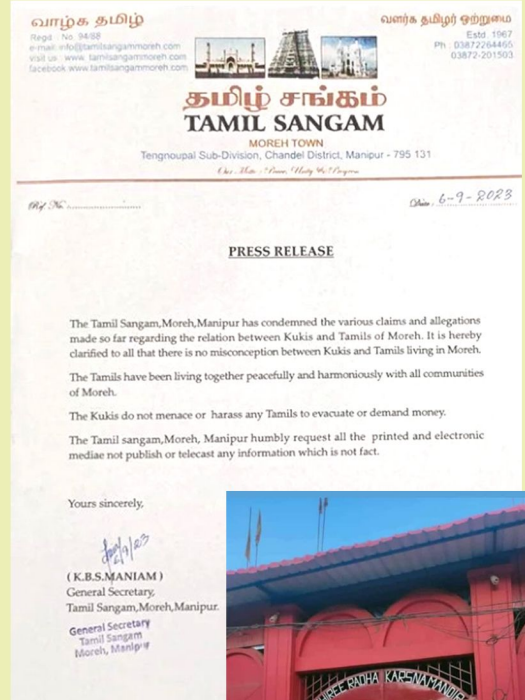
**FACT CHECK 05**



**CLAIM:** Renowned Cyclist Philem Rohan Singh in his endeavour to spread lies across the country, tries his best to fool the people of Tamil Nadu this time by openly proclaiming a concocted facts at his press conference in Chennai. The man who used Christianity card for his personal gains has stated that 250 Churches of the Meitei Community and 393 Hindu Temples were either looted, burnt or vandalized by mobs. He also claimed that 45 homes and shops belonging to Tamils were burnt down in Moreh town

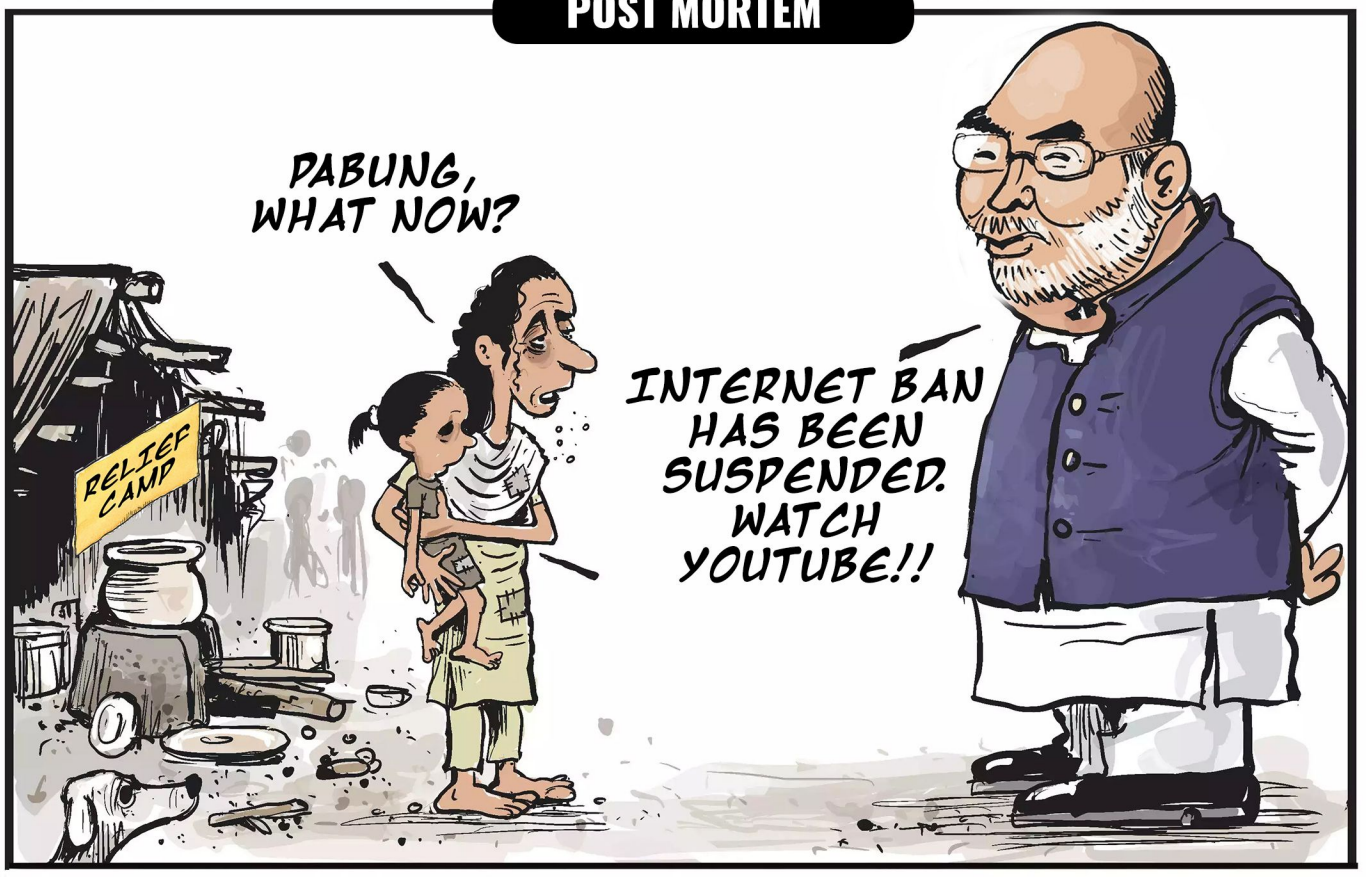
**FACT:** However, the fact of the matter is that no Hindu Temples in Kuki dominated areas has been burnt, looted or vandalized. Meitei Christian Churches in tribal districts are still standing tall while a Hindu Temple has also been left undisturbed. The Tamil Sangam, Moreh Town has also denied the various insidious claims and allegations made by Meiteis against Kuki Communities. The picture of Shree Radha Karsna Mandir is a testament of this fact.

**FACT-CHECK RESULT: FALSE, MEITEI LIES EXPOSED**



Hindu, Temple in the Heart of the Town in Churachandpur Lamka is Untouched. We Respect Others Religion. Don't believe Meiteis Fake news, Tribals Christian will never touch any Temple

**POST MORTEM**





# BRING HOME THE TROPHY

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This is written at the backdrop of our Brothers in the frontline being the sole barriers and protectors of our land, our safety and security.

We stand in awe and reverence of our brothers' selfless act and bravado in the face of death and danger against the Meiteis.

We shall pray for their safe return amidst the gore and gory, believing that they will come home as victors.



What is a nation without my brothers  
singing in unison?  
What is my life's worth if it means leaving my brothers  
alone at the frontline?  
It's beautiful when you see black  
and white together  
But more so if you add green, yellow and blue  
I would like to avoid seeing red because it reminds  
me of the enemies  
who slit and slash our bodies and souls  
My brothers,  
Your calloused hands and blistered feet are  
testimonies of what you've done to protect us  
All the things you gave up for us,  
Nothing will ever be able to compensate the lives  
of our fallen brothers  
But to be a child of God is to let go and let the  
light and healing come in  
My brothers,  
I know you're only humans but you're super  
humans to us  
Fighting bullets and bombs even when your  
whole bodies are trembling  
My brothers,  
I wish this war is over  
I want you to come home and eat our  
mother's homecooked meal  
But i guess i'll practise my patience  
While praying you bring home the trophy...

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