



## KIM Censors Alleged Selective Justice Adopted by Communal Manipur Govt

The Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex body of the Kuki tribes is grievously horrified by the alleged groundless accusation of N. Biren Singh-led state Government against the Kuki-Zo community over the killing of two students by ordering a military operation at Joujangtek village and adjoining areas by a combined team of Central and State forces which has greatly alarmed the locals amidst the incessant attack by Meitei militants.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur is utterly dismayed by the selective or exclusive justice meted out against the Kuki-Zo community by the Manipur state government. "The N. Biren Singh-led Government has been deliberately remaining a mute spectator to a number of ruthless atrocities committed against the Kuki-Zo people."



The accusation that the two students were allegedly kidnapped by armed Kukis is logically unsound, especially at a time when the state is clearly divided into ethnic lines prohibiting inter-regional travel between the Meiteis and the Kuki-Zo people, and for that matter, the intention of the two students to travel into Kuki-Zo dominated areas, if true, at a time when ethnic sentiments of hatred, prejudice, and enmity are extremely high is altogether disquieting. KIM also wondered where was the government when the Kukis were crying for peace and justice.

The decisive action of the Manipur State government to nab the culprits of the alleged murder of the two students while blatantly ignoring the untold sufferings of the Kuki-Zo people is to be seen by the rest of India and the world that the Manipur State Government is sponsoring the open persecution against our people. Nonetheless, the Kuki Inpi Manipur, as an organization committed to Justice, Peace, and Human Rights calls for Justice for the victims of the ongoing ethnic violence in the state, regardless of what gender, caste, creed, or ethnicity they belong to. KIM also strongly condemned the selective or exclusive justice adopted by the Manipur State Government against the helpless Kuki-Zo people.

## Mob Attacks Biren's Residence, Violence Continues in Imphal

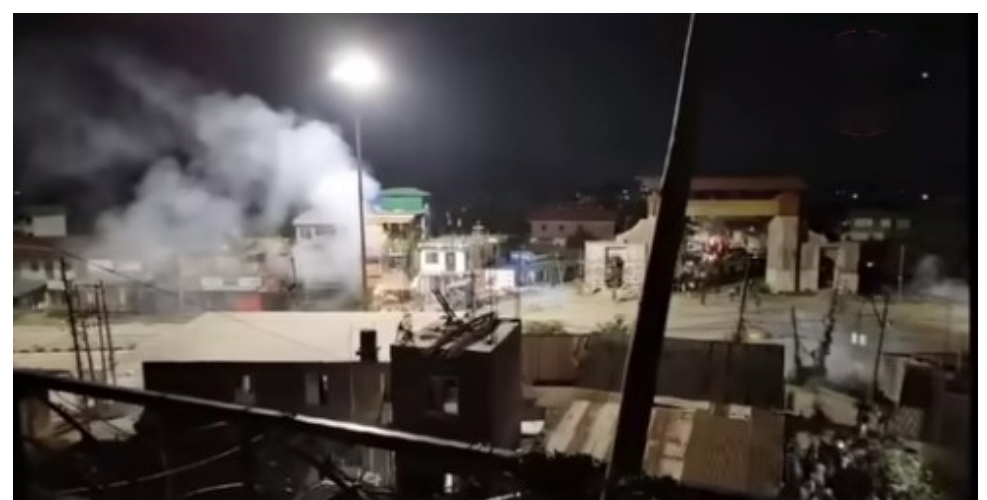
The deteriorating situation over the killings of two Meitei youth by unknown miscreants continues across Imphal valley in Manipur, resulting into vandalism of Government properties, burning of BJP Mandal offices and attacking political leaders' houses including N. Biren Singh.

Irate mobs attacked the residences of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and BJP Manipur Pradesh President Adhikarimayum Sharda Devi, at around 8 PM on Thursday. The police intervened, leading to a confrontation.

A. Sarda was evacuated to safety, but the irate mob set fire to the police vehicle during the altercation. Protesters blocked roads in various areas of Imphal West and Imphal East districts.

Situation is still tensed till the filing of this report.

In the early hours of Thursday, the office of Imphal West Deputy Commissioner (DC) was reportedly vandalised by a mob, and two vehicles were also torched by the miscreants.



On September 27, an irate mob burnt down BJP mandal office at Khongjom in Thoubal district, and another BJP office situated at Wangjing in the same district came under heavy attack by the violent mob. Both the party offices were set on fire.

The mob also reportedly hoisted Salai-taret flag (Meitei Seccesionists' Flag) on top of the BJP office.



## Suspected Meitei Miscreants Attack Kuki Banker in Assam

A bank branch Manager belonging to the Kuki-Zo tribes from Manipur was brutally attacked by suspected Meitei miscreants in Hailakandi, Cachar district of Assam, on September 27, 2023.

The victim has been identified as Tunkhansiam, a native of Churachandpur District, Manipur. He works as a Manager at Punjab National Bank (PNB), Natun Bazar Branch, Hailakandi District, Cachar, Assam.

The attack took place between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. when the victim was returning home from his work place.

The banker sustained severe head injury along with several mild bruises in other parts of the body due to physical assault and was admitted to SK Roy Civil Hospit, Hailakandi, and then referred to ICU for observation.

According to sources, earlier in the evening, he had gone to a shop where he faced taunts from the guy, saying, "Are you Kuki? "What are you doing here? Why are Kukis everywhere?" Tunkhamsiam ignored all the vitriolic remarks against him and left the shop. Later, when he left work, he was followed behind and subsequently attacked by the same person(s). He was hit on the back of his head with a rock resulting in the severe head injury.

The victim L Tunkhansiam is currently residing at Hailakandi with his wife and son, along with two of his younger brothers.

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## MHA Directs Manipur Govt to Fasten Biometric Process of Illegal Migrants

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has directed the Government of Manipur to fasten the process of capturing the biometric details of illegal migrants in the state.

An order issued on Thursday in this regard extended the deadline to complete the exercise by March 31, 2024.

"It has been informed that the stipulated time period is going to be over on September 30. It has been informed that the exercise is still going on and may require some more time to complete. The matter has been considered by the ministry.

In view of the above, it has been decided to extend the time period till March 31, 2024. Accordingly, the state government of Manipur is requested to take appropriate necessary action to complete the exercise within the revised time period," the order stated.

## Senior IPS Officer Who Cracked Pulwama Attack Called Back to Manipur

Amid unabated violence in strife-torn Manipur, Senior IPS Officer, Rakesh Balwal, who headed the NIA team that probed the 2019 Pulwama terror attack case, has been repatriated to Manipur following the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet approval to the Ministry of Home Affairs' proposal to prematurely repatriate him to his parent Manipur cadre

Rakesh Balwal, a 2012 batch IPS officer, was moved from the Manipur cadre to the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre for a period of three years in a relaxation of policy in November 2021, and presently posted in Srinagar as Senior Superintendent of Police.

As per media reports, the decision comes three months after the all party meeting called by Home Minister Amit Shah in June regarding the prevailing situation in Manipur, in which he informed the members that 40 IPS officers have been sent to the State.

Prior to this, Rakesh had served as the Superintendent of Police within the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in 2018, where he held the position for a duration of four years.

Earlier, he served the NIA on deputation and headed the investigation into the Pulwama attack, which left 40 Central Reserve Police Force jawans dead in 2019. He is believed to be the mind behind the exhaustive 13,500-page NIA charge-sheet filed before a special court in Jammu and Kashmir.

Balwal also worked with the American intelligence agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to look into the role of the Jaish-e-Muhammad in the Pulwama attack.

Fresh violence erupted in Imphal valley this week over the killings of two students – Hijam Linthoingambi (17) and Phijam Hemjit (20) – who went missing in July.

The case has been handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and a team headed by the agency's special director Ajay Bhatnagar is investigating the case.

## Manipur Strife Designated 'Communal Violence' for Disbursal of Compensation

Although the Centre had underlined in its statements that this is an 'ethnic' conflict and not a 'communal' one, procedural requirements have made it necessary to categorise it so, as this is the only nomenclature that could be found applicable.

Around 64 next of kin in the state have been given compensation by the Centre as victims of 'communal violence', as per governmental data.

"We do not see the Manipur violence as religion-specific in nature. It is an ethnic conflict with several other dimensions to it. However, we had to categorise it as an act of 'communal violence' for governmental processes. Existing schemes to ensure compensation and relief to the impacted people do not cover such incidents. Therefore, processes have required us to fit it into the communal violence category so that timely compensation can be given to the violence-affected persons or their next of kin," an official in the know told ET.

It is learnt that the Centre and state have invoked the 2022 'central scheme for assistance to civilian victims/family of victims of terrorist/communal/left-wing extremist violence, cross border firing and mine/IED blast on Indian territory for extending compensation to those impacted by the violence in the state'.

As per these revised 2022 guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs, 'communal violence' refers to 'planned and organised acts of violence by members of a community against members of another community to create or express ill-will or hatred and leading to loss of life or injuries to people'.

Over 142 people have been recorded as dead due to violence in Manipur, as per a state government report to the Supreme Court in August. Compensation of ₹5 lakh each has been given by the Centre to the next of kin of 64 deceased persons so far under the scheme, as per government data of September 1. The state has added another ₹5 lakh each.

There were 20 cases of deaths due to communal violence recorded and compensated in Imphal East, 10 in Imphal West, 17 in Churachandpur, three in Toubal and 13 in Bishnupur. As per the process, the office of the sub-divisional officer conducts a detailed probe to identify the next of kin of the deceased. The government has made extra security arrangements in addition to nearly 135 companies of central armed police forces/Army deployed at various volatile locations as on September 1.



There is special focus on 340 relief camps that currently shelter over 58,000 people. Nearly 24,000 of those in the camps are said to be Meiteis while nearly 35,000 are Kukis.

Two policemen have been deployed at each of the 56 camps in Kangpokpi district that lodge over 16,100 people.

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Source: [Economic Times](#)

## SILENCING TRIBAL-KUKI HISTORY

Two particularly prominent instances from the recent past underscore the efforts of the majoritarian Meitei government led by N. Biren Singh, with huge support from the valley Meiteis, to suppress and manipulate the historical narrative of the Kuki-Zo tribals.

The first relates to the Chivu Stone Inscription which falsely attributed a British military victory over the Lushai chiefs in 1871-72 to King Chandrakirti Singh. The inscription claims that it commemorates his 'victory over 112 rebel Lushai chiefs,' but this is nothing less than a vulgar manipulation and distortion of facts. The Manipur Government used this historical version to persuade the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to accept it as a fact, even though it deviated from well-documented writings and archival sources.

The British's military expedition, known as the Lushai Expedition (1871-72) is well documented in the colonial writings of Alexander Mackenzie (The North East Frontier), R.G. Woodthorpe (The Lushai Expedition), and Carey and Tuck (The Chin Hills, Vol.1). There are also solid archival sources on this historical event which showed that the Manipur contingent, drafted by the then officiating Political Agent of Manipur, Major General W.F. Nuthall under the instruction and command of Brigadier General G. Bouchier (the commanding officer of the Cachar column), had never directly participated nor entered into the Lushai Hills during the Lushai Expedition. The Manipur contingent, against instructions, encamped at Chivu near the Indo-Myanmar border. On March 7, 1872 when the Manipur contingent was about to return, one of the important chiefs of the Kuki-Zo people, Goukthoang, and his men happened to pass through this camp whence upon Balaram and Thangal, the two majors commanding the Manipur contingent, 'treacherously seized'—to borrow Bouchier's words—Goukthoang and his men. Goukthoang subsequently died in jail in 1873.

On 17 May 2020, the Tribal Intellectual Forum have expressed their dismay on the Manipur Government's hasty action to build the memorial park during the outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic and appealed to de-notify and withdraw Chivu Stone Inscription and to stop constructing Chandrakirti Memorial Park at Chivu at the Indo-Myanmar border. In a press release dated April 26, 2022 the Zomi Chiefs' Association, which comprises over 160 Kuki-Zo tribal chiefs in Manipur, expressed its displeasure against

the proposed Maharaja Chandrakirti Memorial Park being constructed on the grounds, rightly lamenting that the inscriptions amount to historical distortion. However, in spite of the strong objection by the Kuki-Zo tribals, Manipur CM N Biren Singh inaugurated the Chivu Chandrakirti Memorial Park at Tonjang village in Churachandpur district and laid the foundation stone of the Manipur Southern Cultural Centre at Behiang along the Indo-Myanmar border on 14 October 2022.

The Meitei govt led by N. Biren Singh rather appears to demonstrate a total lack of empathy for the sentiments of the Kuki-Zo Tribals. Notably, the govt is characterized by a majority-centric policy, and relentlessly employs tactics that exacerbate tensions between various communities and marginalize the Kuki-Zo tribals.

The second incident relates to the Anglo-Kuki war of 1917-19. During the World War I that started in 1914, the British recruited over a million people from India to fight or aid in the conflict. From the North East, the British demanded that the Manipur King raise a group of Nagas, Lushais, Kukis and other tribes and press them into service as members of the Imperial Army's Labour Corps. The Labour Corps provided logistical support to British soldiers. However, Kuki chiefs refused to participate and revolted against the colonisers in 1917. After two years of fierce Kuki resistance, which tested the Assam Rifles as well as the British army, they were made to surrender. Nevertheless, it is remembered as one of the most significant challenges to British colonial rule. Robert Reid, who was the governor of colonial Assam between 1937 and 1942, had described the long-drawn conflict as "the most serious incident in the history of Manipur and relations with hill subjects... which took Rs 28 lakh to quell".

The Manipur Police filed two cases against the author and editors of two books on the Anglo-Kuki War (1917-1919), one of the biggest uprisings by the Kukis against British colonial rule. The cases were filed on the basis of a complaint by the Federation of Haomee, an Imphal-based organization that claims to represent the interests of the Tangkhul-Meitei community, but is a mere puppet in the hands of the meiteis.

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The first information report against Jangkhomang Guite and Thongkholal Haokip, the editors of the 2018 book, "The Anglo- Kuki War, 1917-1919: A Frontier Uprising Against Imperialism During the First World War", was registered by the Meitei Police on August 7. Two days later, another first information report was filed against Vijay Chenji, a retired colonel of the Indian army, and the author of "The Anglo-Kuki War 1917-1919: Victory in Defeat". The Meitei police booked Chenji, Guite and Haokip under the various provisions of the Indian Penal Code dealing with waging war against the Indian government, and promoting enmity between different groups, among others. What is surprising is that the Meitei Police acted very promptly

An inclusive government should strive to honor and safeguard the historical legacies of all its constituent groups. In Manipur, while there exist numerous memorials commemorating the Meiteis' resistance against British colonial rule, there is a notable acute absence of similar recognition for the Kuki-Zos and their struggle against the colonial British. This discrepancy suggests a disconcerting pattern in which the government not only fails to celebrate but also appears to employ strategies to belittle, suppress, and even obliterate the historical significance of the Kuki-Zos' contributions and experiences.

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## PROCEDURE FOR INCLUSION OF COMMUNITIES IN THE SCHEDULED TRIBES

**I**n June 1999, the Government of India had approved guidelines for deciding claims for inclusion in or exclusion from the list of Scheduled Tribes. According to these approved guidelines, only those claims that have been agreed to by the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes will be taken up for consideration.

Whenever representations are received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for inclusion of any community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of a State/Union Territory (UT), the Ministry forward the same to the concerned state government/UT administration for recommendation as required under Article 342 of the Constitution. If the concerned State Government/UT recommends the proposal, then it is sent to the Registrar General of India (RGI). The RGI, if satisfied with recommendation of the State Government/UT, recommends the proposal to the Central Government.

Thereafter, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs refers the proposal to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes for their recommendation. If the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes also recommends the case, the matter is processed for the decision of the Cabinet.

Thereafter, the matter is put up before the Parliament in the form of a Bill to amend the Presidential Order. The Parliament alone is empowered to include or exclude from the list of the Scheduled Tribes.

Once the list is approved by the Parliament, the same cannot be changed by any executive order of the Centre or the state. The court cannot interfere with the list.

In case, there is a disagreement between the views of the state government/UT and the RGI, the views of the RGI are sent to the state government/UT for reviewing or further justifying their recommendation. On receipt of the further justification/clarification from the state government/UT administration, the proposal is again referred to the RGI for comments. In such cases where the RGI does not agree to the point of view of the state government/UT, the Government of India may reject the said proposal. Claims that neither the RGI nor the concerned state governments have supported are rejected. Similarly, those cases where the state government and the RGI favour inclusion/exclusion, but not supported by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes are also rejected.

The Tribal Affairs Ministry on March 15, 2023 insisted once again that the current procedure for inclusion of communities in the Scheduled Tribes list was "adequate". It was responding to a question in the Rajya Sabha, which raised concerns about the need for a revision in the criteria and procedure for inclusion in the list.



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Now that the CBI Special Director Ajay Bhatnagar has reached Imphal to go into the “alleged” killing of Phijam Hemjit (20) and Hijam Linthoingambi (17) we need to await the findings. The alacrity with which the Union Home Ministry responded to this particular case is astounding. It would appear as if this is the first killing that has happened in Manipur since May this year. But that’s what’s called the power dynamics and how it operates in Imphal. It is easy to see who calls the shots in Manipur.

Before this incident there were many brutal killings. An Income Tax officer was pulled out of his official quarters in Imphal and killed in cold blood. No less than a Kuki MLA who was adviser to the CM was tortured and is now a vegetable; the cases of the Kuki women who were working in a car wash were raped then killed and one of those paraded naked was raped. There is the case of David Theik whose head was chopped off and hung on a pole and the songwriter who was also shot and died while on the way to a hospital in Mizoram.

Lest we forget on May 5, 2023 Ms Gouzavung aged 57 years and working as Under Secy Agriculture & Veterinary Dept in Imphal was travelling along with her son Goulalsang aged 27 years. They were pulled out of their car and killed in cold blood ..

There are, as of date, 170 or more deaths and they are all precious lives. No one has the right to take away life. Yet here we have different values being given to different lives. The other deaths received no attention from the Union Home Ministry. Is there justice and fair play here? While it cannot be denied that there are Kuki-Chin immigrants who have come in after the 2021 junta oppression, not all Kuki-Chin people are illegal migrants. A good number of them are employed in the central services. But when we listen to the narratives peddled out by those in the valley every Kuki-Chin person is labelled ‘illegal immigrant,’ a derogatory term if ever there was one.

Now those of us who point to these governance anomalies are accused of being partisan because the Kuki-Chin people are tribals, Christians and because we have been bribed by drug money to write what we do. Clearly there are very very few who can speak truth to power at this point. Let me end by saying that killing of innocents and unarmed civilians can never be condoned.

## KSO Corner

Kangpokpi Christian Hospital, or KCH, undoubtedly Manipur’s oldest hospital. However, today, KCH has almost reached a defunct state with a lack of top-notch infrastructures and equipment.

KSO General Headquarters took the initiative to construct the First Floor of the Hospital in collaboration with international Love Ministry under the leadership of Pu Rev. Dr. Holkhosei Touthang and Chingboi. The Construction which began on June 14, 2023 was completed on September 20, 2023. Rev. V. Sitlhou, Chairman, Administration Committee, Kangpokpi Christian Hospital inaugurated and dedicated the first-floor building in the presence of various prominent leaders from various community and civil society organizations.





**CLAIM:**

A video is being circulated on Whatsapp groups/ Twitter showing that RAF personnel was allegedly heard stating, "It's not our community, do whatever you want (humara jaati nahi hain, kuch bhi karo)," made rounds on social media inviting widespread condemnation from social media users

**FACT:**

Manipur Police, on tuesday, clarified on Facebook that, "A video is being circulated on WhatsApp groups/Twitter showing that RAF personnel while dealing with violent mob are passing casteist remarks. The voice in the clip is not of RAF personnel. It appears that video maker has intentionally recorded casteist remarks in his own voice to tarnish the image of RAF troops. The alleged video has been made to defame and discourage the RAF personnel who are performing their duty with high level of dedication and sincerity."

**FACT-CHECK RESULT:**

FALSE, MEITEI LIES EXPOSED



Minai Machasingna ngalije karino mayam amukta yengbiyu. Kya bola apana jati nahi kuch bi Karo !!!!

Teri maki chut mai Karo kuch bhi idhar nahi.



RAF Issues Rebuttal Denying Casteist Remarks in Manipur Video:  
There is a circulation of a video clip in various social media platform regarding RAF action in Manipur. CRPF/RAF has issued a rebuttal in this regard as follows "A video is being circulated on Whatsapp groups/ Twitter showing that RAF personnel while dealing with violent mob are passing casteist remarks. The voice in the alleged video clip is not of RAF personnel. It appears that video maker has intentionally recorded casteist remarks in his own voice to tarnish the image of RAF troops. The alleged video has been made to defame and discourage the RAF force personnel who are performing their duty with high level of dedication and sincerity. The RAF personnel remained deployed in different parts of Imphal city for law-and-order duty throughout the day and even during night hours. RAF personnel work on the principle of use of minimum force and graded response to the situation. The RAF troops has been diligently serving the nation and playing a pivotal role in restoration of law-and-order situation in Manipur. The RAF troops are instrumental in ensuring peace, security and normalcy in various disturbed areas of Manipur."





# THE PROUD SONS OF THE SOIL

If only they could read my poetry.

If they could hear our songs.

Our mothers cry,  
the respect and regard we have for  
the valor they showed,  
the spirit they had to not leave  
any stones unturned.

They fight like a real man and die as a real man.

They don't take pride in disrobbing women.

Neither do they try to lay hands  
on the weaker ones.

They are just the proud sons of the soil.

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