

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



LETMINCHING HAOKIP (18 YEARS)

S/O JANGKHOLAM HAOKIP

ADDRESS: SONGPHAL, UKHRUL

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CAUSE OF DEATH: HACKED TO DEATH



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.06.2024



186
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.

KUKI INPI MANIPUR CONDEMNS MEITEIS' FRIVOLOUS COMPLAINTS AGAINST PROFESSOR UDAY REDDY

The Kuki Inpi, an apex body of Kuki Tribes, has unequivocally condemned the filing of frivolous complaints against Professor Uday Reddy, a distinguished academic who has been instrumental in presenting the true history of the Kuki people in India.

“Professor Reddy’s dedication to uncovering and disseminating the authentic history of the tribal Kuki community stands as a beacon of scholarly integrity and truth. His efforts to expose the fabricated narratives of Meitei historians, who have manipulated Manipur’s history to suit their own agendas, have provided a balanced and factual account of the region’s complex past,” the Kuki apex body said.

“Professor Reddy has courageously highlighted how certain Meitei propagandists, including influential media figures, have played a divisive role in Manipur. By targeting the tribal Kuki community and perpetuating ignorance and prejudice, these propagandists have sought to maintain a distorted narrative. Professor Reddy’s work, grounded in genuine historical records, challenges these biases and defends the rightful place of Kuki history in the broader Indian context,” it added.

In a statement on Tuesday, the General Secretary of Kuki Inpi Manipur, Khaikhohauh Gangte, said Professor Reddy’s activism on social media has not been an effort to vilify the Meitei community but to reveal the truths surrounding the violence in Manipur. His factual and unbiased discourse has educated and enlightened many Kuki youths, guiding them to understand their true history and rights. This enlightenment is perceived as a direct threat by Meitei politicians and society, who seek to suppress this newfound awareness among the Kuki community, he said.

K. Gangte alleged that the Manipur Government has been using all available state machineries to suppress the voices of the Kukis and their sympathizers. “Professor Reddy has been at the forefront of exposing how these state machineries have been

misused to distort history and unjustly target the Kukis. His efforts pose a significant obstacle to the government’s agenda, which aims to maintain political dominance by keeping the Kuki community marginalized and voiceless,” he stated.

“The complaint against Professor Reddy appears to be a calculated attempt to silence him and prevent further educational efforts that empower the Kuki youth. This action represents a broader attack on freedom of speech and the right to education. By targeting voices of truth like Professor Reddy, the Meitei leadership aims to maintain their political dominance and continue subjugating the Kuki community,” Khaikhohauh Gangte added.

This is not an isolated incident. Similar frivolous complaints have been filed against individuals and organizations that challenge the status quo in Manipur. For example, Dr. Mary Grace Zou and Professor Kham Khan Suan Hausing have faced legal challenges for their outspoken critiques of the Manipur Government. Additionally, the Editors Guild of India was targeted for its report on the media’s biased coverage of the Manipur conflict, highlighting the state’s partisan approach. These actions are clear attempts to intimidate and suppress dissenting voices.

The Kuki Inpi urged the authorities to dismiss the baseless complaints against Professor Uday Reddy and to uphold the principles of freedom of speech and the right to education, while standing with Professor Reddy in his mission to educate and empower the Kuki community

The Kuki apex body also called upon all individuals and organizations committed to justice and truth to join them in condemning those unjust actions and to stand up for the rights of all communities in Manipur.

KSO-GHQ SLAMS N. BIREN SINGH FOR HIS CONTINUOUS SPEWING OF LIES, HATE SPEECHES AGAINST KUKIS

The Kuki Students' Organisation, General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) has found it amusing and baffling that the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, continues to spew continuous lies and hate speeches against the Kukis. In a recent interview with the online news portal THE PRINT, N. Biren Singh primarily made biased statements and lies to save face, revealing his incompetence in governing the state.

In a press communique on Tuesday, the Kukis' highest student body said, "His [N. Biren Singh] attempt to justify the infamous conduct of Arambai Tenggol in the current conflict in Manipur needs no further explanation regarding the Chief Minister's role in its formation and activities."

In the interview with The Print, Biren said, "They (Arambai Tenggol) are not anti-national. I have already clarified that they acted emotionally when militants attacked their homes with AK-47 assault rifles. They are now roaming around defending themselves with sticks. There is still time to pacify them, and I am trying to do so." He added, "Their main concern is the safety of all indigenous people of the state and preserving its territorial integrity. If the government can fully protect people's lives and property, their relevance will diminish automatically."

KSO-GHQ stated that it was unsurprising to see the communal Chief Minister of Manipur justifying Arambai Tenggol's actions aimed at annihilating the minority Kuki-Zo tribal population from present-day Manipur since May 3, 2023. Arambai Tenggol is known to be associated with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Rajya Sabha MP L. Sanajaoba, having held multiple meetings with them prior to May 3, 2023.

"It is equally ridiculous that the communal Chief



Minister did not acknowledge the self-styled Chief Commander of Arambai Tenggol, Mr. Korounganba Khuman, chanting war cries with illegal automatic rifles slung over his shoulder at Palace Gate in the heart of Imphal on November 1, 2023, motivating his fully armed comrades to target Kuki-Zo tribals. When Imphal East police intervened at Palace Gate, the group fired at the police, overwhelmed them, and proceeded towards Imphal West in numerous vehicles," KSO said.

It mentioned that the NIA has registered a case against Mr. Khuman in connection with that incident, which is under investigation. Despite this, the communal Chief Minister of Manipur appears to deliberately overlook Arambai Tenggol's actions and confidently states, "Arambai Tenggol is roaming around with sticks in their hands."

The Chief Minister also candidly admitted his incompetence in governing the state, acknowledging that once the state government can fully protect people's lives and property, Arambai Tenggol's existence would become irrelevant and they would automatically disappear.

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The Kuki student body also stated that the Chief Minister's statement regarding the UNLF (Pambai Group), claiming they are not involved in any anti-national or anti-social activities and that most of the UNLF-P's weapons are securely locked away, is utterly false. "Since November 29, 2023, following the ceasefire agreement with the Union government and the state government, it appears that the UNLF-P has been granted the freedom to move about openly with arms," KSO said, adding that the UNLF cadres did not hesitate to showcase their movement with arms on social media, and they have been responsible for attacks on the Kuki villages.

"The UNLF-P has openly allied themselves by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Meitei

militia groups such as Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun, with the objective of exterminating the minority Kuki-Zo tribal communities in the hills of Manipur. The Chief Minister's justification for the UNLF-P's movement in and around the valley districts, citing delays in the construction of designated camps, is both ridiculous and embarrassing for the government," KSO said.

"It is hardly surprising that the ongoing crisis in Manipur-the preplanned ethnic cleansing against the minority community is the ultimate result of the despotic and chauvinistic governance under Shri N. Biren Singh," KSO-GHQ added.

MIZORAM LANDSLIDE: FAMILY, INCLUDING 4-YEAR-OLD KILLED AFTER LANDSLIDE BURIES THEIR HOME

A family of three including a four-year-old child died when a landslide destroyed and buried their home at Aizawl's Zemabawk locality, located on the northern outskirts of Aizawl city, on July 2.

According to police reports, the deceased have been identified as Isak Chhangte (32), his wife Lalrinthari (25) and their four and a half-year-old daughter Abigail Lalchhanhimi.

Their coffins have been taken to the church hall of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Zemabawk. Traditional mourning by family and public will take place throughout the night, with the funeral service on July 3, 2024 at the Seventh Day Church, Zemabawk. Earlier, Mizoram witnessed a series of landslides causing significant damage across the state after incessant rains over the past 48 hours. Early this morning, three houses were tragically destroyed by a landslide in



Aizawl's Zuangtui locality.

As a precautionary measure, the Local Council of Aizawl's Salem Veng swiftly evacuated 20 families from their homes to safer locations. Reports indicate that several other landslides have also resulted in property damage in various parts of Mizoram. (IndiaTodayNE)

PARLIAMENT SESSION 2024: OPPOSITION'S 'MANIPUR KO NYAY DO' CHANTS DROWN OUT PM MODI'S VOICE IN LOK SABHA

Amidst the chants of “justice for Manipur,” PM Modi said, “People have chosen us in this biggest election exercise. I can understand the pain of some people who, despite running falsehoods, were comprehensively defeated.”

Since May 3, 2023, the Opposition INDIA bloc has criticized PM Modi for what they perceive as his silence regarding the ethnic violence in Manipur. The conflict, primarily between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities, has resulted in over 220 deaths and displaced more than 60,000 people, who are now residing in camps within the state or seeking refuge elsewhere.

As the chants kept getting louder, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla intervened, rebuked the Opposition and said, “Ye tareeqa nahi hota hai (This is no way to behave).”

Meanwhile, replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President’s Address, PM Modi said, “Yesterday and today, several MPs have expressed their views of the President’s address, especially those who have come among us for the first time as Parliamentarians.

“They followed all the rules of the Parliament, and their behaviour was like that of an experienced



Parliamentarian, and despite being the first timers, they have enhanced the dignity of the House and have made this debate more valuable with their views...” PM Modi added.

Amid PM Modi’s dig at the Opposition MPs, the loud uproar of ‘Manipur ko Nyay Do’ drowned out PM Modi’s voice in the Lok Sabha.

The Opposition has also been seeking a debate on the recent NEET 2024 examination debacle, which rocked the future of several aspirants amid rampant paper leaks and exam cancellations. (LiveMint)



Injustice in the end produces independence.

— Voltaire



FEATURED ARTICLE

Why Demand Union Territory Now? Manipur's Ceasefire-Linked Kuki Group Explains

Debanish Achom & Ratnadip Choudhury

The demand for a Union Territory carved out of Manipur by nearly two dozen tribes known as Kukis - a term given by the British in colonial times - who are dominant in some hill areas of Manipur, is due to "necessity" after the Kukis were "ethnically cleansed out of the state capital Imphal", the spokesperson of the Kuki tribes' umbrella organisation of insurgent groups that are under a ceasefire with India told reporters in the hill district Churachandpur.

Over two dozen Kuki-Zo insurgent groups come under two umbrella organisations for the purpose of negotiations with India - the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) led by the Kuki National Army, and the United People's Front (UPF) led by the Zomi Revolutionary Army.

The KNO and the UPF representing all the others have signed the suspension of operations (SoO) agreement, under which the insurgents are to stay at designated camps and their weapons kept in locked storage, to be monitored regularly.

KNO spokesperson Seilen Haokip said the Kuki tribes have changed their demand from an autonomous territorial council within Manipur to a Union Territory after their people were "ethnically cleansed" from Imphal. He said the Kuki tribes had been asking for upgrading the autonomous district councils to an autonomous territorial council within Manipur. But that has changed now.

"A Union Territory is basically a necessity now. We have been in dialogue with the government since 2008. Our demand had been a form of self-governance expressed

as an autonomous territorial council within the state of Manipur," Mr Haokip told reporters.

Thousands of people from the Meitei community have also fled from their homes in hill areas after attacks by Kuki armed groups, civil society organisations in the valley say.

"Violence Derailed Talks"

"Before the demand could be concluded by the government during the talks with us, unfortunately on May 3, 2023, as we all know, there was widespread disruption starting from the state capital Imphal, which amounted to ethnic cleansing of our people, where we are a small minority in the valley and living with our neighbours from two other communities in the state. We coexisted and for generations had been living together," Mr Haokip said.

"Accordingly, of course it was right and proper for us to seek our administrative arrangement within the state to improve quality of life. And it's constitutionally appropriate to ask for the provisions in the Constitution to be applied, so that we can uplift our people to the benefit of the entire state," the KNO spokesperson said.

"That was the aim and that was why we asked for the autonomous district council. The provisions of

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the autonomous district councils under Article 371C [of the Constitution], which has been in place since Manipur gained statehood in 1972... no matter how good they were, they did not filter down or played out in reality to the satisfaction of our people in terms of development and administration," Mr Haokip said.

He said elections to the autonomous district councils were not held for a long time, and whenever these bodies were working, they were felt to be highly inadequate in meeting the administrative aspirations of the people.

"Although the clause in the constitutional provision was part of the state of Manipur's creation, for 50 years it fell short of people's expectations. We also found that there can be better provisions under the Constitution within the state of Manipur, and that was by way of our demand for an autonomous territorial council within Manipur," Mr Haokip said.

Autonomous Territorial Council To Union Territory

"Earlier, it was the autonomous district councils, which we wanted elevated to an autonomous territorial council for better provisions that we were aspiring for. It all happened peacefully and was in due process," he said.

Mr Haokip blamed the violence that broke out in May 2023 for derailing what he claimed was peaceful tripartite talks between the Centre, the state government, and the Kuki insurgent groups that had signed the SoO agreement.

Meitei civil society groups, however, allege the Kuki tribes under the pretext of protesting against the Meiteis' demand to be included under the Scheduled Tribes (ST) category started burning Meitei homes in the hill district Churachandpur. They say the violence in Imphal at night on May 3 was a retaliation to the attacks on Meitei villages during the day.

"The tripartite dialogue comprising the Centre, state government and the SoO groups was heading towards an amicable conclusion. But as I mentioned earlier, since we could not arrive at the agreement and settlement because of the disruption that broke out in Imphal valley on May 3, 2023, and we were ethnically cleansed out of Imphal, the capital of the state, it was very obvious by the power involved in the ethnic cleansing, we were not wanted in the land we have been part of for generations. So quite

naturally we moved towards the hill districts," the KNO spokesperson alleged.

"If Refugees Were From Valley Community..."

He called the "branding" of refugees from Myanmar as "illegal immigrants" and "narco-terrorists" an attempt to show the Kukis in a bad light.

"It is quite clear they are refugees who have been chased out by the junta and are looking for shelter among their own ethnic groups. Now my question is I don't know how many valley people who are in Myanmar are affected by the junta-led violence, whether they came across the border or not, I don't know. See, there might not be any. It appears the VBIGs (valley-based insurgent groups) are siding with the junta, so it may not be a threat for that community to be there," Mr Haokip said.

The valley-dominant Meiteis have alleged the Kuki insurgent groups that had signed the SoO agreement have been used as "mercenaries" to fight against the VBIGs hiding in Myanmar, which - except for one group, the UNLF(P) - have not agreed to lay down arms.

"But in our case it is a known fact that our people are in the pro-democracy group and they are fighting the junta's dictatorial rule. And so we are the affected people. And because of our desire for upholding democracy in Myanmar, our people have been tortured, killed, and they have had to flee. They are clearly refugees. But the fact that the people who have come across are not ethnically similar to the ones in the valley, one can say that's why they are being mistreated and misrepresented," Mr Haokip said.

"Why is Mizoram receiving them (Myanmar refugees) so favourably? What I am trying to say is to illustrate the point that had it been the valley community who were fleeing from Myanmar, they would have had the same reception as our people who have gone to Mizoram," Mr Haokip said.

"We are being ridiculed. It seems like intentional, to

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make us look bad. Illegal immigrants, narco terrorism, poppy cultivation, we are not the only ones who have engaged in this. Only some of our people were engaged in this because they were looking for a livelihood. Clearly, the state government has not given their due, so they have to look for survival... But I am not justifying it," he said.

"Perpetrators As Victims"

Mr Haokip alleged the media narrative has made the perpetrators of the violence as the victims. "Earlier, when ethnic cleaning began on May 3, the world knew we were the victims and the perpetrators were the others. Now, because of the media, the narrative is changing. The victims have become the perpetrators, and the perpetrators are being projected as victims," Mr Haokip alleged.

"All these come in the realm of narratives, and narratives are all twisted it seems. In our case we want peace, and

therefore we establish, demonstrate that stand very clearly by not going on the offensive. We are not in the wrong. We don't want war. If people kill us, we have to defend ourselves. And therefore we cannot be labelled as perpetrators. All these are factual evidence. It is clearly there for the world to see. Some narrative may pull wool over the eyes of people who are downright ignorant. But anybody who has eyes to see and ears to hear cannot be swayed by false narratives," the KNO spokesperson said.

"False narratives cannot bring about any solution, any peaceful coexistence. We respect fellow human beings irrespective of race, religion or ethnicity. We hope the same will be reciprocated. And then peace will come," he added.

The Manipur government has not given any statement on the comments by the KNO spokesperson yet.

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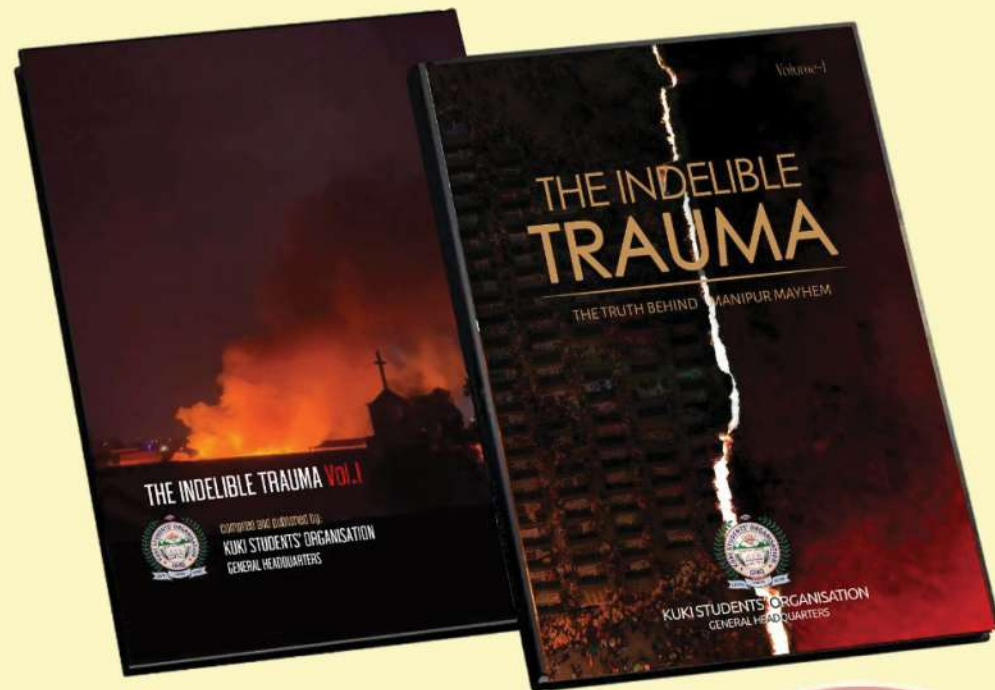


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DARKNIGHT

-Valentina Mangte

My purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart,
The situation escalates and tragedies outsmart.
They change the night into day,
Hand in hand in destruction they lay.
The light is short because of darkness,
Helping hands turning into bitterness.

If I waited a little longer, the grave would be my house,
Walking path of nowhere in the wilderness of south.
My bed was set in the darkness,
But a glimpse of hope shines through the brokenness
But what is hope? As for my hope who shall see it?
A ray of hope? Who will believe it!?

My harp turned to mourning, my soul turned into a weep,
again a ray of hope with a faint voice was felt as i fell asleep.
When my rest is in the dust,
Settling to somewhere dark felt like a must.
If i hold the sun when it shines, or the moon walking in its
brightness,
Will the feeling of contentment be felt in my world of guiltiness?
Shadow of the death, dust of gold
To Stones of darkness, a soul was sold.

Is this my heart talking or my mind?
Confounding, this time peace i may not find.