

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



DOUMINTHANG HAOKIP (41 YEARS)

S/O JAMKHONGAM HAOKIP

ADDRESS: HAIKA L, SUGNU, CHANDEL

DATE OF DEATH: 28TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: SEROU, SUGNU

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 22.07.2024



191
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-ZO COMMUNITY PROTESTS AGAINST PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF ASSAM RIFLES AND CHIEF MINISTER N BIREN'S ATTEMPT TO PASS THROUGH KANGPOKPI FOR HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO SENAPATI

The Kuki-Zo community across the Sadar Hills of Kangpokpi District took to the streets today in protest against a proposed plan to withdraw the Assam Rifles from the state and against Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's attempt to pass through Kuki-Zo dominated Kangpokpi for his scheduled visit to Senapati District on August 3.

Thousands of demonstrators gathered at Gamgiphai, the buffer zone between Kangpokpi and Imphal West, staging a series of protests, including a sit-in, to voice their opposition to the alleged proposal to replace the Assam Rifles with other central forces. The Kuki-Zo people argue that the Assam Rifles are a neutral force essential for maintaining peace and order in their areas.

The protesters were particularly incensed by the Chief Minister's plans to pass through Kangpokpi on his way to a meeting in Senapati, a neighbouring district. The Kuki-Zo community views this move as provocative and unacceptable, given their accusations against N. Biren Singh of orchestrating violence against their community.

On the sidelines of the protest, Ng. Lun Kipgen, spokesperson for the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU), expressed strong scepticism over the Chief Minister's recent meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Kipgen questioned the motives behind the Chief Minister's complaints against the Assam Rifles, asking Prime Minister Modi why he continues to listen to N. Biren Singh.

"What does this entail for him and about the situation of Manipur, where his own man, the Assam Rifles, has been known to maintain neutrality in discharging their



duties throughout this country, and why does he plan to listen to N. Biren Singh?" Kipgen asked.

He reiterated the Kuki-Zo community's firm opposition to the withdrawal of the Assam Rifles, emphasizing the need for a neutral force under the command of the Union Home Minister to ensure stability in their region.

In a direct appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kipgen urged the central government to reconsider its support for the current Manipur administration. "It is enough, Modiji, look at the person who has lost you two seats in the parliamentary election. Why do you still listen to him? Isn't it enough?" he asserted, criticizing the governance of N. Biren Singh and alleging alliances with armed militias that jeopardize law and order.

"Please, Modiji, do not force the Kuki-Zo community to be in such a government. We need a valid administrative setup within the Kuki-Zo-dominated area," Kipgen added.

Meanwhile, vehemently opposing and warning Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh against

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attempting to pass through Kuki-Zo dominated areas, the Kuki-Zo community emphasized that the Chief Minister, whom they accuse of masterminding violence against their community, is not welcome in their lands.

CoTU's Spokesperson Ng. Lun Kipgen said that the Kuki-Zo community will never, ever accept the passage or thoroughfare of the incumbent Chief Minister, who has been the mastermind of mass genocide to pass through their land.

This bold declaration comes amid rising tensions as Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is reported to hold a meeting at Senapati, a neighboring district of Kangpokpi tomorrow.

The committee has appealed to authorities to dissuade the Chief Minister from entering their territory, highlighting the potential for unrest and conflict.

The protests highlight the escalating tensions in the region, as the Kuki-Zo community stands firm in their opposition to the Chief Minister's planned passage through their territory.

As the situation unfolds, the demand for a separate administrative setup by the Kuki-Zo people remains a key point of contention, reflecting their desire for autonomy and protection from perceived threats.

KUKI INPI SEEKS PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVENTION OVER SECURITY FORCES IN MANIPUR

The Kuki Inpi has submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging for urgent intervention in the proposed replacement of the Assam Rifles with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Manipur. The organization expressed deep concern over the potential replacement, arguing that it could exacerbate biases and contribute to ongoing ethnic tensions involving the Kuki-Zo community.

The Kuki Inpi argues that the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity's (COCOMI) demand for replacing the Assam Rifles, without adequate consultation with local communities, risks fueling further instability. They emphasize that valley-based organizations should not dictate terms beyond their territorial limits and that any changes in security arrangements should align with the sentiments of the Kuki-Zo people.

Highlighting the long-standing positive rapport between the Assam Rifles and the local population, the Kuki Inpi



cautions that the CRPF, while effective, may lack the nuanced understanding of the local socio-political dynamics. The Kuki Inpi insists that maintaining the current security framework is crucial for preserving trust and ensuring stability in the region.

The memorandum calls for a reconsideration of the proposed changes to avoid worsening existing tensions and to uphold the aspirations and security of the Kuki-Zo community.

‘JANGNADOP PROJECT’ 2ND PHASE COMPENSATED 16 INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY MANIPUR VIOLENCE

The 2nd phase of “Jangnadop Project” initiated by the Kuki Women Organization for Human Rights (KWOHR) today compensated 16 individuals or victims affected by the state sponsored ethnic cleansing against the minority Kukis.

During a solemn programme held in M. Songgel Community Hall, 16 individuals or families of the victims of this ethnic cleansing were compensated with cash, memento and a traditional shawl by the women organization. The financial assistance were handed over to the families of the victims. A total of 8 affected victims have been compensated so far by this noble project.

Notably, the first phase launched on June 15 compensated 15 affected individuals. This initiative aims to provide financial assistance to families affected by the state-sponsored ethnic violence against the Kuki community.

The event was attended by various CSOs including the Kuki Inpi Manipur and Zomi Mothers’ Association.

It may be noted here that the funds for the ‘Jangnadop’ project were generously donated by Kuki women



from around the world. This initiative will continue until all affected individuals and volunteers are compensated.

The ‘Jangnadop’ project underscores the Kuki community’s capacity to support itself independently and sends a strong message to the central government about the Kukis’ ability to self-govern without reliance on the biased Manipur Meitei administration. This initiative also highlighted the resilience and solidarity of the Kuki women and their commitment to honoring and supporting those who have suffered in the ongoing ethnic strife.



If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

- Ronald Reagan

HMAR APEX BODY REJECTS HMAR-MEITEI PEACE AGREEMENT IN JIRIBAM; DISSOLVES HMAR INPUI JIRIBAM REGION AND ITS AFFILIATED BODIES

Hmar Inpui, the apex body of Hmar tribes, has categorically rejected the peace agreement signed between Hmar CSOs of Jiribam and Meitei community representatives recently.

In a letter addressed to the President/Secretary of Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region, the Hmar Inpui said, “apropos to the peaceful agreement between Hmar CSOs of Jiribam and Meitei Community representatives reported in certain media, Hmar Inpui Executive Committee & PAC held meeting today and resolved as follows:

Hmar Inpui General Headquarters, as the apex governing body of the Hmar community, hereby nullified the glorified Jiribam Administration supervised 3 (three) points peaceful agreement made between Hmar CSO of Jiribam and representatives of Meitei Community at Group Centre Doyapur, Cachar Assam dated August 1, 2024. The aforementioned 3 points peaceful agreement is against the Hmar Inpui GHQ Notification dated July 3, 2024. As such Hmar Inpui GHQ do not acknowledge nor endorsed such agreement in totality.

Hmar Inpui GHQ observed that the said 3-points agreement was by Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region in connivance with their affiliated bodies alone for their vested interest. Such pseudo agreements do not serve the greater purpose of the Hmar community and the Inpui condemned vehemently such agreements.

Therefore, Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region and its affiliated bodies are hereby dissolved and Hmar Inpui GHQ is entrusted to look after the affair of Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region until further notification.”

Furthermore, any understanding whatsoever has to be taken with Meitei government or CSOs without the consent and knowledge of Hmar Inpui GHQ should therefore be stopped immediately, it added.



HMAR INPUI

(APEX BODY OF HMAR TRIBE)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

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Motto - " Felna a Hnam chawimawi " Thuvar- 14:34

File No: HIGHQ/Cores/2024-25/0116

Date: 02/08/2024

To,
The President/Secretary
Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region.

Subject: Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region le a hnuoia Affiliated Bodies hai thiek (Dissolved) thu.

Hnam ta dinga thawpui dittak hai,

Hmar Inpui Executive Committee & PAC Meeting, Dated 2nd August, Resolution No.1 'Dated 1st August,2024 nia Group Centre CRPF, Dayapur, Cachar, Assam hmuna Jiribam District a Hmar Community le Meitei Community Representatives haiin Jiribam District Administration hmalak na hnuoia Agreement point pathum (3) an lo ziek hi Hmar Inpui Emergency Executive Committee Meeting in ngun taka a ngaituo hnung in; Hmar Inpui GHQ in THUSUOK July 3, 2024 nia a siem hnung khawm inza le pawisa lova Jiribam a Hmar CSOs haiin August 1, 2024 nia Jiribam a Meitei Community hai le Agreement point pathum (3) an lo siem hi kan pawmpui naw a, kan hrietpui bawk nawh. Hi Agreement point pathum (3) ziekna dinga hma lo la tu Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region le a hnuoia Affiliated Bodies le mimal hai hi Hmar hnam suk muolphoto a kan ngai a, kan dem takzet. Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region le a hnuoia Affiliated bodies hai hi voisun August 2, 2024 Hmar Inpui Emergency Executive Committee meeting chun thu hnawk um hma po a dingin kan thiek (Dissolved). Dissovre an ni sung hin Hmar Inpui-GHQ in Jiribam Region enkawina sin thawng a tih.' tia a lo rel vawisun August 2, 2024 a inthawk hin Hmar Inpui Jiribam Region le a hnuoia Affiliated Bodies hai popo THIEK (DISSOLVED) in ni ta thu kan hung inhriettir cheu.

Tuta inthawk chu Hmar hnam hmingin Sawrkar thuneitu le Meitei CSOs hai kuoma Hmar hnam ai aw thei ta nawng in ta, Hmar hnam hmingin iengkimah hma la thei ta naw bawk in tih ti kan hung inhriettir cheu. Hmar hnam thatna dinga sawl taka hma in lo lakna ta hai popo a khan lawmthu kan hrii bawk.

Ram le hnam ta dinga in thahnemngaipui,

Sd/-
(ROMEO HMAR)
Vice-President

Copy to:

1. Pu Rothangkhum Sungte, Joint Secretary Incharge Vangai & Jiribam Region.
2. Chairman/President/Secretary Hmar Inpui Affiliated Bodies for kind info. & necessary action.
3. Guard File.

(RICHARD LALTANPUAIA)
General Secretary



Hmar Inpui General Headquarters

Notably, representatives of Meitei and Hmar communities agreed to make full efforts to restore normalcy in violence-hit Jiribam district of Manipur yesterday.

The agreement was reached between the warring sides at a meeting held at a CRPF facility in adjoining Assam's Cachar on Thursday. The meeting was moderated by Jiribam district administration, Assam Rifles and CRPF personnel, officials said. The next meeting will be held on August 15.

MANIPUR POLICE UNDER SCRUTINY AS CHARGE SHEET RATES PLUNGE

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has admitted to a dismal charge sheet rate in the state, revealing that only 2,332 cases out of 35,635 registered in the past five years have resulted in formal charges.

The shocking statistics have prompted the CM to announce the establishment of a cell to monitor and penalize Investigating Officers (IOs) who fail to meet deadlines.

The revelation came during a heated exchange in the Manipur assembly with opposition Congress MLA Kangujam Ranjit, who demanded strict action against IOs delaying FIR registration.

The CM acknowledged the issue, emphasizing the potential for criminals to secure bail if charge sheets aren't filed within six months.

The situation in Manipur is particularly alarming in the context of the ongoing ethnic violence that erupted in May 2023. While over 11,892 cases have been registered



related to the unrest, the CM admitted that the actual number of incidents is likely lower due to duplicate FIRs and Zero FIRs.

Critics have accused the state police of inefficiency and a lack of accountability. As the state grapples with the aftermath of the violence, the low charge sheet rate raises concerns about the administration of justice and the prospects of bringing perpetrators to book. (NE Now News)



Vishwajeet Singh
@VishuAdv



Centre is always seen bending to demands of Meiteis in #Manipur be it border fencing, delisting #KukiZo from ST list or replace Assam Rifles while failing to acknowledge existence of Arambai Tengol private armed terror group and their heinous crimes because BJP/RSS is entangled.



The New Indian Express @NewIndianXpress · 23h

Centre's decision to replace the 9th Assam Rifles battalion with the CRPF in #Manipur's sensitive Churachandpur district has met with criticism from several groups.

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Rebecca Thiek
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#Manipur : Let's not forget the years of dedication Assam Rifles has shown in the hills. Their withdrawal could lead to a dangerous void in security and trust.
#AssamRifles #FriendsOfTheHills



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MIZORAM CM LALDUHOMA LIKELY TO VISIT MANIPUR TO DISCUSS ETHNIC VIOLENCE

Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma may visit Imphal to meet his Manipur counterpart N. Biren Singh to address the ongoing ethnic violence between the Meiteis and Kuki-Zo communities, an official statement said on Friday.

During a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Thursday (August 1), Lalduhoma mentioned that Singh had invited him to Imphal and expressed his willingness to comply with the request.

“I was invited by Manipur chief minister Biren Singh to visit Imphal. I want to respond and comply with his request,” Lalduhoma was quoted as telling Shah in the statement.

However, the statement did not mention whether Lalduhoma would mediate in talks between organisations representing both the Meiteis and Kukis.

Sources said that Singh made the request when he met Lalduhoma on the sidelines of the NITI Aayog’s

meeting in New Delhi on July 28.

Singh must have approached Lalduhoma as the Kukis share ethnic ties with the Mizos and many consider the Mizoram CM as their leader.

During the meeting with Shah, Lalduhoma also suggested that dialogue may be held between the Home Ministry and representatives of Indigenous Tribal Leaders’ Forum (ITLF), a Churachandpur based tribal organisation representing the Kuki-Zo community, to end the deadlock.

On Monday, several ethnic based organisations representing the Kuki-Hmar-Mizo-Zomi group formed a common political platform under the banner ‘Kuki-Zo Council’ for representing the Kuki-Zo communities in any future talks with the Centre.

A complete committee and statement of purpose of the umbrella body will be drawn on August 7, a leader of Kuki organisation said.

MANIPUR MP CONDEMNS ‘HIGH-HANDED’ TREATMENT OF IDP PROTESTERS IN IMPHAL

Manipur MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam has strongly criticised authorities for their handling of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) protesters in Imphal.

In a tweet, Akoijam denounced the “high-handed manner” in which the protesters were treated, stating that only those with “colonial and feudal hangovers” would use violence against “already suffering compatriots” who have been displaced from their homes.

The incident occurred when hundreds of IDPs from the Akampat relief camp attempted to stage a protest

but were met with resistance from security forces. Police reportedly used tear gas and smoke bombs to disperse the crowd, resulting in clashes between the camp residents and law enforcement.

Protesters were demanding rehabilitation and a resolution to the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur, which has forced them from their homes in areas such as Moreh in Tengnoupal district. The demonstrators carried placards and banners expressing their desire to return to their communities. (India Today NE)



ANALYSIS

Absence of Kuki MLAs' in Manipur Assembly Session Reflects Tribals' Sentiment

On May 3rd, 2023, a Kuki MLA was mobbed lynched after meeting the CM at his residence, and another Kuki MLA, rather, a minister, had to flee from his residence where he had to leave behind his own car midway to survive. Then, deployment of state security forces to disperse the mob or transportation via helicopter services was an option too costly for the chief minister then, but today the same CM invites Kuki MLAs for the assembly session. Does he have the moral right to do so?

The invitation of Kuki MLAs is as much a staged drama by Biren as he did with his 'resignation'. As rightly called out by Mr. Paolenlal Haokip, an MLA from Saikot constituency, Biren is nothing more than a thug leader. Never in the history of India has one witnessed the level of protection that the Biren government has given to a militia organisation that perfectly meets the criteria of a terrorist organisation in India by any other government both at the states and centre. They captured the constitutional authorities in the heart of Imphal valley in the presence of government security forces under his control and authority, but he later came to their rescue saying they were just youth village volunteers. Thus, if he is not their leader, why is he giving them protection?

During conflicts, unlike Biren, a government never tells its MLAs to evacuate their people but ensure law and order. At such times, the government stands by both

communities, not one; deals with iron fist against the culprits, not give them protection and aid; gives them the assurance of peace and harmony, not slur at the victims as "Yong macha" or illegal immigrants; accepts their failure, not pass on the failure to an organisation of a victim community; listens to the voice of the people, not impose its rule against them by instituting a new government post to terrorise the victim community; curbs any means and medium which can further deteriorate the communal hatred, but media fraternity and Manipuri artists flourishing in Imphal are given the freedom of speech and expression beyond the exceptions outlined under Article 19(1) of the Constitution to propagate and incite communal hatred. Biren's post conflict actions and responses are poor and inadequate like his response on the eve and following days of 3rd May 2023.

Is Biren suffering from bipolar disorder or is he a dementia patient? He seems to have forgotten his actions during those fateful days of May 2023 and now he has the audacity to send the invitation to the Kuki MLAs to attend the Assembly session in Imphal.

If one thing can be concluded based on his response and actions of the past and the present,

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Biren is someone who cannot accept his mistakes. With Arambai Tenggol, UNLF(P) and other terrorist organisations who fled from Myanmar now making Imphal their paradise and their jurisdiction, by inviting the Kuki MLAs one thing that can be concluded beyond doubt is that safety for Kukis - be it their MLAs or the common netizens - has never bothered Biren, not now, not ever. Had Biren accepted his failure earlier on, Manipur's integrity could have been saved. But now the boat has left the harbour. The fact that he still stays in his position is a reminder that he is putting forth for the world to know that he is not apologetic nor does he accept the atrocities committed against the Kukis under his government by his so called 'youth volunteers' and the militant outfit he brought under the ambit of SoO.

Peace is not the cessation of violence or war but the harmonious existence of all communities. Is that possible in Manipur today? The hatred among the communities is too deep rooted that a third-party tribal MP's parliamentary speech for the removal of Biren due to his failure is welcomed with a boycott and backlash from the majority community. The domineering politics of the majority community is thus the reality today. Thus, if restoration of peace is the goal of the central

government, separate administration is the only solution. Because in a state called Manipur in independent India, a minority community called Kukis are subjugated to the same oppression and discrimination like our forefathers were subjugated upon by the Britishers. They need to be freed from the clutches of their oppressor.

Today the Kukis no longer see their future, hope, safety and security in the state of Manipur because they are treated both by the government and the majority community as an oppressed class. Thus the absence of Kukis MLAs in the assembly session of Manipur represents the voice of the people they represent. As Aung San Suu Kyi says, "For me, real freedom is freedom from fear and unless you are free from fear, you cannot live a dignified life."

The freedom attained by India in 1947 is under attack for the Kukis, as they are subjugated to fear and their dignity stepped over. Real freedom and their right to live with dignity and equality can be ensured only through separate administration, not under a domineering and discriminatory Meitei community-controlled state government.

TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENTS RECALLED: AUGUST 02, 2023

A RECAP OF THE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ON AUGUST 02 2023 AS A RESULT OF PRE-PLANNED STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST KUKI-ZO

Today in last year 2023, the Manipur government's decision to halt the arrangements at the burial site for Kuki-Zo martyrs at Haolai Khopi had caused significant distress within the community. The deployment of Rapid Action Forces (RAF) and CRPF in large numbers to prevent the Kuki-Zo community from burying their deceased loved ones had added to the anguish.

In response to this perceived inhumane treatment, women from the community had to assemble

in substantial numbers to protest against the government's actions. The Kuki-Zo women message emphasized the community's sense of injustice, with a poignant statement: "They killed us, now they don't want to let us bury our dead." The situation underscored the deep emotional and humanitarian dimensions of the ongoing tensions in the region.

FEATURED ARTICLE

**THE ROLE OF
N. BIREN SINGH**

IN THE ETHNIC-CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST THE KUKIS

PART-3

AN EXCERPT FROM **THE INDELIBLE TRAUMA**

Contd. from 1st August, 2024 Issue of *Thingkho le Malcha*



9. Withdrawal of SOO from KNA and ZRA- On the 10th of March, the state government 2023 took the decision to abrogate the suspension of operation (SOO) with KNA and ZRA after reviewing the law and order situation in various hill districts in view of the rally held at churachandpur, Kangpokpi and tengnoupal districts. The government terms the rally illegal and unconstitutional. No reason was cited for the abrogation of the suspension of operation with these two outfits but it was assume that the Chief Minister N Biren Singh accused that these two organizations were directly involved in the rally that was organized in different parts of the hill districts. In an interview with Wasbir Hussain, Editor of North East Live TV Channel he launched invectives against the president of KNA and ZRA saying that the two were involved in unconstitutional activities without elaborating them. The CM's statement was exactly the same as the demand made by one nondescript Meitei organization, People's Alliance for Peace and Progress Manipur (PAPM) that was demanding for the abrogation SOO on December 3, 2022. Besides, many Meitei organizations were very vocal in demanding for the abrogation of SOO as was frequently published in different media of the state.

10. Selective withdrawal of AFSPA from valley districts- On 25th of March, 2023 AFSPA was removed from four police stations- Wangoi, Leimakhong, Nambol and Moirang (all under Meitei areas) citing significant

improvement of law and order. The total number of police stations from which AFSPA is removed is 19. In 2004 the center lifted AFSPA from 6 police stations in Imphal valley. In April, 2022 AFSPA was further removed from 9 more police stations in Imphal valley. The selective withdrawal of AFSPA had invited a lot of flak from the hill people as they were of the opinion that AFSPA was withdrawn to appease the Meitei community and nothing else. Organizations like UNC, ATSUM criticized the government's action saying that after the signing of ceasefire with NSCN-IM in the year 1997 and the suspension of operation with UPF and KNO the hill areas of Manipur is relatively peaceful as compare to the valley. The UNC said, "The usual discriminatory attitude of the state government is laid bare for the whole world to see." The apex students' organization of the tribals of Manipur, ATSUM said "The prejudicial mindsets of the government of Manipur towards the tribals prevented them from removing of disturbed area tag from the hill districts of the state. Had the Biren government given unbiased input to the central government AFSPA could have been removed from the hill areas but it did not because it had ulterior motive. It is a known fact that the Meitei-

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led Manipur government is revels at the miseries of the hill people. And this is what we are seeing now” Once the violence broke out valley militants viz. UNLF, KYKL, PLA, KCP, PREPAK and terror groups like Arambai Tengol and Meitei Leepun were moving freely inside Imphal valley with sophisticated weapons while the Indian army helplessly looks on.

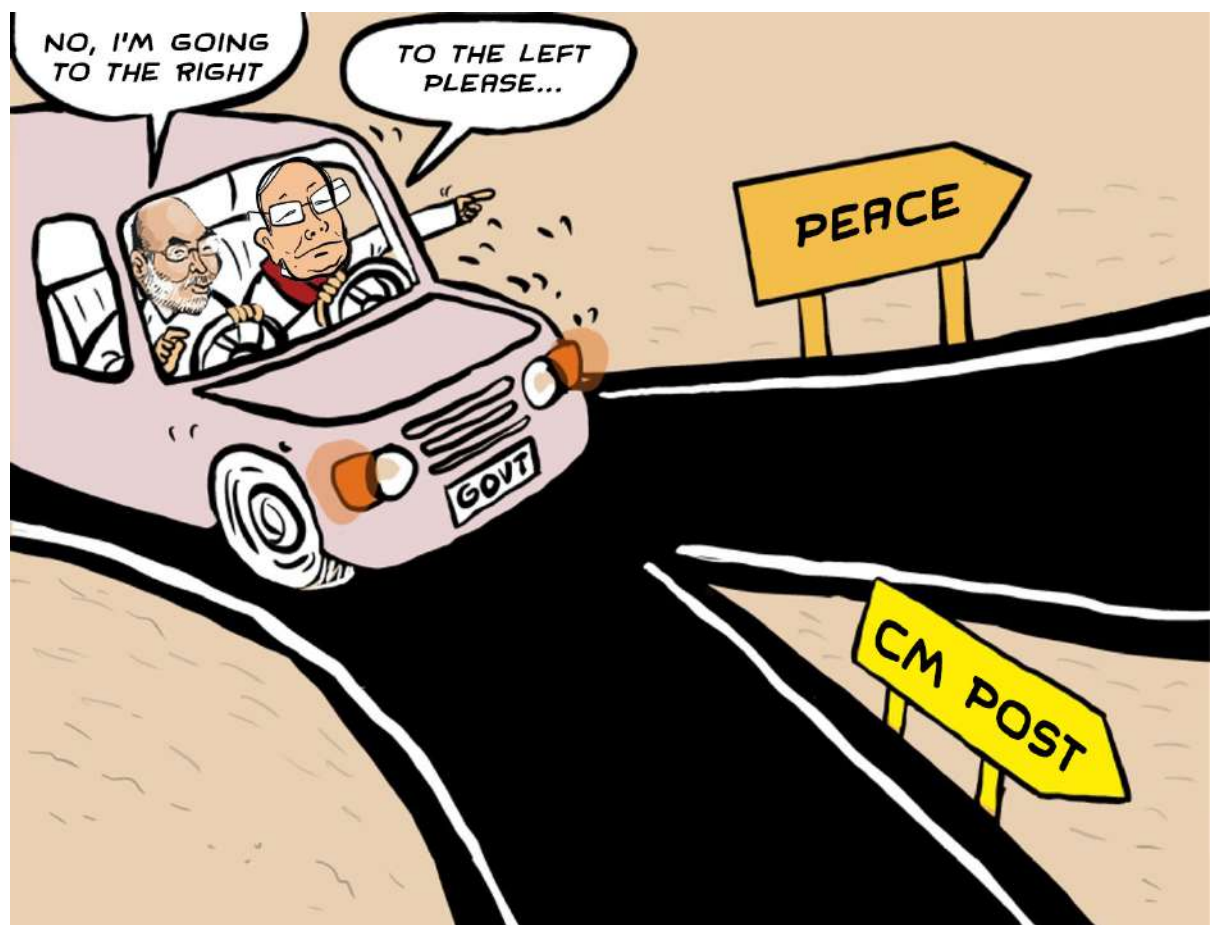
11. Failure in curbing incessant hate speeches - On the 3rd and 4th May social media were flooded with propagandas, disinformation, hate speeches, fake news with the intent to incite the public of violence towards the Kuki-Zo communities. There were calls for extermination of the entire Kuki-Zo communities. Fake photographs of Meitei women being rape, molested and killed rape were circulated. They were debunked by the police but it was too late as all hell had broken loose in Imphal. Narratives after narratives, patently false, were invented by the Meitei and were spread in the social media with the mala fide intention of inciting Meitei mobs. Had the government launched crackdown on the hate mongers the violence would not have reach this far. Had stringent measures been taken 37 up it could have been nip in the bud. The

government inaction aggravated the situation. The question is why the government of Manipur did not shutdown internet? Was the government intentionally trying to incite the Meitei community to exact their revenge on the Kuki-Zo community in Imphal valley?

12. Burying of Autonomous District Council election- The term and tenure of the six ADC was to end by May 2020. The election of the ADC was to be held by June 2020 but the N Biren Singh BJP led government has not conducted the election even after the elapsed of three years. The Hill Area Committee (HAC) had recommended for holding of ADC elections in the month of November, 2020 due to the rainy season in the month of June-July”. Based on the HAC recommendation the state cabinet on 3rd March, 2020 extended their term for six months. This decision of the state cabinet was vehemently opposed by all sections of the tribal people. However, it was presented as a fait accompli. The six ADCs were seen as a unifying force for the tribal people so it was felt necessary to bury it forever.



**THE MANIPUR
ASSEMBLY**





WARRIOR LETTER

DEDICATED TO ALL KUKI MARTYRS

JUSTICE FOR MY FATHER



KIDNAPPER

In the twilight of my ride,
In the final bout I face,
In the tender smile I give,
In the last goodbye I bid.

Today, some lost a guiding hand,
Some lost a heart's embrace,
Some now fatherless stand,
And some become a widow's grace.

Mother, should you find my lifeless form,
It's for the soil that bore me warm.
Father, if you claim my lifeless frame,
It's for the name that marks my claim.

When we meet beyond this fleeting time,
If I'm not there to stand in line,
Know, my dear, I set you free,
No longer bound, but ever free.

You may weep for words unsaid,
Regretting the last farewell not made.
Realize, those words we shared,
Now memories, the last breath spared.

Thanglianmung Mate