

Thingkho Le Maleha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



Gandhi Memorial Model High School RELIEF CENTRE Molnom, Lamka

Managed by
Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi
General Headquarters (KKL GHQ)

Total Inmates Registered: 230*

■ Male: 112

■ Female: 118

*As on 1st August, 2023



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 25.11.2023



153
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.

4 KUKI-ZO WOMEN STILL MISSING; KUKI-ZO WOMEN SEND MEMORANDUM TO PM MODI, SEEK INTERVENTION TO END VIOLENCE IN MANIPUR



A group of women from the Kuki-Zomi-Mizo-Hmar communities from Manipur on Saturday appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his intervention to bring an end to the violence in Manipur. In a memorandum sent to Modi, the women from Manipur also highlighted as many as 15 cases of atrocities and violence perpetrated against women from these four communities in the state.

“Women in Manipur have been used as instruments to take revenge on the other community, and all this is happening in a modern society and this has to stop,” said Annie Raja, secretary of the National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW) to ETV Bharat. She said that the violence, which started on May 3 is continuing.

“The government both at the Centre and State have failed to control the situation. And the Home Minister Amit Shah has also failed to bring the situation under control,” said Raja.

“We hope that at least now, the Prime Minister will intervene to bring the situation under control,” said Raja. Through this memorandum, we appeal to the authorities not just to hear, but heed the cries of justice and rehabilitation for women, who have borne the brunt of the conflict, she said.

“We seek full justice for women, who have been

victimised during the ongoing violent conflict in the state of Manipur at the earliest,” read the memorandum. The document elucidated the distressing mental health toll on survivors, many of whom grapple with fear and anxiety, dwelling in dilapidated relief camps without adequate healthcare facilities. “It underscored the urgent need for compensatory measures, rehabilitation, and a conducive environment for the affected women to reclaim their lives,” stated the memorandum.

The memorandum recalled that the viral video of the two sisters, who were paraded naked, assaulted, raped and shamed by the Meitei mob is more than enough proof of how our sisters and mothers are being subjected to extremely inhumane forms of violence in the ongoing conflict between ethnic communities in Manipur.

Highlighting 15 such cases of assaults and violence perpetrated against women, the memorandum said that Chinghoikim and Dongi from Lamka, Lamminchong of Kangpokpi and Shoikhonei are still missing and untraceable. It is worth mentioning that a clash between the Kuki and Meitei communities of the State has already claimed the lives of hundreds of people besides rendering thousands of people homeless.

(Source: ETV Bharat)

VILIFICATION OF KUKI COMMUNITY: MEITEIS' PASSION

The Meiteis' zeal in vilifying the Kuki community has been often noticed whenever any incident of a negative nature occurs in the state of Manipur. The insane Meiteis are completely obsessed with the Kukis, dragging them into any incident to which they are not even related at all.

Forget the Meitei commoners' obsession with the Kukis, even their intellectuals including the Meitei media houses have the habit of laying false claims against the Kukis without verifying the authenticity of the news report.

In the recent bank loot case at Ukhrul, a Tangkhul Naga inhabited town, the Police is yet to make any arrest till today. According to the Police, the investigation is still on to nab the culprits, and they have questioned several bank staff and security guards as part of their investigation process.

However, the Meiteis in their attempt to portray Kukis as villains in every story, spread the news as the handiwork of Kuki militants. A senior news editor from Imphal boldly claims that the money heist was done by the Kuki militants.

As per news reports, the looters spoke in Nagamese, Tangkhul and Meiteilon dialects.

In another incident of Kukis being wrongly dragged into an incident, two men and two women from the Meitei community were assaulted by a group of eight/nine people on a street at night in southeast Delhi's Sunlight Colony. The incident that happened on Thursday was captured on a mobile phone from a balcony across the street. The video has been shared widely on social media. A first information report (FIR) was filed on Friday night against several unknown accused, a police officer at Sunlight Colony said. The charges include sexual assault.

The Meiteis widely circulated the video on various social media platforms and accused the Kukis of being behind the assault of the four Meitei individuals, inaccurately portraying the incident as an act of violence indulged in by the Kukis, which is entirely false and lacks any basis.

The baseless accusation was negated by the KSO



167 reactions (thumbs up, surprised face, laughing face) | 104 comments • 20 shares

Delhi & NCR on X (formerly Twitter), clarifying that the incident was solely a consequence of a drunken escapade. It is imperative for the initial reporters to rectify their information and refrain from unfairly implicating a community unrelated to the unfortunate event, KSO

DECODING BIREN'S RHETORIC SPEECH AT UNLF RECEPTION PROGRAMME

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Saturday said that a new chapter heralding peace and normalcy has begun in the state with the recent signing of a peace agreement between the Centre and the state's oldest militant outfit - the United National Liberation Front (UNLF). The peace agreement was signed in New Delhi on Wednesday, ending a six-decade long armed struggle involving the outfit.

Biren's proclamation of peace in the state of Manipur is equally complex and contradictory as the appearance of peace in the state seems more of a mere illusion. On the day of signing the peace pact itself and since then, there have been incessant attacks against the Kukis by the Meiteis in peripheral areas. Singh said that "99 per cent of the people" of Manipur are happy with the signing of the deal, and urged the "remaining one per cent" to be part of the celebrations and not criticize the pact. Here, Biren's notation of 99 percent of the people of Manipur reflects only the Meitei population. But, the 99 percent quote is also devoid of any fact as the UNLF Central Committee today rejected the peace deal signed between the government of India and breakaway UNLF Pambei faction. The UNLF Central Committee termed the signing of peace pact with the government of India as a 'death trap' and 'betrayal to the Meitei people.' This statement itself also reflects his idea of Manipur, meaning Manipur belongs to only the Meitei community, sidelining other communities such as the tribals and Meitei Pangals.

As per various media outlet reports, the designated peace camps for the UNLF Pambei faction will be set-up at Kakching Khunou, Jiribam, Kwatha and Moreh. The proposed designated camp list itself already has raised apprehension among various communities in the state. Among the four proposed designated camps, Kwatha and Moreh have been hotly debated as these two places are in areas dominated by the Kukis. The Kukis at any



cost will not allow peace camp for a Meitei insurgent group in their area. This will probably heighten the already prevailing tense situation. Loot, tax, assault on civilians, kidnapping will be the future stories of these militants. Peace will remain a far cry. The ground rules have been kept still confidential. The reaction of various communities will tell more about whether peace will be achieved or not, once the ground rules are made public. With all these possibilities, peace seems a distant dream at the moment.

CM Biren also appealed to the UNLF to play a responsible role in the current crisis of the state and help bring unity among the people. The appeal made by the Chief Minister is quite baffling. The CM's statement has once again justified the involvement of Meitei militants in the current ethnic crisis. The Meitei militants' involvement in the current violence is indeed an open secret known to all. The CM has now already publicized it openly by appealing them to bring unity among the people.

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Injustice in the end produces independence.

— Voltaire

MPCC PRESIDENT: “IF A REMEDY FOR SHAMELESS INDIVIDUALS EXISTS, MANIPUR WOULD BE PEACEFUL BY NOW”

Taking a dig at the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Keisham Meghachandra, President of Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee, on Saturday said while scientists have developed medicines for various ailments, there seems to be no cure for shamelessness. “If a remedy for shameless individuals exist, Manipur would be peaceful by now,” he said in response to Biren’s remark at UNLF Reception programme.

Vehemently criticizing the government’s performance under the “double engine” administration, the Congress leader said that the people of Manipur are still in pain despite claims of development, and appeals for peace and normalcy from different quarters fall on Biren’s deaf ears.

“While the incumbent CM has the audacity to blame the Congress, over 50,000 individuals in relief camps endure the consequences of the current situation,” he said.

Referring the recent visit of Biren and his cohorts to Delhi as “political rhetoric”, Meghachandra said the core issue of the problem must be addressed instead of pointing fingers at the opposition parties who currently holds no power.

“While the government boasts about development, it’s crucial for them to heed the voices of civil society organizations, experienced leaders, intellectuals, and scholars who have expressed concerns about Manipur. It’s high time for meaningful discussions among the public,” the Congress leader added.

Refuting N. Biren Singh’s claim of peace returning, Meghachandra said that instead of making ungrounded statements, N. Biren Singh should look at the ground reality of the situation. “For the government, the peace might have been returned. But, the harsh reality is that there is no peace in the state in general and in the fringe areas in particular,” he pointed out.

“Whenever the Chief Minister claims peace has returned, there is firing in the fringe areas,” he added.

Former Chief Minister and Congress senior leader O. Ibobi Singh said that the BJP-led government under the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is deflecting attention from the core issue of the seven-month long violence



in Manipur. Instead of discussing rhetorical issues like saving the youth, territorial integrity, war on drugs, illegal immigrants, or protecting forests, etc., which have already been discussed, the people of the state anticipated a swift resolution to the ongoing violence for peace to return, he said.

Expressing skepticism, Ibobi suggested that the N. Biren Singh-led government has not earnestly expedited efforts in the war on drugs. “Despite various drug seizures in Manipur, there are lingering doubts about the government’s commitment to addressing the issue. Despite urging the government to hand over the drugs related cases to the CBI, it remained unaddressed, casting doubt on the government’s sincerity in tackling the drug problem in Manipur. This raises questions about their true commitment to combating the drug issue,” Ibobi said.

He refuted the allegation that the previous government did nothing to effectively guard the Indo-Myanmar border while asserting that it was during Congress regime that the border fencing work along the Manipur sector of the international border was taken up.

The former three time Chief Minister then said that it is the bounden duty of the Centre to guard the international border to check infiltration of illegal immigrants and cross border smuggling of illegal goods including drugs.

UNLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE REJECTS PAMBEI FACTION'S PEACE DEAL WITH GOI

The United National Liberation Front (UNLF) on Saturday rejected the Pambei Faction's peace pact with the government of India signed on November 29 at New Delhi, terming the Peace Talks as a "death trap and total betrayal to the people."

Reiterating its stand on the question of talks with India, the proscribed UNLF militant group said that the breakaway Pambei Group of the UNLF has signed a 'Peace Talk Agreement' with the Govt of India on 29 Nov 2023 at New Delhi. "Obviously, it is an agreement for beginning peace talks. The development has necessitated the UNLF to issue this Press Release to clarify on the basic issues involved," it said.

The UNLF Central Committee said, "According to the spokesperson of Pambei Group, their agenda for the talks shall be 'the restoration of Manipur's sovereignty and independence'. However, the paradox is the Indian government has never agreed to include the issue of 'sovereignty and independence' on the agenda of talks. This is the stand India govt. took on holding talks with NSCN and ULFA. This is precisely the reason ULFA of Assam has not accepted to hold talks with India govt till today."

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Under the circumstances, the UNLF has informed the people that Pambei group has deviated from the time tested fundamental political principle of UNLF. That, such an internal situation has been created thereby weakening the united effort at a time when Manipur is confronting an unprecedented challenge is really unfortunate, it stated.

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The attempt of India govt to give the impression that by signing the 'peace talks agreement' with the breakaway group of UNLF can only be described as ignorance of the dynamics of our national liberation struggle.

Lastly, the Central Committee UNLF appeal to our people not to lose hope at such act of betrayal of some groups. We vow at our stand that we will carry forward our struggle for Independence till the last blood.

Kangla,
2 December 2023

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
UNITED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT:
MANIPUR

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ANALYSIS

Report in SC on Manipur Victims' Bodies in Morgues Highlights Deep Divides, State of Law and Order

Yaqut Ali

The Supreme Court has ordered the Manipur government to bury the unidentified and unclaimed bodies of individuals killed during the violence in Manipur which began on May 3.

The sharp divide between the two communities is yet to abate and the state is virtually split, with the Meitei people living in the Imphal Valley, and tribal communities being confined to the hill areas.

According to information provided by the Justice Gita Mittal (retired) committee to the top court, there have been a total of 175 deaths in the state.

Of the total number of deaths reported confirmed, 169 people's bodies have been identified.

Eighty-one bodies have been claimed by the next of kin, and 88 have been identified by the administration but have not been claimed yet. Six bodies remain unidentified (five in the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences and one in the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences). For these six unidentified bodies, the general secretary of the Kuki Students' Organisation, D.J. Haokip, underlined the precarious security situation in the state and the divide, making it impossible for them to enter Imphal. He told The Wire, "As I have said what I told you before, we are ready to verify all the bodies with

all their relevant documents, but the government has to provide us security to enter Imphal."

Recently, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta claimed that most of the bodies in morgues in Manipur are of "infiltrators". His claims were at variance with the facts. Even at the time, The Wire had been able to collect data on the ground to confirm only 19 bodies were unidentified in Manipur. However, a large number of even identified bodies remained in hospital morgues as victims' families were being unable to travel due to the ongoing violence.

The data submitted to the court by the committee includes bodies of victims from both the Meitei and Kuki communities. Most victims from the Kuki community are in JNIMS and RIMS Hospital in Imphal, while Meitei bodies are in Churachandpur district. This again underscores how the state is divided between the ethnic groups, with no visible effort being made by the state to enable peaceful mobility.

According to a spokesperson of the the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, Ginza Vualzong, 154 people from the Kuki-Zo community were killed in the Manipur violence. This number includes missing persons too. ITLF data also states that there are 22 people from the community who were killed in the state, but their bodies are yet to be located.

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Key question

The question arises: how were these bodies identified when Meiteis can't enter the hills and Kukis can't enter the valley?

The Wire reached out to one of the kin of the deceased whose body is in the Imphal morgue. Nenghoikim Lhungdim's eldest brother Jamkholal Lhungdim and her sister-in-law's brother Ngamkhothang Lhungdim were killed in Imphal. Nenghoikim remembers, "On May 4 morning, all the people in Khongsai Veng were asked to stay together in Lodestar Public School. Later, when members of the Kuki community were moving out, they were attacked by a mob with iron rods and killed." Their bodies are lying in Imphal's RIMS Hospital.

When asked how her family identified their late kin's body in the Imphal morgue, she said, "We contacted the police and got photographs from them to verify it."

ITLF spokesperson Vualzong says, "We cannot go to Imphal, but the district administration arranges photos for the identification of the person."

'Nine cremation sites'

The Mittal committee report also talks about nine cremation sites, The Government of Manipur has identified nine sites where the next of kin can perform last rites and bury their loved ones. But where are these nine sites? Are these sites on the hillside or in the valley? The government is yet to declare where these sites are.

Representatives of both communities also don't know about these "nine sites".

The Wire reached out to Colin Gonsalves, who is representing a Kuki group in the court. Speaking to The Wire, Gonsalves said, "To date, we don't know where these nine places are. The threat is if we don't take in the bodies, the government will bury them for us. It is a shocking proposition."

The tribal community is aggrieved by how the issue of burial has been handled by all parties. They have been desperate to retrieve their loved ones' bodies for seven months. Since May, the government and the "dominant community", they claim, have put up every possible obstruction.

Gonsalves also spoke about Kuki customs, which say that when people from the Kuki community are killed in action, the deceased members are buried side by side. "Many years ago, during an agitation in the hills, when seven Kukis were killed, all the seven Kukis were buried side by side. It's in their tradition," he said.

"Even now, when representatives of the tribals have held a meeting with the home ministry and cleared everything, certain individuals have obstructed the process. And what is the threat?"

What's missing?

The report states that a total of 175 people died in the violence, but this doesn't include the number of deaths that happened due to the lack of medical facilities. Earlier, The Wire had reported that 45 people have already died due to lack of medicines in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi.

Compensation

The report says, "Ex-Gratia payment has been completed to Noks for 73 cases, out of a total 169 identified cases. Out of the remaining 96 cases, 38 families have expressed unwillingness to receive the assistance due to pressure from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) like ITLF, JPO, KIM, etc. For the remaining 58 cases, verification is underway and assistance would be released soon."

The committee also claimed that there is "pressure" from civil society organisations on the families of the deceased to not perform last rites. This allegation has been a point of contention, with civil society organisations often being the sole support for bereaved families and the community.

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Everyone is either an illegal refugee or everyone is India.

We claim that Indians ruled from the Kush to Hind (Ethiopia to India), but Meitei bholes say Kukis are illegal, Hindutva vadis says Muslims are illegal, Christians are illegal.

Who is legal in this country? Only those who spread hate in the name of patriotism? Shut the eff up...



Theme: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it for brethren to dwell together in unity" – Psalms 133:1

Date : December 3, 2023 (Sunday)
Time : 11:00 am – 02:00 pm
Venue : Peace Ground, Tuibong

Order of Program

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|------------------------|--|
| Compere | : Evan. Letminjose Gangte & Ms Mawite Singson |
| Invocation | : Pastor Runremthang, ICI |
| Praise & Worship | : Charis Worship Team |
| Welcome Speech | : Rev. Dr. M. Thongkhosei, Chairman, KCLF |
| Special Number | : Seraphim Voices |
| Speaker (Unity) | : Rev. Dr. VL Nghakthang, Secretary, Zo United |
| Special Number | : Blessed Choir |
| Offertory Prayer | : Rev. HC. Stephen, Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church |
| Speech (R&R) | : Dr. Paolenthang Lenthang, Chairman, R&R Dept. KIM |
| Speech (Reflective) | : Rev. Dr. Jangkholam, Convenor, KCLF/mc |
| Speech (encouragement) | : Pu C. Lalhmumawia, Rainbow Channel, Mizoram |
| Special Number | : Herald for Christ |
| Mass Prayer (SA) | : Upa L. Velson, Mission Chairman, EBC, Lamka South Division |
| Vote of Thanks | : Rev. Th. Khuala Vaiphei, General Secy, KCLF |
| Closing Prayer | : Rev. K. Neihisial, Moderator, Tangphai Presbyterian Church Synod, TPCS (Finance, Goodwill Council) |

PROGRAM PARTNERS:

1. Sound – K. Live
2. Videography – Ahsisomleng
3. Arrangement – KCC TUIBONG
4. Ambulance – KKL

Program Organized by Kuki Christian Leaders Fellowship, Monitoring Cell



Pre-Christmas Reveries

- Letginmang Singsit

Warm was my heart last December
So cold and frozen this December
Many a thing I came to remember
Winter is cold and my heart colder

Christmas! It's not gonna be the same
A season to celebrate put to shame
In the wake of an ethnopolitical game
A stint of euphoria and joy set aflame

Everything reminds me of last winter
Indelible fellowships filled with laughter
Was cheerful and joyous nothing better
Now every single thing sour and bitter

Never knew old snaps pour emotions
Nor old videos filled with sensations
And songs full of melancholic notions
All makes me packed with desolations

Singing "Joy to the World" will be hard
For there is less exhilaration in my heart
"Feliz Navidad" will be wistfully unheard
But ne'er will I and the baby born be apart.