



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 16.10.2023



146
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425
DISPLACED
PERSONS

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.

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Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)
Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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PRESS RELEASE

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FRIDAY HOLIDAY ISSUE: N. BIREN SINGH'S GOVT TAKES UP SUO-MOTU FIR AGAINST LAMKA JOINT STUDENTS' BODY

Under the instruction from the Home Department, Govt of Manipur, the Churachandpur Police Station has registered one suo-motu FIR No. 2823 (10) 2023 CCP-PS u/s 186/341/189/506 IPC against the members of the Joint Students' Body, Lamka, for a notice served against attending Govt. Offices every Friday.

On October 26, 2023, the Joint Students' Body, Lamka, had issued a public reminder urging all government's institutions to observe every Friday as holiday as per a resolution taken in the month of August in protest against the ethnic violence perpetrated by the Meitei radicals allegedly sponsored by State machineries.

The Manipur Government said that the notice was without any authority/ jurisdiction, published through different media including social media platforms, different WhatsApp Groups etc. and the content therein is likely to aggravate the ongoing law and order crisis in the State, and that a deliberate attempt of renaming of Institutions and places had been made along with public declaration for adoption of resolution for observing every Friday as a holiday by all institutions of Government of Manipur including the offices of the DCS/SPs/ ZEO/ADC's, Government Schools /Colleges in the town of Churachandpur. In a press release issued on Monday, the Chief Secretary, Dr. Vineet Joshi, said the State Government

is taking up all possible steps without leaving any stone unturned to book culprit(s) involved under relevant provision of law for the time being in force. Intelligence gathering has been strengthened.

"Whereas, any such act of spreading message/ circulating materials/ Press Release/ Public Notice which poses threat to the communal harmony, peaceful co-existence, internal & national security has been viewed very seriously by the State Government with utmost sensitivity," he said.

The Home Department requested the general public including all public functionaries not to rely on such post/material/Press Release/ Public Notice which, the Home Department said had been illegally generated and spread through different media and also not to follow/ to resort to any kind of unwanted act/ violence.

Views of TLM: Various calls to close public offices have been called in the past by the Nagas and the Meiteis, but the Meitei government has invited them for talks wherein even the incumbent Chief Secretary has also been acting as the peace maker between the Naga/ Meitei students and the Meitei government. In the case of the JSB of Churachandpur, the Meitei government has seen the people of Lamka as soft targets. Only Separate Administration can bring a plausible solution to this.

KUKI CHIEFS CONDEMN DESTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE BUNKERS, DEMAND EQUAL JUSTICE

The Kuki Chiefs' Association Gunpi Area, under Chakpikarong Sub-Division, Chandel, vehemently condemned the destruction of defensive bunkers in Yanglen Thingkangphai area and physical and mental harassment meted out to the village volunteers in the evening at around 5:35 pm on Sunday.

In a press condemnation issued on Monday, the President of Kuki Chiefs' Association, Thongkholet Haokip, said that the concerned Kuki people of the locality were once promised by Brig. Shaswant, 28 Sector, Kakching, for providing adequate security; and as such, they are ready to resettle in their respective abandoned villages. However, to the Kuki people's dismay the same Army officer came along to unleashed a reign of terror in the locality just in favour of one particular community with

whom they live side by side.

Further, it was also learnt that the Serou villagers were being returned from their flight and the Kukis of the same area are waiting to do the same only after the permission from the security officer, he said.

The Kuki chiefs demanded for sanitisation their neighbouring Meitei villages as the Meitei militants including banned terrorist/UGs are known to be present among the Meitei civilians. The Association also believed in equality and justice, and cautioned that favouritism and biased treatment on the part of government or its agents would not bring peace and tranquillity, but will escalate the already tense situation in the locality.

MEITEIS' ATROCITY: KHOUSABUNG AREA BLACKED OUT FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS

It has been more than three months now that 22 villages in Khausabung area, situated in the periphery of Lamka hill district, are deprived of power supply after it was reportedly cut off by miscreants from the valley area.

It is reported that the line supplying power to these 22 villages was cut off from Thamnapokpi in Bishnupur district by the Meitei miscreants on 26 July, 2023. Since then power supply is not available in the area. As of today, out of 22 villages in Khausabung area, 15,16 villages are still to get electric supply.

The Village chiefs in the area had highlighted the matter to the district authority. It has been learnt that the Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur had repeatedly highlighted the matter to the Commissioner (Power) and the Chief Secretary in writing. However, nothing has been done yet to solve the problem.

At the same time, the villagers have decried the utter apathy of the authority concerned to resolve the matter. The non-availability of electricity has doubled the hardship of the people in the area as many activities came to a halt, and harvesting season has already begun. They urged the authority concerned to redress the grievances at the earliest.



Views of TLM: Such inhuman treatment of the Kukis, by denying basic electricity, is totally against all norms of the civilised conduct. If such denial of facilities were to happen to Meiteis the Meitei government would have done everything in its power to restore the same, but unfortunately for the Meiteis, the Kukis are lesser humans, and are always treated as second class citizens of India. The only solution is a separate administration. Period.

HUGE CACHE OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND AMMUNITION UNEARTHED

In a significant joint operation conducted by Manipur Police, the Indian Army, and paramilitary forces, a substantial cache of arms, explosives, ammunition, and warlike stores were unearthed in two districts during the past 24 hours, the police said.

A total of 20 hand grenades, one carbine, one AK 47 rifle, one 303 rifle, and several magazines with live ammunition were recovered in the simultaneous combing operations.

The operations were carried out at Gouranagar, Terakhongbi, Khulakpam, and Sanjenjabam in Imphal east district during the period from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Monday, the police said.

On Sunday, the operations were also launched at the adjoining areas of Phougakchao Ikhai Mamang Leikai and Kulbung Village under Phougakchao Ikhai Police Station in Bishnupur district.



Two arms (SMG Carbine with magazine-01, Country made 9 mm Pistol -01), seven ammunition, and 10 explosives were recovered in these operations, the police said.

CM BIREN SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LIVES LOST IN ONGOING CONFLICT, SAYS CONGRESS LEADER K. RANJIT

A senior leader of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, K. Ranjit has said that the Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh, should be held responsible for all the people who have lost their lives in the ongoing crisis in the State.

Ranjit made the statement while speaking to media persons on Monday. The Congress leader said that the present crisis would not be extended for 6 months if the state government had controlled the incident at Churachandpur on May 3 in time.

Informing that the Vice President of India was in Imphal on May 3, Ranjit also questioned the authority concerned as to why permissions were granted for the rally on the same day in Churachandpur and why additional security forces were not deployed to control the situation.

“At the initial stage of the violence, the chief minister put the blame on security lapses and security failure. However, the chief minister later on made a statement stating that the ongoing crisis/ war is a war to save the Meiteis,” said Ranjit.

The Congress leader also questioned the State BJP government as to why they have not approached and met the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to control and bring an end to violence in the State.



Reacting to the statement of State BJP President, Sharda, that the Congress party is responsible for the ongoing crisis, Ranjit said he was ashamed to hear such statement from Sharda. “The BJP President should should digest the issues in the State and not make baseless statement,” he said.

Accusing that the BJP MLAs were also among those MLAs demanding for separate administration, even though Sharda denied it, Ranjit said that the State BJP President should speak only if she has a proper knowledge about what she is talking about. At such critical juncture when the State is in crisis and the future unpredictable, Sharda must not make wild allegations, the Congress leader added.

BIREN’S LAW & ORDER MAINTENANCE IN IMPHAL VALLEY: MAN SHOT AT, OC’S HOUSE ATTACKED

The “undisturbed police jurisdictional areas” of Imphal has again witnessed another chaotic law and order situation reportedly on October 28 and 29, 2023.

Suspected armed group had shot a man in his leg near Mayang Imphal Maibam Thongkhong under Mayang Imphal PS on Sunday night.

The injured man has been identified as Takhellambam Lokhon (39) s/o (L) Manglemba of Chanam Sandrok Maning Leikai.

As per police sources, the radical gunmen shot Lokhon in his left leg for a reason unknown till the filing of this report. The victim was immediately rushed to Mayang Imphal PHC for treatment.

Meanwhile, another armed group opened fire at the residence of Yairipok PS OC Md Riyaz Khan on October 28, 2023.

According to a police report, the armed miscreants fired 2-3 rounds at the residence of the police officer at around 11:30 pm on Saturday. No one was injured in the firing. The identity of the miscreants and the reason for the attack are yet to be known. Police have registered a case in this regard and investigation is underway.

Notably, all sorts of crimes and violation of human rights like gun culture, bomb culture, extortions, threats, intimidation, etc., are rampant in greater Imphal areas since the violence began in the State. Ironically, N. Biren Singh continues to claim improvement of law and order in the State.

HUMAN RIGHTS ALERT CLARIFIES ON ARRESTED NORWEGIAN CITIZEN; MEITEI LEEPUN CHIEF ALLEGES CONSPIRACY

Apropos to the article titled “Lady arrested from Khwairamband Keithel with Norwegian Passport is a Myanmar based armed militant” published in The Imphal Times on October 29, which has gone viral in the social media, attracting adverse comments from various quarters, the Human Rights Alert (HRA) has come out with facts of the case.

The Executive Director of the Human Rights Alert, Babloo Loitongbam, said, “The case of Miss Mya Kyay Mon, a Norwegian citizen of Myanmar origin, was brought to the attention of HRA by the Myanmar language instructor of the Center for Myanmar Studies of Manipur University. When the matter was brought to the attention of HRA, for the first time in 2022, she was already detained in the Imphal Central Jail. We do not know her before, nor do we have any prior contact with her.”

In a press release issued on Sunday, the human rights activist said that HRA took up her case as a “woman in distress case” and informed the relevant section of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi. Thereinafter, she was issued a fresh Norwegian Passport as her old passport had expired.

“Upon her release on bail and not having a place to stay, she contacted us of help. We assisted her to stay in a women’s home run by an NGO, pending her trial in the court. In the wake of the ethnic unrest in Manipur and when the NGO expressed their discomfort in keeping her, we organized an air ticket for her to go out of the state. We have been informed that she was summoned by the court to appear in her pending trial in Manipur,” Babloo said.

The Human Rights Alert stated that it has no prior contact with her before the activists met her in the jail in Manipur. “We do not know her antecedents or background. HRA only provided legal aids and humanitarian services when requested by a woman in distress as per our mandate as an organization defending the human rights for all,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Meitei Leepun (ML) chief, Pramot Singh, stringly reacted against Babloo Loitongbam’s HRA statement, alleging the human rights activist as co-conspirator in the ethnic violence between the Meiteis and Kukis.



“Enough. Stop it please we know how deep you are into the conspiracy. ML doesn’t speak without substance and without ground reality like you people, we don’t go by emotion, we are new meitei, a breed you never seen. It is a matter of time everything will be out soon. Stop lying for your own sake. You did a huge crime against meiteis. Just wait Traitor,” Pramot Singh said on his social media handle.

Mention may be made that the Meitei Leepun is one of the radical outfits based in Imphal and its chief, Pramot Singh is one of the key culprits in the ongoing ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kuki-Zo people. The radical group targetted the Kuki-Zos by unleashing counter-blockade on the highways of the Kukis much before the ethnic violence began on May 3, 2023.

The radicalised armed group was also one of the perpetrators in criminal activities against the former police officer, Th. Brinda, and human rights activist, Babloo Loitongbam. Th. Brinda was stormed at her residence, intimidated and forced to retract her statement. Loitongbam’s residence was destroyed and he was forced to clarify his remarks against the radical organisation.

**EXCLUSIVE****DOES IT PAY TO BE AN ANTI-NATIONALIST?**

India has witnessed waves of sessionist movements since its independence in 1947. Some of them are rooted in India's history as a British ruled territory. Much earlier than Kashmir, Junagarh and Hyderabad, it was the Nagas who petitioned for Independence from India once the British leave India. Naga movement gained momentum in Post-Independence India. As a way to pacify them, Nagas were granted Statehood in 1963 though some groups still continue to fight for Independence. The Nagas remain that one entity which always draws India's attention. Similarly, the Bodos, Assamese and Meiteis have raised secessionist flag and today they have been 'handsomely' accommodated within India though a weakened Assamese group still continues the fight .

Kukis have been very pro-Indian right from the beginning. While like Kukis, other communities did help Netaji's INA, Kukis remained steadfast in their loyalty to India even after India's Independence. The Meiteis have been fighting for an Independent Manipur with tacit support from China and many of their insurgents based in Myanmar.

However, in the current Meitei-Kuki conflict, it looks very apparent that the Government of India(GOI) is siding with

the Meiteis, judging from their acts of commission and omission. Ironically, we have a BJP led government at the Centre that portrays itself as a hard core nationalistic Government. It is another matter that the Indian Army was forced to even release 4 Meitei insurgents who were responsible in killing 18 soldiers of the Dogra Regiment. Is the GOI trying to appease the Meiteis? Is that how they want to deal with secessionist groups or are they bowing to pressure from these groups? Whatever it is, from this conflict and from the past history, one thing has emerged that the GOI takes seriously only those who raise the secessionist flag and gives a damn to those who swears their loyalty to India.

Even the RSS seem to side with a group that wants to break India by dishing out pro-Meitei narratives. The sense of being wronged in a Kuki psyche is very deep now. Kukis should not be pushed too far that it might compel them to a path of 2nd Kuki Rising! If such a day comes, it will be disastrous for all stakeholders including Kukis, but India's Act East policy will end up being a dream till the 22nd Century !

**A democracy thrives on diversity.
Tyranny oppresses it.**

- Sam Brownback



OPINION

Separate Administration for Kukis Has Become a Necessity to Solve the Manipur Crisis

The Manipur violence has divided people from the Kuki and Meitei community, physically and emotionally. No Meiteis would set foot in the Kuki areas whereas any Kuki setting foot in Imphal faces an impending death. This is a case of two communities that shared the closest political relationship for many years.

When one looks at the history of Manipur, Kukis supported the Meitei kings in times of prosperity and adversity. Several historical accounts mention how Kuki chiefs defended and protected Meitei kings from being slaughtered in the wilderness. However, Kukis are now labelled as ‘illegal immigrants’, ‘refugees’ and ‘narco-terrorists’.

The violence completely overturned the relationship between these two communities.

The Kukis, allies of the erstwhile Meitei kings, have become a soft target for the majority Meitei community. More than 150 people have died in the violence and properties worth thousands of crores in the Imphal valley were looted and reduced to ashes. It will take many years, and perhaps generations, to overcome the trauma inflicted by the violent mobs and the state police. Even if peace returns, no Kuki will be willing to move to the Meitei areas and the same with the Meiteis.

The initial days of the conflict did appear like a violent outburst over the demand for the Schedule Tribe (ST) status by the Meitei community. However, over time, it

appears to be a pre-meditated and planned conspiracy against the Kuki community.

Unlike previous conflicts, the recent violence has divided the state administration, the police, the judiciary and the bureaucracy deeply across ethnic lines. Under such circumstances, the rule of law and party affiliations appear to have taken a back seat.

Several brutal incidents such as the mob attack on Thanlon MLA Vungzagin Valte; the brutal killing of a woman in the Sawombung area of Manipur’s Imphal East; the killing of a lady officer, an Undersecretary to the Government of Manipur, with her son; the looting and torching of Kuki homes in the presence of police personnel are testimonies to the State’s failure to control the situation.

When politicians, including cabinet ministers and officers of the state and Union government, are so unsafe, it cannot be imagined how risky the life of the common man is in a situation of violence.

State police’s lack of credibility

Under such compelling circumstances, ten Kuki MLAs submitted a representation to the Union government on May 12, demanding a “separate administration” for the Kuki-Zo community in the state. They expressed that

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they have lost faith in the government and the majority community. Thus, the idea of a separate administration, which earlier was a demand put forth by militant organisations such as the United People's Front (UPF) and the Kuki National Organisation (KNO), has become the demand of the Kuki population represented by its lawmakers.

On August 16, the MLAs further demanded that a separate Director General of Police (DGP) and Chief Secretary be appointed immediately for the Kuki-dominated districts of Churachandpur, Pherzawl, Kangpokpi, Tengnoupal and Chandel.

While the plea for the creation of the DGP and Chief Secretary posts is an urgent administrative necessity, it's intricately linked to the concept of a separate administration.

Interestingly, the Kuki MLAs' representation to the Centre has also been the longstanding dream of Kuki militants over the last 30 years. There has never been a situation so conducive for the creation of a separate political entity as it is happening now. In their representation, the Kuki lawmakers told the Centre that the two communities living together as one would be impossible.

Thousands of government employees belonging to the Kuki community had to leave Imphal owing to the threat to their lives. Kuki bureaucrats, including senior IAS and IPS officers, posted in Imphal can no longer discharge their duties. They either took leave or relocated to safer places. There have been reported mass transfers of employees working in courts and government schools, as well as clerical staff in all offices. They are unwilling to return to Imphal.

Another equally important area to consider is the loss of faith and trust in law enforcement agencies, including the state's chief minister and the policemen. The Kuki MLAs believe that the law enforcement agencies failed miserably in safeguarding lives and maintaining law and order, alleging collusion with the violent Meitei mobs. There have been reports that suggest that the state police cooperated with the Meitei mobs when Kuki civilians and villages were being attacked. This could be seen from the accounts of the rape victims who alleged that the policemen – who were on duty – were present during

the crime but didn't help them.

Furthermore, countless atrocities and abuses that happened in the heart of Imphal city fail to get due attention or attract suo moto cognizance, particularly when the victim belonged to the Kuki community.

Such is the credibility the state police have earned over the past three months.

The violence reshaped the principles of coexistence

The Kuki MLAs have called for a separate administration with an independent DGP who can ensure fairness, protect lives, and maintain law and order without bias toward any community. This demand arises from the compelling need to secure the welfare and safety of the Kuki people, who have endured discrimination and hate for seven decades. Now, the violence perpetrated by the majority Meitei community against the Kukis has accelerated the call for separation.

The elites among the Kuki community – who are largely lukewarm to any political settlement – became the first casualty of the violence. They had wielded strong control over Kuki political movements for the past many years. They believe in peaceful coexistence and are therefore opposed to Naga integration movements.

However, the past three months have completely reshaped the principles of coexistence like never before. In an interview with The Wire, hosted by Karan Thapar, a leader of the Kuki People Alliance (KPA), W.L. Hangshing noted that the Manipur violence divided the people from the Kuki and Meitei communities, physically and emotionally. He further pointed out that as separation has already been completed, it is at the hands of the Union government to recognise and give them powers to govern themselves as two separate political entities to avoid further conflicts in the future.

Meanwhile, according to reports, two Kuki insurgent groups – UPF and KNO – are in the final rounds of negotiation with the Government of India. A separate political entity in the form of a Union territory with legislative powers, a Territorial Council or a Special Autonomy under specific provisions of the Constitution

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of India are the demands put forth by the militant groups.

Whatever it is, the ball is in the Union government's court. It's to be seen how serious it is in solving the insurgency in Manipur and the North East.

However, if the Union government is not serious enough in considering the Kuki people's problem, because it is opposed by a certain community, then it could be seen as a failure of the parliamentary system. It will set a negative precedent for all decision-making matters vested in the Union.

Secondly, it must be prepared for a new wave of insurgency.

The Kukis' loyalty to the government of India and the constitution should not be tested anymore. They fought the British for almost three years and later joined hands with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Indian National Army in the freedom struggle. Of the total 193 freedom fighters of Manipur listed in the INA Museum at Moirang in Manipur, 159 belonged to the Kuki community.

In *Bande Mataram: Freedom Fighters of Manipur*, published by the Congress party in 1986, 79 out of the total of 112 are Kukis. No other community in Manipur can match their contribution towards India's freedom struggle. However, they were denied the rightful place by successive governments for the past seven decades.

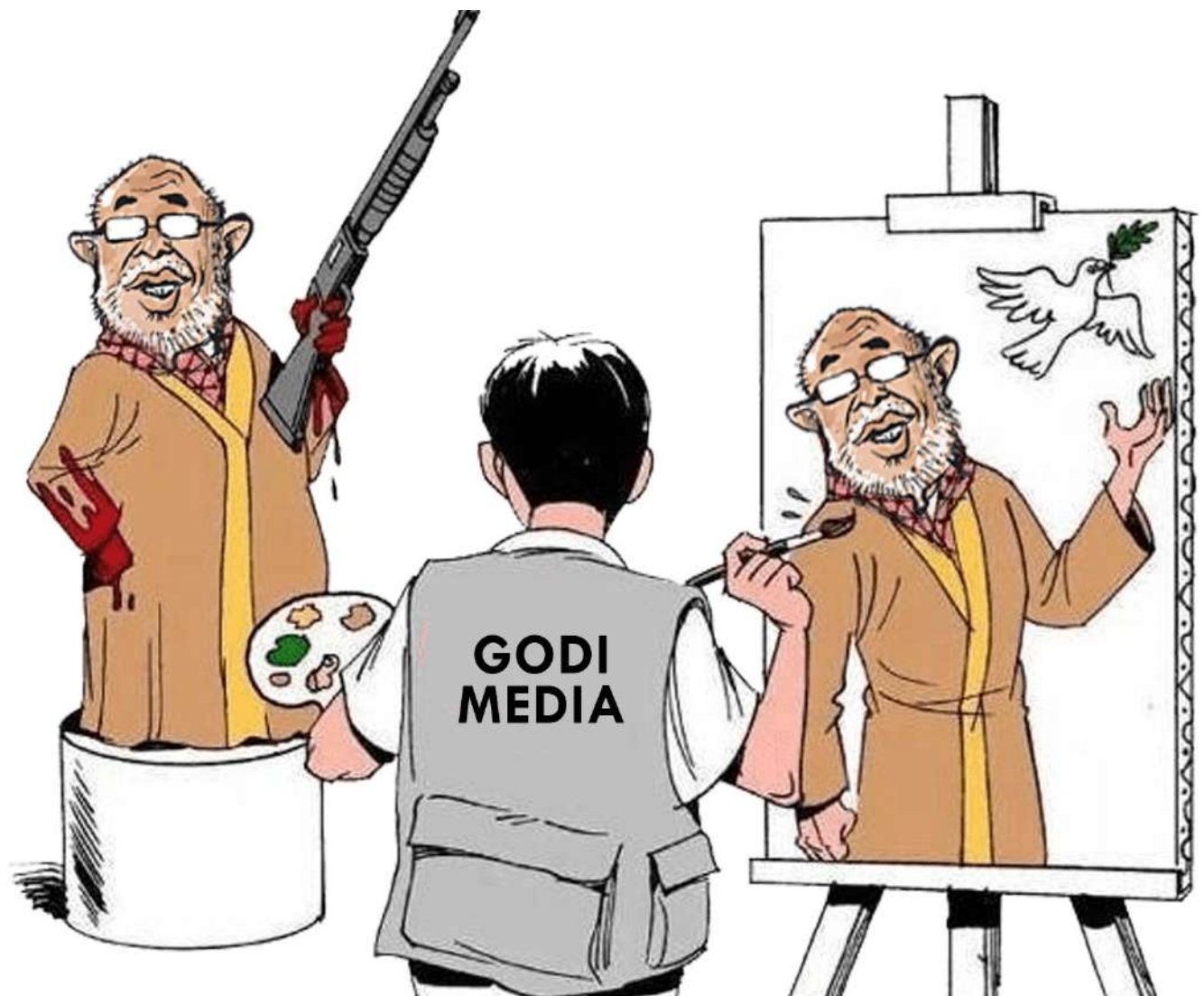
Until now, the Kukis strongly believed in the Union of India.

The recent call for a separate entity in Manipur is primarily driven by the Kukis' urgent need to safeguard their welfare and security in response to a significant existential threat. Unlike the demands of neighbouring communities like the Meiteis and the Nagas, this aspiration does not pose a challenge to the idea of India. The current demand might not have arisen if not for the substantial threats posed by the Meitei community.

In their dealings with the Manipur government, the Kukis seem to have reached a point of no return.



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&
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The Blood of Chongthu

God created the world
And God created Adam
And sometime after
Chongthu was born

Awoken by enemies' greed
Greed of our land
Awoken by enemies' fear
Fear of our blood-erhood

The brotherhood that dates
Back to sometime
Sometime after Creation
It's the Blood of Chongthu

Because this is not a blood
Smeared by every traveller
Spilled by every conqueror
Polluted by every migrants

Everyplace we are
We yearn our stories
Stories of our brothers
In a distant land.

But the blood of Chongthu
It's a blood preserved
Preserved well..
In the hills of Zalengam.

Separated in 3 countries
Subdued in 3 names
Kuki Chin Mizo
But still the blood of one.

~Seikang Haokip

