

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



THIANLAM VAIPHEI (50 YEARS)

W/O (L) LAMTINKHAI VAIPHEI

ADDRESS: PHEITAICHING, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 5TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: IMPHAL

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED & BURNT TO DEATH BY MEITEI MILITANTS



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.

WE DO NOT TRUST THE STATE: SUPREME COURT ON MANIPUR GOVERNMENT FAILURE TO TAKE KUKI UNDERTRIAL TO HOSPITAL



JUSTICE JB PARDIWALA

JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed shock over the fact that an undertrial at the Manipur Central Jail was not taken to hospital for medical examination, only because he belongs to the Kuki community.

A Vacation Bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan also made a scathing remark against the Manipur government.

“Sorry counsel, we do not trust the State (of Manipur). We do not. The accused was not taken to hospital because he is from the Kuki community? So sad. We direct him to be examined now. If the medical report reveals something serious, we will take you to task! Remember that,” the Court warned.

The Court in the order noted that trial was yet to commence and that the accused was apparently suffering from piles and tuberculosis. He had also complained to jail officials about extreme backache.

Further, the jail medical officer on November 22 last year had found tenderness in the lower lumbar spine of accused and recommended an X-Ray, which facility was not available at the jail.

From the bail order passed by the High Court, the Bench found that the accused was not taken out for medical examination at a hospital “since he was from Kuki community and that shifting him to hospital will be hazardous taking into account law and order situation.”

Taking serious view of the same, the Court passed the following order:

“We direct the jail superintendent as well as responsible authority of State of Manipur to make necessary arrangements for his transportation to Gauhati Medical College and get him examined therein. The medical exam shall be as regards piles, TB, tonsillitis, abdominal pain as well as problems in lower lumbar spine.”

It further directed the officials concerned to obtain a detailed medical report in this regard and place same before it on or before July 15.

“All expenses to be borne by the State,” the Court said. (Source: [Bar and Bench](#))

PM HAS STILL NOT VISITED MANIPUR: CONGRESS SLAMS MODI'S REMARKS ON VIOLENCE-HIT STATE IN RAJYA SABHA

Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remarks on Manipur in the Rajya Sabha, the Congress on Wednesday said he made an “astounding claim” that the situation is normal there when in actuality it is still tense and pointed out that he has still not visited the state since violence erupted in May last year. The opposition party’s attack came after Prime Minister Modi said violence in Manipur is continuously declining and the schools have reopened in most part of the state, and efforts are being made to ensure a return of complete peace.

Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, Modi said the Centre was working with the state government and others to restore normalcy in the state.

In his reaction to the remarks, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, “Today in the Rajya Sabha, after months of absolute silence on the issue, the non-biological PM made the astounding claim that the situation in Manipur is normal.”

“In actuality, the situation is still tense as the MP from Inner Manipur pointed out in the Lok Sabha on 1st July. And the non-biological Pradhan Mantri has still not visited Manipur since it erupted on the night of May 3rd, 2023 -- nor has he met with the political leaders of the state. The President’s Address too was silent on the issue,” he said.

Replying to a debate on the motion to thank President Droupadi Murmu for her address to a joint sitting of the Parliament, the prime minister said that more than 500 people have been arrested and over 11,000 FIRs have been registered in Manipur.

Modi further said Manipur was facing flood situation as well and the Centre has dispatched two teams of



the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to the state.

Earlier in the day, the Congress hit out at the government over its second MP from Manipur not having been allowed to speak before Prime Minister Modi’s address in the Lok Sabha. The Congress said the prime minister repeated his old allegations, cracked jokes and took jibes but did not have the patience to listen to the voice of the legislator from the violence-hit state.

The Opposition party also alleged it seems the prime minister is deliberately “turning his back” to the plight of Manipur.

Manipur plunged into violence between the Meitei and Kuki communities in May last year. Since then some 200 people have been killed, while thousands have been displaced following large scale arson that has gutted homes and government buildings.

Source: [ET](#)

MEITEIS ARMED GROUP RENEW ATTACK ON KUKI AREAS

After some months of uneasy calm between the Kuki and Meitei communities, the Meitei armed groups renewed attacks on the Kuki areas of Kangpokpi District, along the buffer zones adjoining the Meiteis' valley areas.

Yesterday at around 8:30 PM, the private militia groups of N. Biren Singh - Arambai Tenggol and the Meitei militant outfits - launched indiscriminate attack on the Kuki village of P. Phaimol and surrounding areas using bombs and sophisticated weapons.

The Meitei attackers used long-range weapons to open fire and launched shelling of bombs targeting the Kuki villages, prompting the Kuki Village Volunteers to retaliate.

The exchange of gunfire persisted about an hour until approximately 9:50 PM. However, there was no report of casualties from both the two warring communities.

The Kuki villages situated along the Buffer Zone between Kangpokpi and Imphal East district, inhabited by the Kuki tribes, came under attack in three different directions. Situation still tense in the region.

Ironically, the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi was being misinformed about the tense situation. Modi on Wednesday said that the violent activities has been on the declining situation and peace and normalcy returns in the State.

The Kuki and Meitei communities in Manipur have been embroiled in violent conflicts since May 3, 2023.

Reports suggested that the Kuki Village Volunteers' retaliatory gun fires penetrated the walls of residences belonging to the Meitei communities.

INNER MANIPUR MP CRITICISES PM MODI'S RAJYA SABHA SPEECH

Congress MP from Manipur, Dr Angomcha Bimol, commented on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in Rajya Sabha, stating that the Prime Minister attempted to find a cover.

Dr Bimol expressed disappointment, describing the speech as unfortunate and an attempt to normalise the situation in Manipur.

He emphasised the need for genuine attempts to address certain questions, which he felt the Prime Minister did not mention.

Earlier on July 2, drawing the attention of central leaders about Manipur, MP Dr Angomcha Bimol Akoijam claimed that the silence of the central leader over the Manipur crisis is not a unique thing. Rather it is a reflection of the general continuity of the colonial era in the post-colonial period.

The newly elected MP of the Inner Manipur Parliamentary

constituency, Dr Angomcha Bimol Akoijam raised concern about the Manipur crisis in parliament yesterday while presenting a motion of thanks.

Anguish by the silence of prime minister and the exclusion of presidential speech on the Manipur crisis that has been undergoing for more than year, Bimol said that this silence is not normal. It is a reminder of fact that many scholar have said that there is a continuity of colonialism in post-colonial period.

Highlighting the pain and suffering people of state are going through, he said that more than 60,000 are homeless and 200 people have lost their life is not a joke. There has been civil war like situation where people are forced to take arm, fighting each other and defending their villages. But Indian state still remain as mute spectator to this tragedy that has been occurring from last one year.

MEITEI'S LOOTING CONTINUES; AIMOL STUDENTS' CONDEMNS

After looting the properties of abandoned Kuki properties and homes in the Imphal valley, the Meiteis, as usual in their 'Kleptomania' nature, has started looting again this time by looting the residence of a medical practitioner, damaging various medical equipment and properties on July 1.

The incident took place at Amazing Grace Dental Care 1st Street New Lambulane near Tribal Market Imphal East in broad daylight. The Dental Clinic belongs to one Dr. Sialloa Khupkhothang Aimol.

A condemnation note issued by the Information & Publicity Secretary ASUM in this regard raised concern that the central forces deployed in the area failed to prevent the unfortunate incident.

In view of the above, the student body maintained

that the State Police and Central forces deployed at various areas are for 'namesake duties'. The authorities concerned has failed to protect our people and property, it remarked.

Further it urged the Government to take appropriate actions against the miscreants involved in such unethical acts. The student body also appeal to all concerned not to repeat such acts amid the prevailing conflict situation in the State to prevent untoward incidents and maintain harmony and foster communal harmony among all the communities.

We always pray and look forward to peace where we can all live peacefully together', it added.



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Anyone talking about return of some normalcy to Manipur is talking through his hat. The state remains divided, tens of thousands homeless, state apparatus dysfunctional, majoritarian militia continues to run amok and more than 5,500 weapons from state armouries are still missing.

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TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENTS RECALLED: JULY 02 & 03, 2023

A RECAP OF THE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ON JULY 02 & 03, 2023 AS A RESULT OF PRE-PLANNED STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST KUKI-ZO

2nd July, 2023

In a horrifying and tragic incident, Meitei radical group Arambai Tengol and Meitei Leepun, along with Manipur Police Commandos and Valley-Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), launched an attack on Langza in Lamka district at approximately 1:00 AM and lasted till evening.

The gravity of this incident cannot be overstated. It is with immense sorrow that we report that one village volunteer was captured alive and subsequently subjected to a horrific act of violence. The Meiteis in the most barbaric way beheaded a village volunteer David Thiek and placed the decapitated head on display on a fencing post before burning the victim's body

In addition to this appalling act, the attackers set fire to 26 houses and three churches, including the Reformed Presbyterian Church (RPC), Independent Church of India (ICI), and Evangelical Assembly Church (EAC). This

devastating event underscores the urgent need for measures to address security concerns and protect the lives and well-being of the affected communities.

3rd July 2023

Meitei radical group Arambai Tengol and Meitei Leepun led by Manipur Police Commandos and Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) attacked Phaileng in Kangpokpi district at around 4:30 AM. They retraced at around 9:30 AM.

One village volunteer was injured in the attack. The Meiteis moved back and attacked another Kuki-Zo village Thingsat with mortars. Firing was going on till 9:30 PM.

Heavy firing was reported at multiple places. The Meiteis attacked Kuki-Zo volunteers at Langza.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Will the Kukis Keep Opposing NRC and the Meiteis' Demand for ST Status if the Nagas are Not Against It?

A few days ago, a delegation comprising members of the United Naga Council (UNC), the apex social body of the Nagas of Manipur and the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a Meitei CSOs conglomerate, met with the Governor of Manipur, Smt. Anusuiya Uikey.

One of the main demands jointly placed was the implementation of NRC in Manipur, which they believed is supposedly an indirectly target on the Kukis and perpetuate the narrative that many Kukis are outsiders.

In a sense, both the communities seem to be living in a fool's paradise and really disconnected with their own realities.

Here, it may be made crystal clear that the Kukis will not oppose an NRC process directed by the Supreme Court and would welcome it if it were to be monitored by it.

It may also be pointed out that many newspapers (for instance The Sangai Express, dated March 31, 2011), had reported that there was abnormal population growth detected in the Purul, Mao-Maram and Paomata sub-divisions of Senapati district in the census of 2011. While Manipur's overall population growth rate was 18.65 per

cent, these three sub-divisions saw growth rates exceeding 100 per cent. So whom are they bluffing?

Many Meiteis have their origins in Cachar, Myanmar, and even Bangladesh. The Pangals are also believed to have significant additions to their flocks in places like Jiribam, Imphal, Thoubal, etc. The only concern for the Hill tribes, whether it's the Kuki-Zo or the Nagas, is that due to their remoteness and vagaries of tribal life, some might not have proper documents. As they often ask, why would someone need documents to prove their indigeneity in their own ancestral villages? So, if some Kukis lack the necessary documents, do the Nagas believe they will have them?

The only fear of the Kukis is that an NRC process led by a Meitei government would lack fairness and impartiality. A government that attempted to halt even a bridge construction project in Kuki areas, funded by the people themselves, cannot be trusted in any way. A communal government that tried its best to even stop a bridge construction in Kuki areas with funds collected by the people themselves, cannot be trusted in any way. On a

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lighter vein, if building roads and bridges on one's own land with one's own funds is considered a crime, then Mr. Armstrong Pame, IAS, would be the biggest offender for constructing the 100 km long 'people's road'.

With regard to the ST demands of the Meiteis, the Kukis and Nagas had jointly opposed it and that was why a rally was organised on May 3, 2023. Sadly, when violence broke out, it became a Kuki-Meitei issue and one must assume that the Nagas are not so much against the ST demands of the Meiteis as the Kukis are since they are not willing to fight for it.

While it is more complex than that, the fact that Naga CSOs are now hobnobbing with Meitei CSOs shows the lack of seriousness over the issue. If Nagas are okay with the Meiteis getting ST status, why should the Kukis keep opposing it alone? Let the Meiteis have ST they wanted so badly! Let them also come and settle in the Naga inhabited areas with ease as they did in the Kuki areas prior to May 3, 2023.

Simultaneously, let there be no more reservations in the state of Manipur so that every community can compete in the competitive examinations as equal citizens. In that case, the Kuki-Zo students will work harder to compete with them, and will eventually have no regrets. In fact, those Kuki-Zo from Lamka might

already be able to compete with them if not beat them! We are hopeful that the Nagas won't fare badly either.

At least, the Kukis will not keep opposing the ST demand of the Meiteis if the Nagas are okay with it. Moreover, after the political separation and administrative boundaries are officially established, we will once again welcome the Meiteis into our land as our neighbours with 'open Arms' as we always did in the past. The Nagas must also consider reciprocating the same courtesy from now though they never allowed in the past.

Lastly, since the Kuki-Zo are no longer in a position to agree to be part of Manipur anymore, there are three choices: one, the Nagas and Kukis collectively fight for a separate tribal state/UT with Meiteis also having their ST, or second, Naga, Kuki and Meitei areas be divided into three UTs as it was done in Jamu & Kashmir. In both these cases, the NRC process will be implemented without any reservation and the Meiteis can have their ST status. Alternately, if the Meiteis and Nagas don't agree with the said options, they both can have NRC and ST status (for the Meiteis) -- just as they wished -- and live together 'peacefully' forever in Manipur.



The worst form of injustice is pretended justice.

- Plato

**NEWS ANALYSIS****PM Modi Breaks Silence on Manipur, But His Remarks are Far From the Truth and Also Unnecessary**

After his long, deafening silence on Manipur violence, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, finally uttered a few words on the issue stating that the government is continuously making efforts to normalise the situation in Manipur.

He reported that more than 11,000 First Information Reports (FIRs) have been registered, and over 500 individuals have been arrested in connection with the unrest in Manipur.

PM Modi claimed that incidents of violence in Manipur are reportedly on the decline. "The central and state governments are actively engaging with all stakeholders to restore peace. We can see a path towards peace very soon," he said.

However, the Prime Minister's assertion of returning normalcy and declining violent activities in the strife-torn state was astounding, far from truth on ground reality. Of course, schools have been opened since last year but tension still prevails between the warring communities. There have been sporadic violent incidents along the buffer zones wherein the Meiteis' Arambai Tenggol and VBIGs continued their aggression towards the Kukis' territory.

The state-sponsored ethnic cleansing against the

Kukis has been completed from the Meiteis' ancestral land, and the Kukis and Meiteis have now been totally separated physically, ethnically, geographically. With the deep divide and extreme animosity between the Meiteis and Kukis, there has not been any chance of integration between the two communities socially and emotionally.

The only way forward for returning peace and normalcy in the region is to formalise separate administrative units for the already separated communities respectively. The Prime Minister Office and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, should realise that sooner the political solution for the Kukis, the better for the region to live in peace as good neighbours.

In his reply to Motion of Thanks to President in Rajya Sabha today, the Prime Minister also recalled the 1993 ethnic violence in the State, which is unnecessary to be mentioned in this critical period. "A situation like this happened in Manipur in 1993, and the unrest lasted for five years. The state has witnessed the imposition of President's Rule 10 times during the Congress era. We have not resorted to such a means," he said.

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Here, choosing to politicize the issue by criticizing the opposition, particularly the Congress party, for their handling of similar crises in the past is unnecessary. Is the Prime Minister Modi instigating or inciting a repeat of ethnic violence which had occurred in the past? Or Is the Prime Minister hinting to prolong the ongoing violence as in the past?

It should be noted that a deflection to historical incidents does little to address the immediate needs and concerns of the people, particularly the Kuki people who are currently facing atrocities in the hands of the majoritarian regime. The strength and capability of the state should have evolved significantly since 1993. The expectation from the Kuki people now is that the Government of India should immediately address their legitimate historical political grievances for justice to prevail.

While PM Modi's remarks were intended to assure the nation of the government's efforts, his statement raised

more questions than answers, leaving the victims of the state-engineered violence to wonder whether the Prime Minister was misinformed or was simply not in touch with the ground reality. His remarks are nothing but narratives often propagated by the incumbent and narcissistic Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

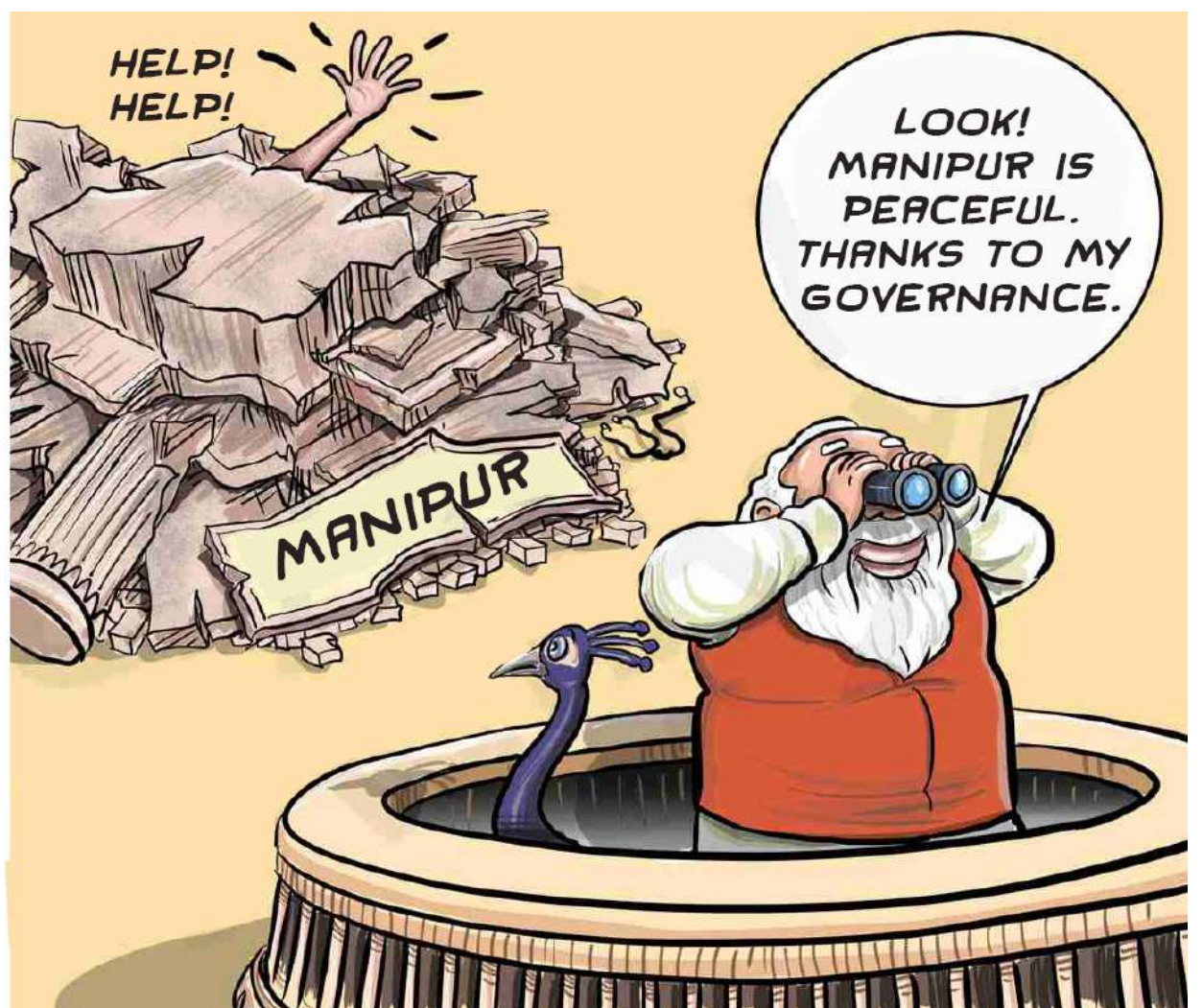
The Prime Minister's highlighted number figures of FIRs also raised serious questions as there have been no mentioning of progressive investigations to the thousands of FIRs filed in various police stations. The Kukis have been waiting for justice for the deaths and destruction arising out of N. Biren Singh's orchestrated ethnic cleansing pogrom.

While the Prime Minister spoke about the Government's efforts to bring peace, his words lacked the urgency and comprehensive strategy in solving the Kukis' political problems.



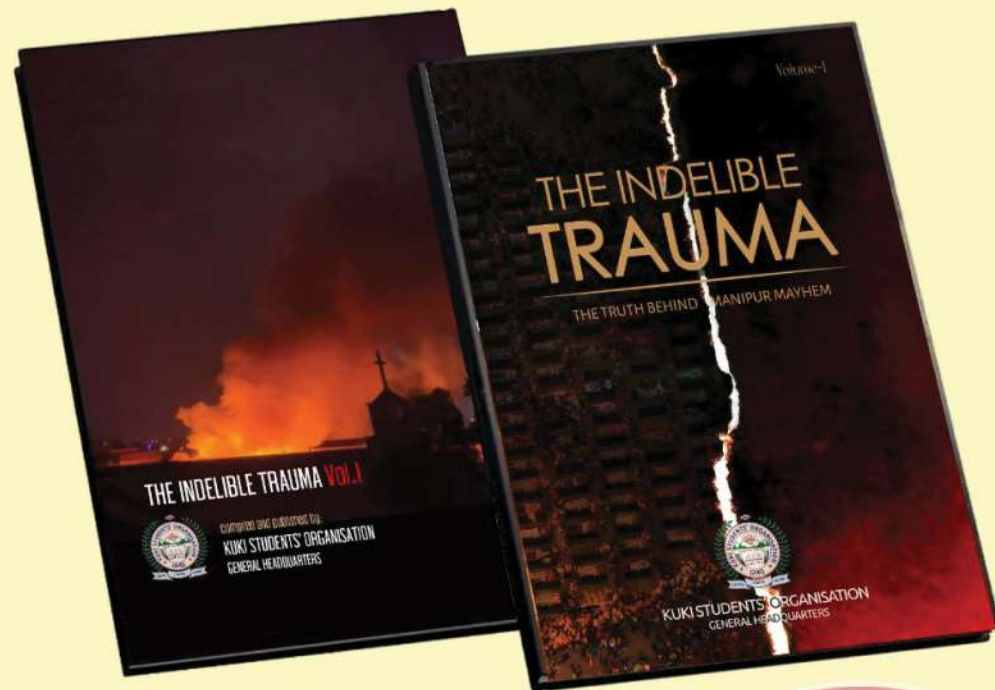
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Why are they coming after you?
Dear Kuki-Zo brethren?
Why are your churches set on fire?
Why are your houses looted?
Ravaged, plundered and burned?
Why did they strip your women naked?
And gangrape them without remorse?
Why did they torture and behead your hero?
Why did they burn an innocent injured boy?
Why do they still rain bullets upon you?
Endlessly? Relentlessly?
Even after 80+ days today?
Why does not the government rush to help?

Because they want to annihilate you!
Because you are born a tribal!
Having Scheduled Tribe status!
Living in fertile, lush, hilly terrain!
Which has rich underground resources!
Which they want to unearth!
Which by hook or by crook they plot to get!
Don't you know,
You're standing in their way,
Because you hold the surface rights to your forests!

Manipur - jewel of India!
You have now lost your lustre!
You are now divided!
Manipur, you're not loved any more!
You've been betrayed!
By powers that exploit you!
They have broken you in two!
They divided you!
Pitted one to attack the other!
One will not cease to attack until the prize is won!
The other will not cease to defend until its last breath!
Stalemate!

Who whispered in whose ears?
To start a fight?
Who foolishly yielded?
And became a pawn?
For whom?

And it spreads its venom beyond Manipur!

Indians of India...
Be wary of the whisperer!
Indians of India...
Fight to nullify FCA Bill 2023!
For it carries with it:
Surface rights of tribal lands of Manipur
And of all lands of all states,
Located 100 kms from international borders!