

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

3 MAY - KUKI-ZO AWAKENING DAY

OBSERVANCE OF ONE-YEAR MEITEI ETHNIC CLEANSING AGAINST KUKI-ZO



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.05.2024



185
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.

ALL DECKS CLEARED FOR MAY 3 OBSERVANCES

As the first instances of violence broke out in Manipur on 3rd May 2023, the Kuki community has prepared for the observation of the day as 'Kuki-Zo Awakening Day.' All decks have been cleared for the momentous occasion.

Various Kuki Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) has rolled-up their sleeves for the observation of the 3rd May when the state sponsored ethnic cleansing against the Kuki community began last year.

In Churachandpur, the observation will be held under the supervision of Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), wherein condolences service will be held at Martyrs' Cemetery at Sehken Village, to be led by Joint Philanthropic Organizations (JPO). During the condolence service programme, floral tribute will be paid to the fallen heroes.

Notably, all business establishments including shops, markets and institutions will be also shut down on the day, paying respect and homage to the fallen heroes. Later in the evening, there will be a 'Candle Light Vigil' at Wall of Remembrance Site at Tuibong, which will be lead by student body.

In Delhi, the Kuki Students' Organization Delhi & NCR will be observing the day at Jantar Mantar from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

In Hyderabad, the programme will be held under the aegis of Unau Tribal Forum Hyderabad, where in Kuki-Zo martyrs will be remembered fondly.

Meanwhile, a total and absolute shutdown will be rigorously enforced in Sadar Hills, Kangpokpi District, on May 3, marking the solemn occasion of the Kuki-Zo Martyrs' One Year Remembrance Day.

The Kuki-Zo community will solemnly commemorate the Kuki-Zo Martyrs' One Year Remembrance Day, rallying under the powerful theme "Be Strong and



Courageous," drawn from Joshua 1:9. The solemn event will be held at the Martyrs' Cemetery in Phaijang village, Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District, under the aegis of the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU), Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District, with the resounding slogan "You Sacrifice Your Today for Our Tomorrow."

The total shutdown will commence from midnight of May 2 and culminate on midnight of May 3.

As directed by CoTU, the Kuki-Zo community will display unity and respect by hoisting black flags at their respective homes on May 3 to commemorate Remembrance Day. They will also observe a candlelight vigil from 7 p.m. onwards in their respective homes. Additionally, the same candlelight vigil will be held along the National Highway from Gamgiphai to Taphou and in all bazaar areas.

During the solemn noon session, a profound gun salute will pay homage to the fallen Kuki-Zo martyrs, accompanied by a heartfelt candlelight vigil. The entire Kuki-Zo community shall stand unified in commemorating Remembrance Day, donning solemn black attire.

After the noon session program, CoTU leaders will hand over a memorandum in connection with the Kuki-Zo's Separate Administration movement to the Prime Minister of India

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through Deputy Commissioner, Kangpokpi.

During the observation of Kuki-Zo Martyr's One Year Remembrance Day, no other programs shall be organized by Kuki-Zo individuals or organizations. Traveling, jhumming, and other activities are strictly restricted.

All residents of the Kuki-Zo community in the district are obliged to participate in the observation

event, scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 3:09 p.m. Additionally, attendees of Remembrance Day are directed to display a black flag on their vehicles.

To honor the fallen Kuki-Zo martyrs and demonstrate unity, all churches in Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District will hold a mass prayer within their premises, followed by candlelight vigils outside each church.

KUKI CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION OF MANIPUR DENOUNCES MANIPULATIVE CLAIMS BY CM N. BIREN SINGH REGARDING EMERGENCE OF NEW VILLAGES

The Kuki Chiefs' Association of Manipur strongly rebukes the baseless assertions made by Manipur's Chief Minister, Mr. N. Biren Singh, regarding the purported emergence of 996 new villages in the state. The attempt to link the establishment of these villages to migrants from Myanmar is not only unfounded but also prejudicial.

Mr. N. Biren Singh's apparent lack of understanding of the origin, history, and customs of the Kuki people is concerning. The traditional Kuki chieftainship and inheritance laws, which have been practiced for generations, allow for the establishment of new settlements within owned or demarcated land by the village chief or eldest family member.

Making conjectural statements without proper knowledge of customary laws and practices only serves to exacerbate the existing chaos and confusion in the state. It is crucial for the government to refrain from altering narratives to malign specific communities and instead focus on objective analysis and scrutiny before making such claims in the future.

Furthermore, it is worth recalling Mr. N. Biren Singh's own statement from June 19, 2023, wherein he declared that there are no illegal immigrants in Manipur. Consistency and factual accuracy must be maintained to avoid further polarization and division within the state.



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REBUTTAL ON CM's 996 NEW VILLAGES IN MANIPUR Lamka The 1st May, 2024

The Kuki Chiefs' Association Manipur categorically refutes the hollow claims and unsubstantiated allegations intermittently made by the 'exclusive' BJP-led government by the divisive CM of Manipur, Mr. N.Biren Singh on the 'emergence of 996 new villages in Manipur.' Linking the rise and emergence of new villages to that of 'migrants' from Myanmar is immature and prejudicial too!

It is outlandish on the part of Mr. N. Biren Singh to feign ignorance of the origin, history and customs of the Kuki people who had stood the test of time. The age-old Kuki traditional chieftainship and laws of inheritance have been in practice since time immemorial, wherein the village chief or for that matter, the eldest of the family, endow rights of establishing new village/settlement to his younger brother within his owned/demarcated land. Conjectural statements without knowing one's own customary laws and practices, or ascertaining the facts on the ground, could only result in more chaos and confusion in the already torn-apart state.

Let the CM recall his own statement on June 19, 2023 in which he said, 'there is no illegal immigrants in Manipur.' Intermittently changing narratives to tarnish the image of a particular community would not yield any positive result. And it is imperative on the part of the government of the day to objectively deduce and scrutinize before making tall claims in the future.


(LETKHOSEI MATE)
President Secretary (External)
Kuki Chiefs' Association Manipur

KUKI LEADERS CONDEMN BURNING OF HOUSES IN JIRIBAM DISTRICT AFTER SECURITY OPERATIONS

The Kuki Inpi of Jiri, Tamenglong & Noney, along with the Kuki Chief Association of Tousem Block, expresses deep dismay over the burning of two Kuki houses by unidentified individuals. The incident occurred shortly after security personnel conducted a series of combing operations in Kuki villages in Jiribam and neighboring areas.

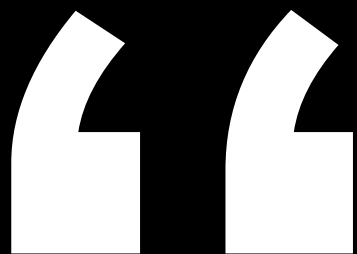
On April 30, 2024, security forces led by the 39th Assam Rifles conducted a combing operation in Leisangphai (Muktokhal) village, followed by a similar operation in Sejang village in Jiribam on May 1. These operations were allegedly prompted by false information regarding the capture and confinement of a person belonging to the Meetei community in Mongbung village. However, there is no evidence to support such claims, and it appears to have been fabricated to justify military operations in areas where Kuki communities reside adjacent to Meitei settlements.

Contrary to these baseless accusations, Kuki villages like Phaitol, Mongbung, and Molzol have faced periodic intimidation, including gunfire from the fringes of Meetei settlements. Last month, approximately fifty Meetei militants, fully equipped with military gear, advanced aggressively towards Mongbung village. Despite these alarming incidents, authorities have



reportedly ignored the plight of Kuki villagers while cracking down on village volunteers and confiscating licensed single-barrel guns intended for defense during times of crisis.

The sequence of events, wherein combing operations are followed by the burning of Kuki houses, is deeply concerning and incomprehensible to the tribal communities. The Kuki Inpi and Kuki Chief Association urgently appeal to the authorities to set aside prejudices and apprehend those responsible for the arson. Additionally, they call for an end to the ongoing intimidation of Kuki people in Jiribam and surrounding areas.



**The successful revolutionary is a statesman,
the unsuccessful one a criminal.**

– Erich Fromm

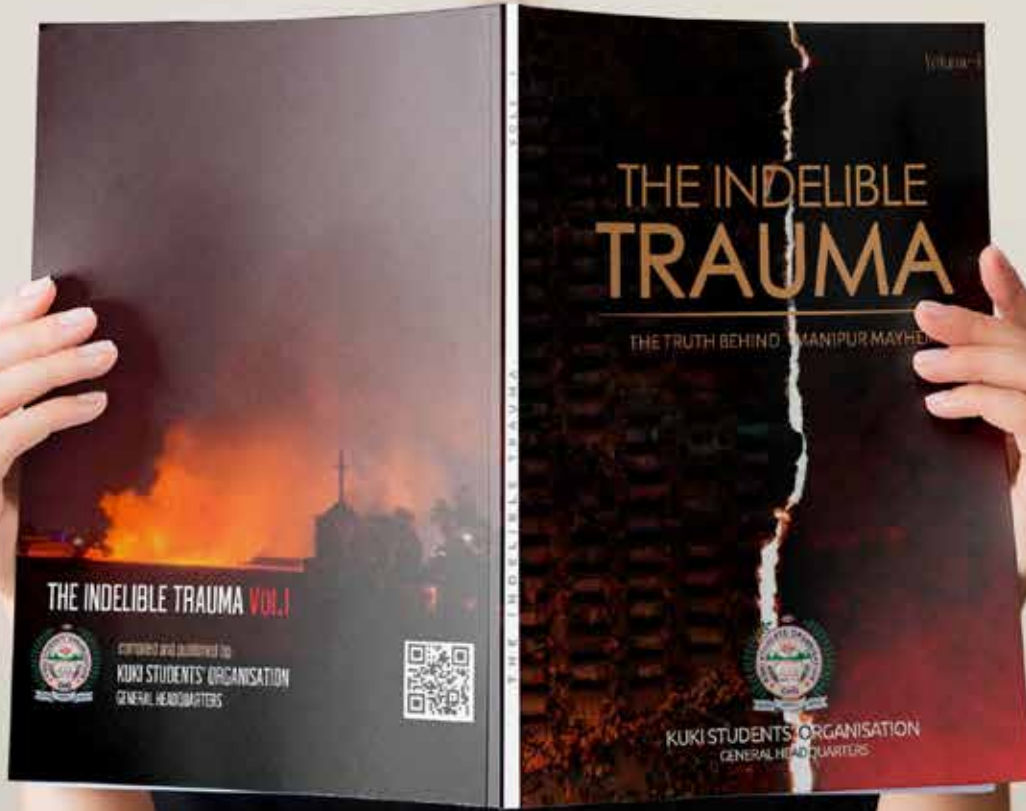
TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENT RECALLED: MAY 02, 2023

In the run-up to the peaceful “Solidarity March” against the infamous Manipur High Court Order over Meitei ST demand issue, under the aegis of All Tribal Students’ Union Manipur (ATSUM)- comprising students from Naga and Kuki communities, which was scheduled on May 3, 2023, the Meitei radicals - patronised by their political leaders - had carried out selective ‘counter blockade’ to the Kukis.

The counter protest was carried out from May 2, 2023 afternoon onwards where mobs blocked roads leading to Kukis’ hill towns and villages, leading to commotion in some places. Some of the Kukis heading towards their hill villages/towns from the State’s capital, Imphal, were blocked and denied reaching their destinations.

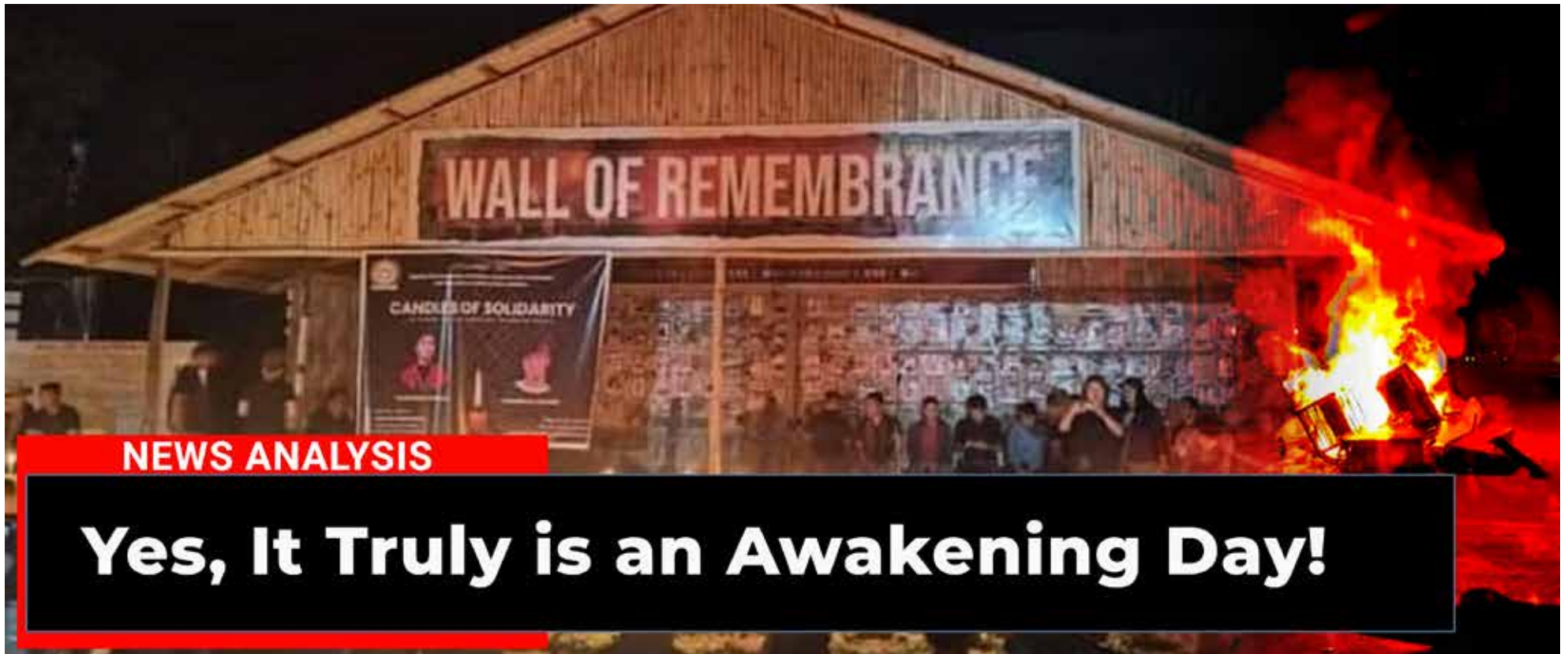


Even though, the tribals’ peaceful protest was organised by students from both Naga and Kuki communities, the Meiteis began to selectively target the Kukis, a sign of their pre-planned state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom.



LAUNCHING SOON

This treatise is being prepared and published to unravel the lies and perfidy of our adversaries and put in perspective the authentic truth so that it stands as a testimony of the genocide that is being perpetrated on us and our people With the hope and expectation that the perpetrators of these reprehensible crimes are brought to justice; and ignite a glimmer of solace and consolation to our indignant souls.



The Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) has recently made an announcement that it will be observing May 3 as Kuki- Zo Awakening to mark the first anniversary Meitei's Genocide Campaign against Kuki-Zo ethnic group which was launched on May 3, 2023. In fact, the day will remain as a day Kukis were awoken from the deepest of slumber in the comfort of their homes. Moreover, it becomes a day we reconsider our principles on coexistence, rewrite history, redirect our priorities and reevaluate our strengths and weaknesses. Therefore, KIM finds it most appropriate to call the day AWAKENING DAY.

To recall again, on this day a year ago, Meiteis and their right-wing secessionist militant organizations launched a sudden and surprised attack against innocent Kukis. Rather than controlling the situation, the Manipur state government and its law enforcing agencies stood silent on what has happened in the heart of Imphal city. Within days, hundreds of innocent Kukis were killed and thousands of homes were reduced to ashes. Within weeks, tens of thousands Kukis were displaced from their homes. Till today, there is no relief at sight. The Manipur government and the far-right Meitei organizations continues targeting Kukis and their settlements on the pretext of performing the 'noblest causes' such as 'war on drugs', 'checking illegal

immigration' and 'fighting militancy'.

There is a long list of stories that describe the pains and sufferings of innocents in the hands of a state-sponsored terror. For twelve months now, we stood against the mighty state forces, resist several thousand strong Meitei militants who constantly made inroads into Kuki areas and attack innocent villagers. Kuki-Zo civil societies have urged Centre's intervention, but our pleas are never taken into consideration. We are left without any option but defend with the least we have. Thankfully by the Grace of God, we miserably failed them in their genocidal campaign.

Now, as we continue to fight Meitei terror which is purely based on hate and greed, it gives invaluable lessons to all Kuki-Zo ethnic groups in Manipur and elsewhere. Meitei atrocities have taught that the only means of our survival is taking firm and united stance against any forms of hatred and inhuman subjections to the other. It also taught that victory lies not in numbers but in the fair spirit of defending one's life and territory against any external threat.

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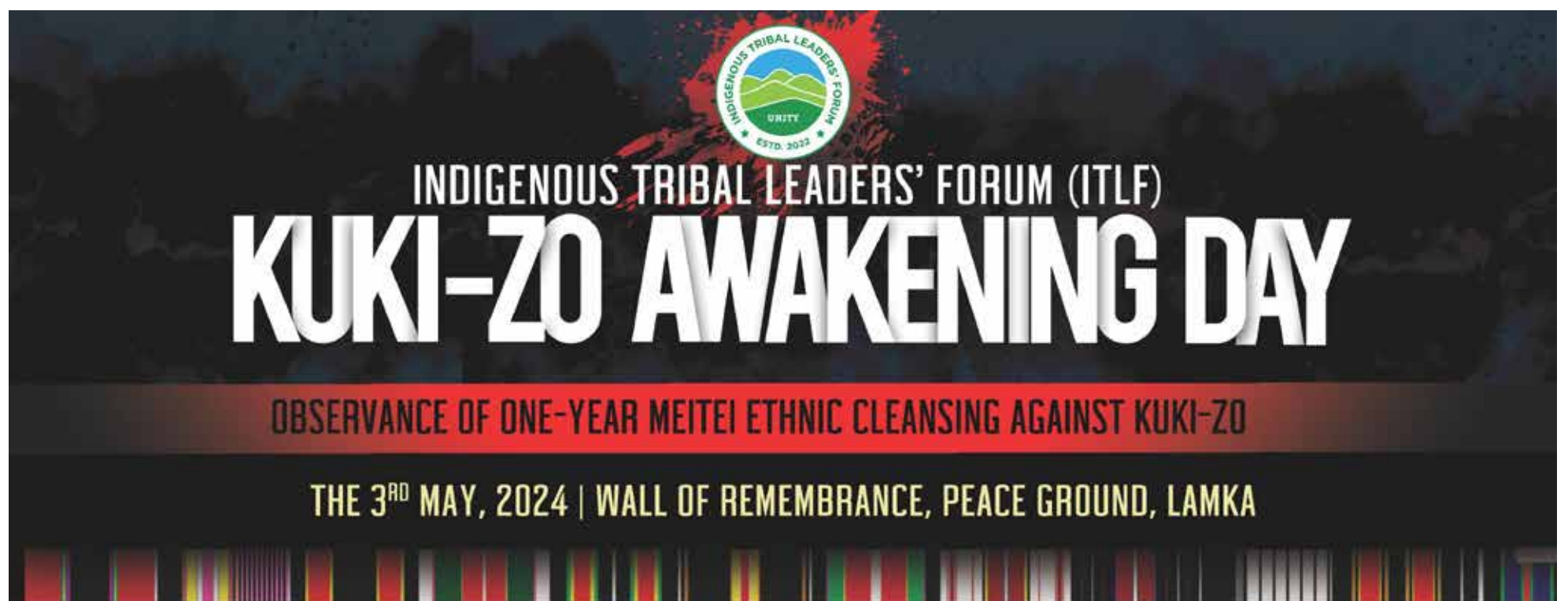
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Meitei atrocities also taught us that we could no longer rely on the friendship our forefathers forged, as it has been proven treacherous. For once and again, it is proven that our right to life, dignity and freedom depends on the supreme sacrifice of our sons and daughters alone. We have also been reminded that our home lies not in the valley but deep in the mountains, the abode of our ancestors. We must ensure that these mountains shine bright and beautiful someday. Meiteis greed and jealousy taught that we should be independent from Meitei centric systems such as education and medical care. We are compelled to build our own hospitals, schools and universities. We realized the importance of maintaining an independent arterial road for transport and communication.

Meitei war crimes also taught that, at the end of the day we would survive together if we firmly stood united or perished altogether otherwise. Our sons in the battlefield and our daughters attending the family have learnt how trivial is to fight for names and dialectal variations. When there is an impending death waiting at the other bunker, it is the other who comes to the rescue risking his own. Meitei atrocities developed the

spirit of unity, gave so much hope, rebuilt trust and heal past wounds among us. Thus, the genocidal campaign against us has become a 'necessary evil' for our self-realization and introspection.

With this, the proposed theme "KUKI-ZO AWAKENING DAY" by Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) appropriately presents the situations as to how far have we managed to capitalized Meitei aggression to our advantage. The theme positively presents a sense of responsibility for each and every one of us to contribute toward our common cause. It challenges the old school of thought on our values; coexistence, integrity, development and nation building as it becomes obsolete since May 3, 2023. The day, though deadly and destructive, has redirected us towards our original path - a path of past glory which was taken away a few hundred years ago. We must accept May 3 as an Awakening Call to also shed our differences, accept each other and more importantly keep us reminded that none of us will survive alone as petty tribe or clan. We will only restore our past glory as one great nation.



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KUKI-ZO MARTYRS

IN DEFENCE OF OUR ANCESTRAL LAND AND FREEDOM

01



SEHKHOHAO KIPGEN, 35
K. Phaijang, Henglep, Lamka
Beaten to death on May 3, 2023

02



NENKHO LUN VAIPHEI, 18
B. Phainom, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 3, 2023

03



LAMMINLAL KHONGSAI, 30
Hebron Veng, Phai pijang
Lynched to death on May 4, 2023

04



GINKHOHEN HAOKIP, 34
Kotlen, Sadar Hills
Beaten to death at Keinou Thongkha

05



HMINGTHANGLIEN PULAMTE, 44
Rengkai, Lamka
Killed on May 3, 2023

06



THANGMINHAO HAOKIP, 28
Chavangphai, Moreh
Shot by Commandos on May 3, 2023

07



THANGGOULUN TUNGNUNG, 16
Chavangphai, Moreh
Shot by Commandos on May 3, 2023

08



THONGJATHANG HAOKIP, 37
Chavangphai, Moreh
Killed by mob at Singjamei

09



JAMKHOPAO MATE, 68
Chavangphai, Moreh
Beaten to death at Singjamei

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SEIMINTHANG LUPHENG, 29

Kanan Veng, Moreh Ward 7

Killed and body disposed at Imphal River

11



LALTHANSANG PULAMTE, 47

Gangpimual, Lamka

Shot dead on May 4, 2023

12



ALEX JAMGOUMANG BAITE, 23

B. Phaicham, Lamka

Shot dead on May 4, 2023

13



JAMKHOGIN BAITE, 36

B. Goshen Veng, Lamka

Shot dead on May 4, 2023

14



KAMKHOGIN KIPGEN, 19

S. Toljang, Lamka

Shot dead on May 4, 2023

15



GOULALSANG, 27

Lamphel, Imphal West

Lynched on May 4, 2023

16



PAOLALMUON HAOKIP, 18

Thenzol, Lamka

Bludgeoned to death on May 4, 2023

17



HENLALSIEM @SIEMCHA GANGTE, 48

National Games Village, Imphal West

Burnt alive on May 4, 2023

18



KHUPLUNTHANG MILUN, 26

Tuining, Chandel

Killed on May 4, 2023



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19



SATGOUKAI SINGSIT, 18
Gamgiphai, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on May 4, 2023

20



HAOMINTHANG CHONGLOI, 28
Leimakhong Bazar, Sadar Hills
Beheaded on May 4, 2023

21



KHAIKHOLAM HAOKIP, 41
N. Terakhong, Thoubal
Killed on May 4, 2023

22



NGAMTHANG LHUNGDIM, 41
Khongsai Veng, Imphal East
Beaten to death on May 4, 2023

23



JAMKHOLAL LHUNGDIM, 34
M. Songgel, Lamka
Beaten to death on May 4, 2023

24



SOITINKAM VAIPHEI, 56
B. Phainom, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 4, 2023

25



LALDINTHANGA @ LALJEM, 35
Haokhongching, Sadar Hills
Burnt alive on May 4, 2023

26



LETGUNCHON TOUTHANG, 18
P. Phaimuol, Sadar Hills
Lynched by mob on May 4, 2023

27



NEHMINLUN HAOKIP, 28
Tingkai Khullen, Sadar Hills
Burnt alive on May 4, 2023



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28



LAMNEIKAM VAIPHEI, 56
Salam Patong, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 4, 2023

29



THANGGINLUN LUPHENG, 17
Khongsai Veng, Imphal East
Shot dead on May 4, 2023

30



KAMMINLUN KHONGSAI, 38
T. Monglham, Lamka
Dragged and lynched from
Moirang PS on May 4, 2023

31



THANGLERMANG KHONGSAI, 32
Chaningpokpi, Sadar Hills
Beaten to death on May 4, 2023

32



THANGMINLEN VAIPHEI, 32
Govajang, Sadar Hills
Killed at Chingarel on May 4, 2023

33



DAVID HRANGCHAL, 44
Muolvaiphei, Pherzawl
Killed on May 4, 2023

34



MANGMINJOY HAOKIP, 20
C. Aisan, Sadar Hills
Killed by Commando on May 4, 2023

35



LETMINTHANG SONGTHAT HAOKIP, 26
B. Ebenezer, Lamka
Bludgeoned and burnt in
his quarter on May 4, 2023

36



LALREMRUOT PULAMTE, 33
Saidan, Lamka
Lynched at Moirang PS
on May 4, 2023



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37



LUNGINLAL @ LALNEO, 35
Zomunnuam, Lamka
Killed on May 4, 2023

38



KAMLALLIAN VAIPHEI, 35
Kangvai, Lamka
Shot dead on May 5, 2023

39



CHONKHOLEN HAOKIP, 26
Lhunjang, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on May 5, 2023

40



HAOKHOLET @ DANIEL HAOKIP, 27
Changpikot, Lamka
Shot dead on May 5, 2023

41



THENMINLAL HAOKIP, 30
Dopkon, Lamka
Shot dead on May 5, 2023

42



KHAIJAMANG HAOKIP, 43
Nomjang, Lamka
Shot dead on May 5, 2023

43



MAWIKHENMUNG NAULAK, 19
Vengnuam, New Lamka
Bludgeoned to death on May 5, 2023

44



JANGKHOPAO HAOKIP, 55
Lailampat, Lamka
Shot dead on May 5, 2023

45



DALLAMTHANG SUANTAK, 50
Awnkap Veng, Lamka
Lynched at Moirang PS
on May 5, 2023



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46



LETMINCHING HAOKIP, 18
Songphel, Ukhrul
Hecked to death on May 5, 2023

47



CHINLIANMUNG, 25
Hermon Veng, Tuibong, Lamka
Abducted & Missing since Aug. 5, 2023

48



HANGLALMUON VAIPHEI, 22
Thingkangphai, Lamka
Lynched in Police Custody

49



JANGMINLUN KHONGSAI, 23
Singda Kuki, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 5, 2023

50



THANGHOULAL, 35
Simveng, Lamka
Beaten to death on May 6, 2023

51



LALZATHANG VAIPHEI, 60
Kamu Tangnom, Sadar Hills
Burnt Alive on May 6, 2023

52



NGAMPAO LHUNGDIM, 67
N. Heikon, Thoubal
Killed on May 6, 2023

53



THONGKHOSUN TOUTHANG, 62
P. Khonuomphai, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 6, 2023

54



GINLALZUI GANGTE, 25
HQ Veng, Lamka
Shot dead on May 7, 2023



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55



TONGKHOJANG KHONGTHANG, 26
Dongsum, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 7, 2023

56



KHUALMINTHANG VAIPHEI, 27
K. Kotlian, Lamka
Killed on May 7, 2023

57



D. PAOBUL HAOKIP, 53
Govajang, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on May 8, 2023

58



DOUTHANG HAOKIP, 86
S. Gamnomjang, Lamka
Shot dead on May 9, 2023

59



LALNIKHAM KHAWBUNG, 42
Rengkai, Lamka
Shot dead on May 9, 2023

60



LUNKHOLAL HAOKIP, 66
Saiton Khullen, Lamka
Shot dead on May 9, 2023

61



THANGKHANLAL, 43
Vengnuam, New Lamka
Shot dead on May 9, 2023

62



BABY ISAAC, 1 MONTH
Rengkai, Lamka
Died due to medical negligence
on May 11, 2023

63



L. MANGKHANSIAM NGAIHTE, 28
Lamzang, Lamka
Succumbed to Injury on May 20, 2023



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64



JAMKOTHANG @ JACOB TOUTHANG, 37
T. Chavangphai, Lamkai
Shot dead on May 27, 2023

65



THANGMINLUN HAOKIP, 26
Phaisi, Sugnu, Chandel
Shot dead on May 28, 2023

66



DOUMINTHANG HAOKIP, 41
Haika L, Sugnu, Chandel
Shot dead on May 28, 2023

67



LUNMINSANG HAOKIP, 25
Ekou Mulam, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 28, 2023

68



LUNGOUGIN HAOKIP, 21
Songphel, Ukhrul
Shot dead on May 28, 2023

69



SONKHOLEN GUTE, 38
Pashong, Ukhrul
Shot dead on May 28, 2023

70



THANGJALEN CHONGLOI, 25
Twisomjang, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on May 28, 2023

71



GABRIEL HOLKHANLIEN MATE, 21
New Moreh, Guite Veng, W-9
Shot dead on May 28, 2023

72



LETMINTHANG @ BENJAMIN GUTE, 23
T. Munnuomjang, Chandel
Shot dead on May 29, 2023



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73



NEHLENLAL CHONGLOI, 36
Khunkho Kuki, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on May 29, 2023

74



PAOHAO KHONGSAI, 43
Saichang, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 29, 2023

75



THANGKHOCHON KHONGSAI, 41
Langching, Chandel
Killed on May 29, 2023

76



NEHMANG KIPGEN, 43
S. Phailengkot, Sadar Hills
Burnt alive on May 31, 2023

77



JANGMINTHANG KIPGEN, 47
N. Mollen, Sadar Hills
Burnt Alive on June 01, 2023

78



THANGKHOLET KIPGEN, 23
Hiengjol, Chandel
Killed on June 01, 2023

79



TONSING HANGSHING, 07
Kangchup Chingkhong, Sadar Hills
Burnt alive inside ambulance
on June 04, 2023

80



CHONGOULEN SINGSIT, 27
Motbung, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on June 04, 2023

81



THANGSAMIR, 25
Mercy Lane, Manripukhri
Lynched on June 05, 2023

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82



JANGPAO TOUTHANG, 42
Khoken, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on June 09, 2023

83



KHAIMANG GUTE, 52
Khoken, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on June 09, 2023

84



LALKHOHAO KHONGSAI, 26
S. Mongbung, Sadar Hills
Killed on June 09, 2023

85



NGAMGOUMANG, 28
Chehjang, Sugnu, Chandel
Burnt alive on June 09, 2023

86



MUANSANG NAULAK, 22
College Veng, New Lamka
Shot dead on June 12, 2023

87



LALBOILEN HAOKIP, 36
Songphel, Ukhrul
Abducted & Killed on June 14, 2023

88



PAOCHON TOUTHANG, 42
Sangaikot, Lamka
Killed on June 14, 2023

89



THANGTINLEN KHONGSAI, 32
Khongtah, Sadar Hills
Abducted & Killed on June 14, 2023

90



GINSANGLUN LOTZEM, 17
T. Gamnom, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on June 21, 2023



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91



KHOUNGLIENSANG VAIPHEI, 49
Center Road, Lamka
Shot dead on June 24, 2023

92



LENGLAM DIMNGEL, 40
Ichaigojang, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on June 29, 2023

93



DAVID THIEK HMAR, 32
Chingmeilang (Langza), Lamka
Beheaded on July 02, 2023

94



HENGOUMANG LHUNGDIM, 19
Gelmol, Lamka
Shot dead on July 07, 2023

95



SOKHONGAM BAITE, 21
D. Khonuom, Lamka
Shot dead on July 07, 2023

96



JANGKHOLUN, 34
Thangbuh, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on July 16, 2023

97



BOUNGHANGLUR, 30
Moinadhor, Pherzawl
Killed on July 16, 2023

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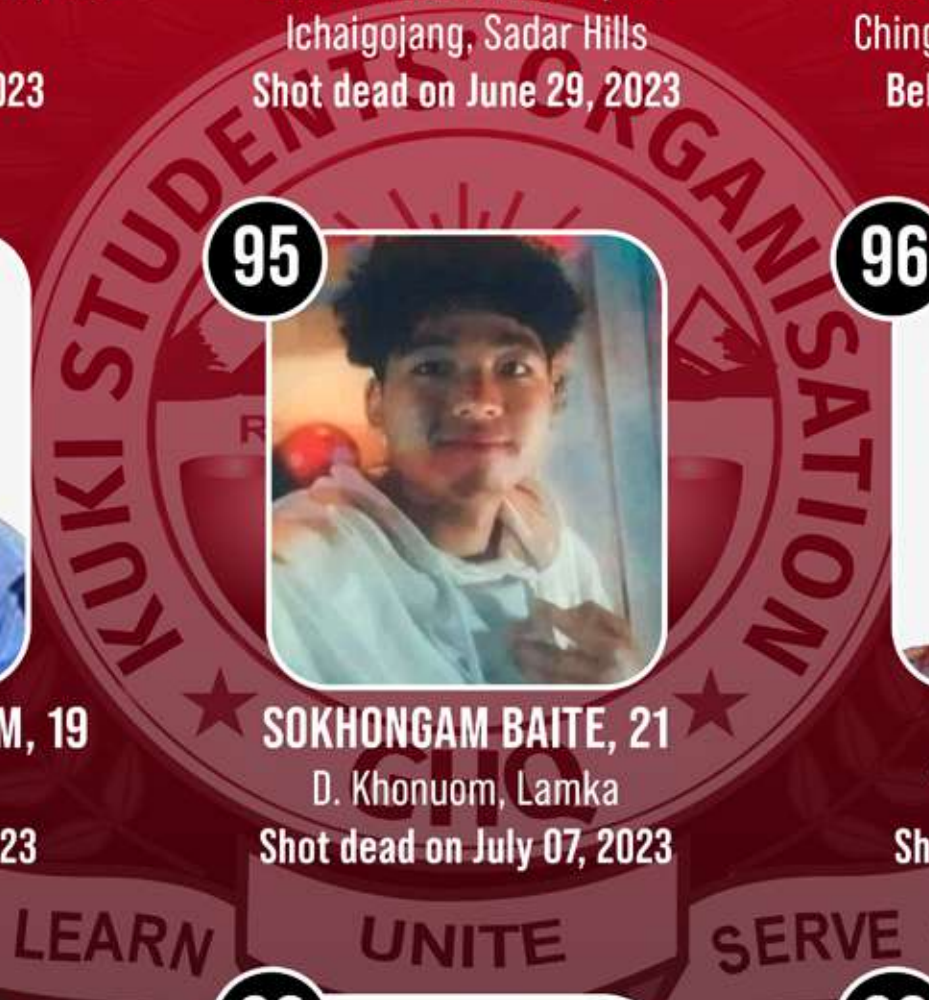


IMMANUEL HMAR, 41
Hmarkhawlien, Cachar, Assam
Killed on July 18, 2023

99



LUNMINTHANG LUPHENG, 30
S. Bolkot, Lamka
Shot dead on July 27, 2023



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100



M. LETMINTHANG HAOKIP, 34
Phaichambung, Tengnoupal
Killed on August 04, 2023

101



JOSEPH HAOKIP, 28
Motjang, Tengnoupal
Killed on August 04, 2023

102



THANGGOULEN LHOUVUM, 16
M. Chahnou, Moreh, W-9
Shot by MP on August 05, 2023,
[Succumbed to injury]

103



JANGKHOMANG HAOKIP, 40
G. Mongjang, Lamka
Shot dead on August 05, 2023

104



JOHNY LALKHOLEN GUTE, 32
Jangnomphai, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on August 05, 2023

105



JAMKHOGIN HAOKIP, 26
Thowai Kuki, Ukhrul
Shot dead on August 18, 2023

106



THANGKHOKAI HAOKIP, 35
Thowai Kuki, Ukhrul
Shot dead on August 18, 2023

107



HOLLENSON BAITE, 24
Thowai Kuki, Ukhrul
Shot dead on August 18, 2023

108



LETKOHEN HAOKIP, 35
K. Salbung, Lamka
Died in the line of duty [Typhoid]



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109



JANGMINLUN GANGTE, 30
Songdo, Lamka
Shot dead on August 29, 2023

110



L.S. MANGBOI LHUNGDIM, 50
T. Muipha, Lamka
Killed in bombing on August 31, 2023

111



RICHARD HEMKHOLUN, 31
Neihzial Veng, Lamka
Killed in bombing on August 31, 2023

112



PAOKAM KIPGEN, 46
Koite, Lamka
Killed in bombing on August 31, 2023

113



PAUSONDAM VAIPHEI, 32
Kangvai, Lamka
Killed in bombing on August 31, 2023

114



ANILAL BASUMATARY @ BANTHAR BODO
Saikul, Sadar Hills
Died in the line of duty (Heart Attack)
on September 08, 2023

115



PAOGOULEN HAOKIP, 34
Khangbarol, Chandel
Shot dead on September 09, 2023

116



NGAMMINLUN KIPGEN, 31
Lhangichoi, Sadar Hills
Killed in Ambush on Sept. 12, 2023

117



NGAMMINLUN LHOUVUM, 30
K. Ponlen, Sadar Hills
Killed in Ambush on Sept. 12, 2023



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118



LAMKHOSAT @ SATNEO TUBOI, 41
K. Ponlen, Sadar Hills
Killed in Ambush on Sept. 12, 2023

119



S.I. ONKHOMANG HAOKIP, 35
DHQ Tuibong, Lamka
Shot dead on September 13, 2023

120



JANGMINLUN HAOKIP, 23
Ankhombung, Sadar Hills
Died in the line of duty (Heart Attack)
on September 19, 2023

121



LALREMSANG VAIPHEI, 18
D. Phailien, Lamka
Died in the line of duty (Typhoid)
on September 27, 2023

122



LUNGOUSANG HAOKIP, 18
Leisan Tampak, Lamka
Died in the line of duty
on September 30, 2023

123



THANGKHOCHON HAOKIP, 35
Selkui, Chandel
Died in the line of duty (Accident)
on September 30, 2023

124



LETMINLEN HAOKIP, 23
Pangmol, Sadar Hills
Died in the line of duty (Typhoid)
on October 05, 2023

125



JANGKHONGAM HAOKIP, 48
S. Phaipijang, Lamka
Succumbed to SF torture
on October 12, 2023

126



JOHN THANGJALAM HAOKIP, 25
Bolkot, Lamka
Abducted and lynched on Nov. 07, 2023



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127



JAMKHOTANG LHANGHAL, 40
Mongjang, Lamka
Abducted and lynched on Nov. 07, 2023

128



THANGMINLUN HANGSHING,
Khunkho Kuki, Sadar Hills
Killed in Ambush on Nov. 20, 2023

129



HENMINLEN VAIPHEI,
Mission Veng, Leimakhong, Sadar Hills
Killed in Ambush on Nov. 20, 2023

130



KHUPMINTHANG HAOKIP,
L. Phaikholum, Lamka
Shot dead on Nov. 25, 2023

131



THANGJANGAM HAOKIP, 34
Tingkai Khullen, Sadar Hills
Killed in Ambush on Nov. 27

132



KHAITINMANG BAITE,
Moreh, Tengnoupal
Shot dead on December 14, 2023

133



KHAMJAHAU, 32
Kuvan, Sangaikot, Lamka
Killed at Sanakeithel, Lamphel

134



THANGLALMUON VAIPHEI, 31
P. Geljang, Sadar Hills
Killed on May 03, 2023

135



THANGMINKHUP, 29
Loklaiphai, Lamka
Abducted and killed on Sept. 15, 2023



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136



JOHNA, 38

Thingchom, Lamka

Died in the line of duty (Pneumonia)
on January 16, 2024

137



TILMINLUN KHONGSAI, 26

Phainom, Sadar Hills

Shot dead at Satang on Jan. 27, 2024

138



DEMKHOGIN KHONGSAI, 39

J. Gamngai Veng, Saikul, Sadar Hills

Shot dead on Feb. 13, 2024

139



LETLALKHUOL GANGTE, 29

Nalon, Lamka

Victim of "Wall of Remembrance
Massacre" on Feb. 15, 2024

140



THANGGUNLEN HAOKIP

S. Canan Veng, Lamka

Victim of "Wall of Remembrance
Massacre" on Feb. 15, 2024

141



GOUSANGKUNG, 37

Nalon Lamka

Died in the line of duty
on February 23, 2024

142



SATMINLUN HAOKIP, 19

V. Lhangnom, Lamka

Died in the line of duty
on February 24, 2024

143



PAOMINLUN HAOKIP, 35

Kungpi Naosen, Leimata, Lamka

Died in the line of duty
on March 01, 2024

144



LENKHOKAL HAOKIP, 28

Loibol Kholen, Sadar Hills

Died in the line of duty (Pneumonia)
on March 25, 2024

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145



HENLALMUON, 16

P. Kamdou Veng, Lamka

Died in the line of duty (Pneumonia)
on March 25, 2024

146



THANGKHOHAO HAOKIP,

Veitum Kholen, Sadar Hills

Killed on May 04, 2023
[Body Still Missing]

147



JANGKHOLUN HAOKIP, 69

MB Saichang, Lamka

Succumbed to injury
on March 09, 2024

148



KAMLENGSAT LUNKIM, 25

Bongjang Village, Sadar Hills

Killed by bombing and mutilated
on April 13, 2024 [Body Still Missing]

149



KAMMINLAL LUPHENG, 23

Nongdam Kuki, Kamjong Dist.

Killed by bombing and mutilated
on April 13, 2024 [Body Still Missing]

150



KAMGOUGIN CHONGLOI, 21

Gangpijang, Saikul, Sadar Hills

Died in the line of duty
on April 12, 2024

151



MANGMINCHUNG HAOKIP, 29

G. Gelbung, Sadar Hills

Died in the line of duty
on April 19, 2024

152



SATTINCHON LHOUVUM, 28

Aithuh Songpijang, Sadar Hills

Died in the line of duty
on March 29, 2024

153



JACOB L. PAKHUONGTE, 46

Nehru Marg, Zenhang Lamka

Died in the line of duty
on April 20, 2024

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154



SEIKHOHAO HAOKIP, 33

Boljol Village, Lamka
Died in the line of duty
on April 22, 2024

155



LAMMANG KIPGEN, 44

L. Molsang, Sadar Hills
Shot dead on April 28, 2024

156



JEHOVA LALSIEMMUAN, 18

Nazareth Veng, Lamka
Died in the line of duty
on April 04, 2024

Women Victims of STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING

157



GOUZAVUNG, 58

Lamphel CP Quarter, Imphal West
Attacked and killed by mob on May 4, 2023

158



VEINEM CHONGLOI, 87

Lamphel, Imphal West
Hecked to death with machete
on May 4, 2023

159



HELAM CHONGLOI, 50

Lamphel, Imphal West
Hecked to death with machete
on May 4, 2023

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160



HEKIM CHONGLOI, 47

Lamphel, Imphal West

Hecked to death with machete
on May 4, 2023

161



FLORENCE NENGPICHONG HANGSHING, 27

Khopibung, Sadar Hills

Rape and Murdered on May 4, 2023

162



OLIVIA LHINGNEITHEM CHONGLOI, 23

Khopibung, Sadar Hills

Rape and Murdered on May 4, 2023

163



NIANGHOIHCHING SIMTE, 34

Simveng, Lamka

Shot dead by SF on May 05, 2023

164



KIMMALSAWM, 38

Vaal Veng, Lamka

Shot dead by SF on May 05, 2023

165



NINGNGAIHCHIIN, 53

Sangakpham, Imphal

Murdered on May 6, 2023

166



CHINGHOIHKIM, 63

Hmar Veng, Lamka

Killed at Imphal on May 07, 2023

167



LHAIKHOHAT LUPHENG, 68

Seloijang, Sadar Hills

Killed on May 07, 2023

168



NGAIKHANNIANG, 64

Vengnuam, Jiribam

Killed on May 14, 2023



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169



LETHOI HAOKIP, 55

Langching, Chandel
Burnt alive on May 29, 2023

170



HATBEM KIPGEN, 45

Napetpalli, Sugnu
Tortured, rape and murdered
at Meitei Relief Camp on May 31, 2023

171



DEIKHOKIM SIMTE, 60

N. Mollen, Sadar Hills
Killed on June 01, 2023
[Mentally challenged]

172



MEENA HANGSHING, 45

Kangchup Chingkhong, Sadar Hills
Burnt alive in ambulance
on June 4, 2023

173



DOMKHOHOI HAOKIP, 70

Khoken, Sadar Hills
Killed inside a Church
on June 09, 2023

174



CHINGJALUAN, 65

Zou Veng, Sugnu Chandel
Burnt alive with house
on June 09, 2023

175



DONNGAIHCHING HANGZO, 60

Lamphel, Imphal
Shot dead on July 06, 2023

176



NIENGLIIDI, 21

V. Haipijang, Sugnu, Chandel
Lynched on August 05, 2023

177



HOIKHONIENG ZOU, 75

Kuraopokpi, Tengnoupal
Tortured and succumbed to injury
on August 09, 2023



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178



NENKIM, 60

Bolkot, Lamka

Abducted and lynched
on November 07, 2023

179



NEILAM, 55

Laimanai Kuki, Lamka

Abducted and lynched
on November 07, 2023

180



LYDIA LOUREMBAM, 57

Kangchup Twikun, Sadar Hills

Burnt alive in ambulance
on June 04, 2023

181



HOIBIAKKIM, 23

Hiangtam Lamka, Lamka

Abducted and killed on May 3, 2023
[Body still missing]

182



NEICHOIHOI HANGSHING, 33

Kangchup Chingkhong, Sadar Hills

Died in the line of duty [Heart Attack]
on January 19, 2024

183



NGAIBIAKKIM, 25

New Zouveng, Lamka

Abducted, killed on August 05, 2023
[Body still missing]

184



THIANDAM VAIPHEI, 50

Pheitaching, Sadar Hills

Butchered and burnt alive
on May 05, 2023

185



LAMMINCHONG KIPGEN, 24

Kangchup Patbung, Sadar Hills

Murdered on May 04, 2023



A BITTER EPOCH

Three-sixty-six days of agony
Fifty-two weeks plus of suffering
For the terror struck down many
While Humanity loses its meaning.

Martyrs laid some yet unrest
As fellow Bravehearts still unlaid
Taking the bullets in their chest
For loving their land a price paid.

Manned the frontier environs men
Valiant and gallant against villains
To the potent Almighty knelt women
While bullets rain from the plains.

Wail the relief centres they cry
Home and pals the minors long
Eyes damped and tears yet to dry
Awaiting to sing the Freedom song.

- Gideon Letginmang Singsit



THE BLACK WEDNESDAY - Hillsman J. Tearsworth

(This piece is written in memoirs of those innocent souls of Kuki-Zo taken in the hands of the valley people and the victim's families, those whose houses were burnt, and those who were being displaced from their homes!)

The curtains was lifted up in the hills of Manipur,
When multitudes of Indians, young and old,
Draw inspirations from their father's -
'Peaceful protest against the British tyranny!'
Yet, they were cold bloodedly massacred by -
The valley majority backed by police forces
Like another Jallianwala Bagh's massacre!

In India, are bullets manufactured to silence its own citizens?
Are police took oaths to gun down its own civilians?
Are law & order to be enforced on favouritism basis?
Are state machineries to be used only for the majority?
Democracy has failed us totally by wearing a mask!
Hidden behind the true face of a fascist leader,
Blended in the camouflage of totalitarianism.

In the Hills, dark clouds covered the skies of our land,
Even the sun hid itself behind those dark clouds,
Too afraid to witness the atrocities of mortal men,
Like avians waiting for their turns at butcher's hand,
They were slaughtered one by one like chickens,
The thoughts of only men would be killed fails,
Even Women and children were not spared at all!

I am afraid to say; Yet, I still have to say it -
From the moment we were born into this world,
We were all destined to die one day for sure,
But, When, Where and How we will die, or
Whether we will die in fire or water, or by bullets,
Nobody, but God only knows; we used to say!
Yet, here, we are more certain of our deaths than elsewhere.

In the Hills, young children who slept at ease in bed,
Are awaked by the loud cries of their mothers,
When they brought home their father's dead body!
They knew not - Where, When and How he died
Their tiny head are full of puzzles unsolved!
They wondered why we adult killed each other!
Who will explain them the truth in a plain language?

In the Valley, fathers who should have taught,
Moralties, Ethics and values to their children,
Held guns and swords in their hands stained with blood,
Mothers who should have taught,
How to respect, love and honour women to their sons,
Gave away their neighbour's daughter to be raped!
They sold away humanity against the price of barbarism!

May 3rd: Remembering you

How do i thank someone i've never met?
How do i tell them that i'll never forget them?
How do i show respect to those whose lives were lost?
How can i ever repay such a terrible cost?
How can i honour the sacrifice, the pain and the bravery?

The earth may have taught me how to love and share,
But the world has taught me that the sky pours down fire and rain, wrecking hearts and homes.
I remember the fields when they were red, red with blood that day.

The streets are all grey and blue carrying pieces of you,
The flowers from the concrete walls hold the soul of you and our tears.
The empty chair and empty bed will lay cold for a thousand more days
So let the ink flow, let the tears flow and let the flag fly high.

I do not know you by name nor your fears that lay unspoken,
I do not know you by name nor the promises that were broken,
But i know that you're the guardian of our motherland and her people
But i know that i shall never write a poem as lovely and true as you.

Country road take me home today
where my brothers and sisters sing happily
where my father is busy chit chatting at the "tea hotel"
where my mother calls me home for dinner
where my grandparents gifts us with tales of "Liandou te Unau"

Country road take me home today where the fireflies are...

- Jacquelyn Laltanpuii Suantak



The Third of May- Echoes of Sorrow

On this day, the third of May,
A dark chapter in history's sway.
On the third of May, the sky turned gray,
As ethnic strife Meeteis and Kuki-Zos ignited, a dreadful display.
The Kuki-Zo's plight, a story untold,
Brave souls tortured, their fate foretold.

Brave men, their heads held high,
They were beheaded, cruelly chopped,
Injustice reigning, humanity stopped.
Women, stripped bare, in shame and in fear,
Paraded naked in the open air, raped and slain,
Their dreams denied, their cries none could hear.

Many Kuki-Zo's Churches, sanctuaries of hope and grace,
Now consumed by flames, demolished, defiled.
Into ashes they crumbled, silent cries in the air,
As the faithful wept, burdened by despair.
Their sacred halls consumed with ire,
As flames licked heavens, echoing pain.

Amidst the ruins, their hopes wane,
In the hearts of those who dare to sustain.
Homeless wanderers, seeking refuge in vain, lost and forlorn,
Their lives shattered, their spirits torn.
Yet in their hearts, resilience resides,
For in unity's embrace, hope abides.

May this day remind us, lest we forget,
The cost of hatred, the pain beget.
May justice rise, like the morning sun,
And heal the wounds of what's been done.
May the third of May be not just a past,
But a lesson learned, for peace to last.

~ Thongminthang Phungdim



Where else but the echo of words?

~ Abigail Misao

I.
Where else do we go?
Except towards the echo of words?
To look up and find smoke
To lay down and seek the comfort of the sky.

Where else do i go?
Except towards the echo of words?
Because oppression has taught me more about myself
than any classroom,
I am here yet again;
pen to paper.

Oppression keeps me alive,
It keeps my eyes moving.
It reminds me of who i am,
In the midst of secular politics
And silent preachers,
It keeps me woke.

Because I come from a land of oppression
Born out of an oppressed people
I feel nothing more than the need to remind myself of
that oppression,
Because oppression drives the need to breakaway from
the state of silent devils.

II.
So,
Look and weep,
Towards the demise of humanity,
The easy and sweet sound of morality,
buried under the soft bodies butchered in
abhorrence.
May is dead and dark,
No light shall pass through the 3rd.

At her funeral;
humanity is a sole witness;
Isolated and haunted
by the tall figure of lusty politics,
bound to no heart and mind.

And one day,
On a fine Spring evening in early May,
When you rest to sip your tea,
And when your child asks you,
"What happened here?"
May the guilt of Genocide,
May the guilt of Hatred
Run cold down your spine
As your lips fail to answer the lingering thoughts;
"I did that, I allowed that to happen,
We did that, we allowed it all to happen".

Quoting Funeral Blues by WH.Auden-
as you die in silence of the guilt of your
repercussions,
may the heavens above and the ground below,
shudder the living memory of your sins.
"The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun, Pour
away the ocean and sweep up the wood;
For nothing now can ever come to any good."