

Thingkho Le Malcha

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DIET, Leikop RELIEF CENTRE

DIET Centre, Leikop, Sadar Hills
(Camp Code: KPI-2-08)

Managed by
District Administration &
Kuki CSOs Sadar Hills

Total Inmates Registered: 459



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 27.01.2024



159
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.

Meiteis' Power Play: High Time to Reciprocate? AFTER REPEATED HUMILIATION AND DEFEAT ON BATTLEFIELDS, MEITEIS RESORT TO LAME WAR CRIME TACTICS AGAIN

Lamka and Pherzawl district have been experiencing total blackout for about 60 hours after the towers and insulators leading to Lamka were destroyed by the Meiteis.

As per sources, the Meiteis destroyed towers of 33 KV Kakching to Lamka, insulators of 33 KV Moirang to Lamka and the insulators and towers of 33 KV Ningthoukhong to Lamka.

As per reliable sources, electricity department officials who went to oversee or check the damaged insulators and towers were obstructed by the Meira Paibis and the Arambai Tenggols at Kwakta on Sunday.

The power outage has affected internet connectivity as most of the mobile towers are without power back-ups. In some areas, the network services reportedly slowed down, bringing communication problems in the two districts.

Indeed, it is not the first time that the Meiteis have resorted to such cheap, immature and despicable measures to strike some bargains. This time too, power supply to Lamka and Pherzawl districts has been deliberately cut-off from Imphal valley by Meitei terror groups in reaction to the reported erection of a 'Cross' atop Thangting hills, according to a highly placed source. Meiteis are, no wonder, a community of liars, pessimists, cynics fully driven by emotions.

Their susceptibility to hearsay, their expertise in fabrications of facts and their knee jerk reactions to rumours are too well-known.

During the course of their ongoing ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kukis and the preceding events, the Meiteis' propensity to rely and bank on manufactured fear and fabricated apprehension are



Pic: Officials and security personnel denied entry by Meira Paibis and locals

too familiar. Much water has flown down the Tuitha river since May 3, 2023, yet the Meiteis and their traits and psyche remain the same.

The intentional cut-off of power supply to Lamka and other Kuki inhabited areas by Meitei terror groups since a few days back is nothing but another provocation. If the Meiteis really meant to bargain cutting off power supply to any issue, they need to re-think many times.

The source of power supply and other natural resources like drinking water that are made available to Imphal valley needs a re-thinking. The serious option of blocking the supply of essential commodities to the valley also must not be taken lightly.

The Meiteis are probably basking in imagined glory for managing to block supply of essential commodities to Kuki areas. This cannot be considered as the weakness of the Kukis. These rogue and uncouth Meiteis deserve some lifetime lessons.

KUKI-ZO BODY CLARIFIES OVER SCUFFLE AMONG IRB TRAINEES IN ASSAM

The Committee on Tribal Unity, or the CoTU, Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District clarified the alleged false accusation of Kuki-Zo IRB trainees' involvement in the scuffle amongst IRB trainees in Assam yesterday evening.

While expressing its dismay and shock over the alleged false accusation, the Committee clarified that none of the Kuki-Zo IRB trainees were involved in the scuffle, rather the fight was between the Meitei and Tangkhul-Naga trainees.

The Kuki-Zo top body also vehemently condemned the false and misleading reports by some propagandist valley-based Meitei media houses and asked them to stop the unabated slanted reportage they repeated ad nauseum.

The Committee stated that they have investigated the matter and gathered information from in-situ sources and found that the fight actually took place when some inebriated Meitei and Tangkhul trainees got into an argument.

It also stated that during the altercations, one Tangkhul trainee inflicted injury to one Meitei trainee on his head using a sharp object.

The committee further stated that the Kuki-Zo trainees and their camps were also affected as the scuffle swiftly engulfed the whole training camp.

It also alleged that the Meitei trainees simultaneously attacked the belongings of the camps where Kuki-Zo recruits were being housed.

The ruckus created by the aforementioned groups is extremely condemnable, as is the cowardly act of the Meitei recruits who attacked the innocent Kuki-Zo trainees who had nothing to do with the incident, it stated.



CoTU, like other sane parents and families of the trainees, only wants the IRB training to go smoothly, specifically without any threat to the lives of the Kuki-Zo recruits, it further added.

The committee also conveyed its anticipation that the training will take place peacefully and without any criminal activity.

CoTU asked the Assam Rifles personnel and other officers stationed at the camp to thoroughly investigate the matter and give befitting punishment to all involved in last night's incident.

CoTU also warns the print and electronic media houses based in the valley to respect media ethics instead of resorting to cheesy and biased reporting.

KUKI-ZOS IN NATIONAL CAPITAL OBSERVE NINE MONTHS OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE, CALL FOR SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION IN KUKI-ZO INHABITED AREAS



Kuki-Zo in the national capital observed the ninth month of ethnic violence against Kuki-Zo on Saturday at Jantar Mantar, Delhi.

Organised by the Kuki Students' Organisation, Delhi & NCR and Kuki-Zo Women's Forum Delhi, the observation was marked with a sit-in-protest and speeches from several Kuki-Zo leaders. Kuki-Zo from all walks of life took part in the protest.

In connection with the observance of the ninth month of ethnic cleansing, the KSO Delhi and NCR issued a press release and placed several demands which included; immediate and complete withdrawal of Meitei State security forces and VBIGs from Moreh, replacement of Col. Akash Oinam, CO 18 A.R. from Saikul area for effective law and order situation and a written assurance from the competent authority/authorities to ensure the safety and security of the Kuki people in Moreh and all other Kuki-Zo inhabited areas of the State.

Other demands include; effective enforcement of buffer zone and the Central forces should be given the power and authority to stop Meitei militants from intruding and attacking Kuki-Zo villages and removal of all army officers hailing from Manipur to ensure neutrality and impartiality of Central forces and their replacement by non-Manipuri officers.

The KSO also demanded the central government to immediately hold the reins of Manipur government which is now controlled by the Meitei militant groups and alternative arrangement for security and governance of the tribals in the hills should be arranged at the earliest since the state government has completely surrendered to the Meitei militants.

Admission of displaced students in educational institutes outside the state to allow them to complete their courses of study, expediting the formation of Seperate Administration for Kuki-Zo tribals to bring lasting peace in the international border state of Manipur are also included in the list of demands.

In the release, KSO stated that February 3, 2024 marked the ninth month of the ethnic cleansing pogrom unleashed against minority tribals belonging to Kuki-Zo community by the majority Meitei community tacitly with the support of Manipur state government. The horrific genocidal campaign against Kuki-Zo community of Manipur has so far claimed 159 tribal lives, destroyed 200 plus villages along with 7000 plus houses and displaced 41,425 people, it added.

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The release also stated that the violence has escalated in recent days with the continual attacks on Kuki-Zo villages in various hill districts of Manipur and in the border town of Moreh, the state commandos used excessive forces on the local Kuki-Zo tribals and shot a woman on 15th January, 2024. Again, on January 19, 2024, numerous houses and schools were burned by the Meitei state forces which was clearly captured by CCTV thereby putting the lives of people living in Moreh in constant danger, stated the release.

KSO stated that the Meitei militants namely the UNLF and Arambai Tenggol crossed the buffer zone in Saikul areas of Kangpokpi district on 27th January, 2024 and killed one Kuki-Zo village guard by the name of Tilminlun Khongsai aged 26 years old. Stating that the attack on Kuki-Zo villages occurs almost on daily basis, putting the lives and property of tribals in peril, KSO added that there is a complete breakdown of law and order in the state, with the state government completely surrendering to Meitei armed militia group.

On 24th January, 2024, all the 38 Meitei legislators were administered oath of allegiance by the Arambai Tenggol which is in complete violation of the constitution of India and challenged the integrity of Indian state, KSO stated.



The state government continues to increase the deployment of Meitei state forces in the foot hills of Imphal valley which facilitate the attacks on Kuki-Zo villages in recent days and as such the Kuki-Zo people has completely lost trust in the state government, stated the release.

Further the release also stated that the Kuki Students' Organisation, Delhi and Kuki-Zo Women's Forum, Delhi earnestly appealed the Central government to immediately take over the administration of Kuki-Zo inhabited areas of Manipur and to govern it directly from New Delhi.

SUSPECTED ARAMBAI TENGGOL GOONS KIDNAP ONE MEITEI PANGAL

One Meitei Pangal, Hakim Dil, has been kidnapped by suspected members of the Arambai Tenggol and demanded a ransom from his family members.

Briefing the media at Kwakta on Sunday, spokesperson of All Kwakta Youth Voluntary Organisation (AKYVA) demanded the immediate and unconditional release of Hakim. The spokesperson said that the kidnapping of Hakim is not the first instance wherein a Meitei Pangal has been abducted and that there are many other incidents wherein Meitei Pangals have been abducted in the past.

"If at all the person who has been kidnapped has committed any crime or has done anything against the community standards, the CSOs of Kwakta must be informed and consulted first so that befitting punishment can be initiated against him", said the spokesman.



He further declared that the AKYVA will, in future, support all steps taken up by the Joint Action Committee formed against the abduction of Hakim Dil.

WKZIC REQUESTS ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO CANCEL SANCTION ORDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPHAL RING ROAD

World Kuki-Zo Intellectual Council (WKZIC) has requested the Asian Development Bank for cancellation of the sanction orders for construction of Imphal Ring Roads Manipur, about 53 kilometers at an amount of Rs. 1,760 Crore.

In a letter to the president ADB Masatsugu Asakawa on February 3, WKZIC stated that, "it will be a prudent decision to cancel the project of Manipur State which the communal Meitei Centric State government will certainly use for supporting the state Militias Viz: Arambai Tenggol, Meetei Leepun and various banned valley based (Meiteis) insurgency groups and to procure arms and ammunition for attacking the Kuki-Zo people which is against the objectives of ADB to reduce poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth and regional integration".

In case the finance is released, the ADB will be held responsible for aiding the communal and radicalized Manipur State Government which have been perpetrating the Kuki-Zo genocide in particular and the genocide in Manipur in general, stated the letter.

It is pertinent to recall that in a very recent case, the World Bank had sanctioned the first instalment of 57.50 million dollars which Manipur had already misappropriated by utilizing it to procure armoured vehicles, ammunition, drones and sophisticated weapons, the letter stated.

As such, the ADB stopped payment of the next instalment in view of the ethnic conflict between the majority Meiteis and the minority Kuki-Zo Community taking place in the state, says WKZIC.

The WKZIC also stated that the state Government of Manipur is sponsoring the radicalized Meitei people to



exterminate one of the minority group, the Kuki-Zo community, on account of issues pertaining to land rights, social identity, historical disputes, economic discrimination, economic disparity, human rights violations and insurgency problems.

The communal state government which represents only the Meitei secessionist ideas openly wage war against the Kuki-Zo ethnic community since the 3rd of May, 2023 which remains unabated to this day, stated the letter.

WKZIC informed the president ADB that the said war is spreading across all the state and it has also affected tribal communities other than the Kuki-Zo community; the minority Muslims, Gorkhas, other Indian mainland migrant workers, business communities and that the collateral effects of the ethnic violence has been borne by all communities, in differing measures.

The Government of India has acknowledged the actual failure of its party in the State of Manipur as such it imposed an emergency rule under Article 355 of the constitution of the Union of India, it added.

GOVERNMENT FACES BACKLASH OVER CONTROVERSIAL ARREST OF 'YOUTH OF MANIPUR' MEMBER

The Youth of Manipur (YOM) on Saturday expressed vehement opposition following the re-arrest of its member, Laishram Bidyananda alias Kangleipak Hulk, just days after his initial release.

The arrest was reportedly related to a voice recording uploaded on the social media platform Facebook by a page named 'Kanglei Mapari,' which openly criticised the government.

YOM members alleged that this move by the government is a deliberate attempt to incite the youth group into taking up agitation, diverting attention from the underlying issue of the 15-day ultimatum on the collective pledge taken by lawmakers in Kangla.

However, the YOM maintained its resolve, asserting that they will not succumb to what they perceive as a government tactic.

Bidyananda was initially arrested on the midnight of January 31, but he was released the next day after the police determined that he was not connected to the voice recording in question, according to YOM.

However, to the surprise of many, he was re-arrested on Friday after being summoned to the SP office, facing various sections of the IPC in connection with the same voice recording.

Speaking to the media at the Manipur Press Club



in Imphal, member of YOM L Manichandra emphasised that the voice recording does not reflect Bidyananda's real voice but is rather an imitation.

He informed that an FIR had been lodged with the Cyber Crime Police Station on February 2, seeking to identify the actual speaker of the voice recording and to initiate necessary legal procedures.

Expressing concern over what they perceive as selective actions by the government, he questioned why authorities have not taken any action against the Facebook page 'Kanglei Mapari.'

In response to the arrest, the YOM appealed to the concerned authorities to release Bidyananda and requested the avoidance of unnecessary protests.



**Know thyself, know thy enemy.
A thousand battles, a thousand victories.**

– Sun Tzu

**ANALYSIS**

Who Runs the Meitei Society?

A journalist friend from Assam recently said that during the CAA movement, the greatest crisis among the Assamese people was the absence of a Civil Society Organisation that commands the respect of the majority, if not all the people. In Manipur, both the Meitei and the Kuki-Zo societies too encountered a deep crisis of internal fragmentations. Yet the changing dynamics of Meitei Civil Society is much more alarming.

A much larger society like those of the Meiteis have its inherent problems: groups formed based on politco-party lines; students unions mushrooming as frontal organisations of various valley based insurgent groups (VBIGs), or to push forward their dictats. Besides, there are too many revolutionary groups who call the shots. At one point in time, there was UCM and AMUCO which seemed to have a semblance of influence over the Meitei societies as they were backed by the two oldest VBIGs.

Just before the current conflict broke out, a militia group called the Meitei Leepun was born, and initially it was spearheading the movement alongside the Arambai Tengol, another militia group. Both these two militia groups, which they prefer called as cultural organisations, were formed on the line of neo-nazi organisations.

Then the Youth of Manipur (YOM) slowly emerged to enforce its dictates. One might also recall a certain Manorharmayum Barish Sharma, former President of BJYM Manipur, who was at the forefront in

confronting the Kukis regarding Reserved Forest. The Federation of Haomee (FOH), Kangleipak Kanba Lup(KKL), International Meitei Forum (IMF), and the World Meitei Council (WMC) were some of the other organisations who played their part in setting a certain narrative against the Kukis.

Meanwhile, the Pambei faction of the UNLF, now in SOO agreement with GOI, have been making efforts to make other insurgent groups come within their umbrella, at least in the Valley. The Meira Paibis, though seemingly unified, is a loosely held body with each unit having its own agenda and support based [from different VBIGs]. While one section wanted Biren Singh's removal during the first episode of the laughable 'resignation drama', another group was stoutly opposed to it, and instead supported him to continue as the head of the government.

While the Manipur Police Commandos (CDO), dreaded earlier in the valley particularly by cadres of VBIGs and their sympathisers, now becoming shooting targets in Moreh, the Meitei society seems to be desperately looking for a hero[es] in a fast changing chessboard for control of the Manipur valley.

Now that Korounganban Khuman and his Arambai

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Tenggols have overstepped their line by physically assaulting elected representatives, their days also seem to be numbered. The increasing show-of strength by the surrenderees UNLF-P cadres in the frontlines and their increasing presence in the media, including social media, implies that the musical chairs in Imphal are up for grabs.

Questions would soon emerge as to who actually represents the collective Meitei voice! Is Bimol Akoijam the spokesperson, or Pramod Singh who called the shot? Or is it Bhagat Oinam, Thounaojam Brinda, or RK Sanayaima? Or who among the two -- Biren Singh or Leishemba Sanajaoba -- command a higher position in the current Manipur situation? Or to put it simply, whom should a Meitei listen to? As of now it is the Arambai Tenggols who dominate the scene but

there are others such as the COCOMI, KKL, ML, STDCM, UNLF-P, and others, who keep trying to make themselves relevant. All Meitei intellectuals and academics, except a few who speak the language of Arambai Tenggol, are nowhere to be seen, and the culture of debate and discussion which have been seen among the Meiteis in the last two decades, have vanished in thin air.

Meanwhile, Kuki-Zo are a community that fights in peace-time and unites in war-time.

Lastly, in Imphal, though Meiteis are tired dancing to different changing tunes after every one month, they have not been able to replace the DJ, i.e. DJ Biren!



Kuki Inpi Manipur
@Kuki_Inpi

"The war against the minority Kukis continues."
Meira Paibis with Arambai Tenggols reportedly cut off all electric supply line to Lamka (Churachandpur)
The damage inflicted are as under:
1).33 KV Kakching to Lamka damage= Towers destroyed.
2).33 KV Moirang to Lamka damage= insulator damage.
3).33 KV Ningthokhong to Lamka damage= Insulator and towers damage.
Meiteis are doing everything and anything against the Kuki community.
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SiamPhaipi
@SiamPhaipi

According to [#Meitei](#) Propagandist, everything belongs to them. You do anything, they'll make up some folk tale or history that some Meitei did something there a long long time ago with no evidence to back it up. And while making up those lies, they'll in turn try to say the history of [#Tribals](#) doesn't exist, even though there are enough books and evidence to back it up.

That's what these [#Meitei](#) propagandists are, [#SHAMELESS](#) !
And no matter what evidence you provide, they'll continue with their shameless lies. So it's pointless to argue with people who believe their own lies.
Anyone who falls for these shameless lies should be ashamed of themselves for being such idiots and/or for being so blind and [#Andh](#).

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SUNDAY SPECIAL ARTICLE

The USP of CCpur (Songpi-Lamka)

Lunminthang Haokip

THE CHURCHED TOWNSHIP: The occasional visitor, mistakenly judging by the bohemian lifestyle of a few slipped-disc lasses-gone-berserk, may draw bizzare conclusions of their own about the southern Manipur Eimi township. It's not for nothing that Church-bells chime audible every other day from their high-rise spires.

NO MUCH INDECENT BEHAVIOUR: Worship structures are rowed chock-a-block in the by-and-large concrete-dominated localities of Lamka. The regular messages delivered in Church services may not have churned out great soul-winners like global sages, but had leveraged the fear of God in the average Church-goer. So much so that resorting to the carnal privilege of open passage into embraces indecent is frowned upon and regarded a sacrilege.

LESSER PULL OF MOTHER TONGUE: In this rapidly urbanized DHQ, an inhabitant feels free to communicate in his own mother tongue to any other citizen, over any issue, without having to doubt as to whether what he conveys is being understood or not. Such is the magic of the second fastest growing hill town in Asia. The dynamics of ultra-consciousness of one's original identity may have made one to be a half-hearted Chauvinist reluctantly championing for one's own old fold.

THE SWITCH ON AND OFF: But the confluence of inter-tribe marriages coupled with the influence of mixed-

tribe settlements, had rendered all locally spoken dialects corrupt. Now it's a futile struggle to regain their original undiluted twang. This peculiar factor, in essence, sub-consciously sets the tone for the invisible super-structure of Eimi brotherhood. An upwardly mobile favour-seeking KukiZo can switch on, at will, to any dialect to please a prospective favour-giving Eimi, as demands the value of the favour sought.

PASSION FOR EDUCATION: Be it the man with the hoe, or man who owes big money, every parent in CCpur district leaves no stone unturned, even when detractors leave no turn of his or hers unstoned, to get his or her children make a mark in the field of education. However, credit must also go to the efficiently administered Government and Private Schools, Higher Sec Schools and Colleges. The institutes of learning produce huge batches of candidates for big and small jobs every year with factory-like precision.

FAIR MEANS IN EXAM: Noises about unfair means in election time may have lowered the prestige percentage of CCPur, but when it comes to HSLC and BSE exams, fair means in writing papers had earned laurels for the spiritually discerned super-district.

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NO STRANGERS TO THE QUEEN'S TONGUE: One may come across ambitious saleswomen speaking stranger than Cockney-English to bemused customers incorrigibly corrigible local slangs in some SE Asian cities like "Cannot", and "no have". Going by the law of average, the KukiZo city does much better in managing the Queen's tongue. Things that rock the senses may not come easy to this land-locked burgeoning DHQ, but the collective IQ of its citizenry is the stuff big metros are made of.

THE SECOND 'E:' CCPur is yet to get its act together to become an E-District to reckon with. Nevertheless, the typical Eimi mindset gel with four other Es- Education, Entrepreneurship, Evangelism and Employment.

LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES: Devoid of infra to plan out big business, the human resources of this enterprising Christian town, upsetting setbacks, creates a business climate of its own. This penchant keeps the home-fires burning. Daily bread stuff, baked fresh by Tunnu Bakes and Cakes, sells like hot cakes. The diversified in taste can pamper their 'hatke' palate in Rengkai Road's Life Café, run in exotic recipe style in partnership by Joseph Zote and Michael Esh, as the main ingredient.

SMALL TRADERS: JK Gin business chain, and the Pudaite Educational ventures push growth faster. The Mualvaiphei Nursing School, the NGO-run orphanages and children homes provides comfort. The private clinics, shops, and garages supports earning. Trades like masonry, stone-carving, Media, wood work, catering, handloom, agriculture undertakings etc set the pace for Lamka's race to stage and taste boom time.

EVANGELISM: The most cosmopolitan Eimi town may cast a shadow of pessimism when other 'isms' are mooted. But skewered skepticism paves way for Theism when things spiritual are viewed from the calming prism of Evangelism. Worldly development came from the north, yet Gospel movement came from the south a century back, with a bang and still grows.

THE FIERY GOSPEL SPELL: The revival fire that burnt up the tin and dross of pre-Christianity malpractices in the then 'Lushai Hills' spread across Tuivai river. The Gospel Movement set hearts afire afresh at Senvon in 1910. The evangelical wild-fire consumed a few houses at Phaitong in 1914. The fire spread wide towards the north to impact.

THE GOOD SEED GERMINATED: The seed of life transplanted by the early 20th century pioneer missionaries was made hybrid by the Spirit's power. The good seed germinated to change lives in all the villages and hamlet of CCPur district. It may not be wrong to remark that this spiritual light made up the temperate believers' township.

EVANGELISM SUBDUES OTHER 'ISM:' Soon Church buildings mushroomed and grew on diverse denominational branches. Among Manipur's administrative segments, CCPur is the fore-runner in import of the Truth and export of Missionaries to other states and nations. Evangelism, apart from being a mesmerizing 'ism' here, is a tool to departure from age-old culture that all Churches love to nurture.

EMPLOYMENT: My heart aches when I think about the plight of unemployed young educated boys (I too was one of them, once) and girls who go tap-tapping from office to office and ad to ad. They knock the often closed doors of job opportunities. Fate sadly plays truant with the average and mediocre job-seekers here. This accounts for the exodus of many frustrated local job hunters to the dense jungles of places that promise to provide easier placement.

WAVES OF FORTUNE: The waves of fortune take the emotionally intelligent from the shallow waters to the deep seas of prosperity. Yet, the upwardly immobile get washed ashore by the backwaters of anonymity. NGOs, CSOs and COs (Church organizations) have done their bit to make many DGOs (Denied by Govt Offices) to barely make both ends meet in highly taxing but lowly paid jobs.

THE HIGHER ACHIEVERS: The creamy brainy lot, either latch on to AISs or CGSs with some measure of hard labour, or just make do with doing nothing. Those who prefer not to work under a nosey boss choose to get self-employed with their craft and talent as the capital. Yet, a good chunk of Songpi-Lamka's deserving educated class wake up from sleepless nights to another day of hopelessness. For

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some unlucky seekers, it's like like chasing the mirage.

THE SILVER LINING: All said and done, what are we to do from now? Shall we brag about our past and sit on idle to tom-tom over the achievements of gen-last that we don't have a stake in? Or, shall we dream to go global by tightening our belts and tapping whatever resources we have at our disposal?

THE OPTIONS LEFT: The first option is the easy way out but will make our future uneasy. We have had enough of slow growth, hackneyed surroundings and boring status quo. The second option sounds challenging, out of the box, and not commensurate with our stocks. To turn dreams into reality, we will need to shock and coax our own folks to excel and go global.

THE KOREAN MAGIC: From the ashes of war and poverty, Korea rose like a phoenix in the 1960s. The small country created a niche for itself in the A team list of world-wide economic players. Entrepreneurship was

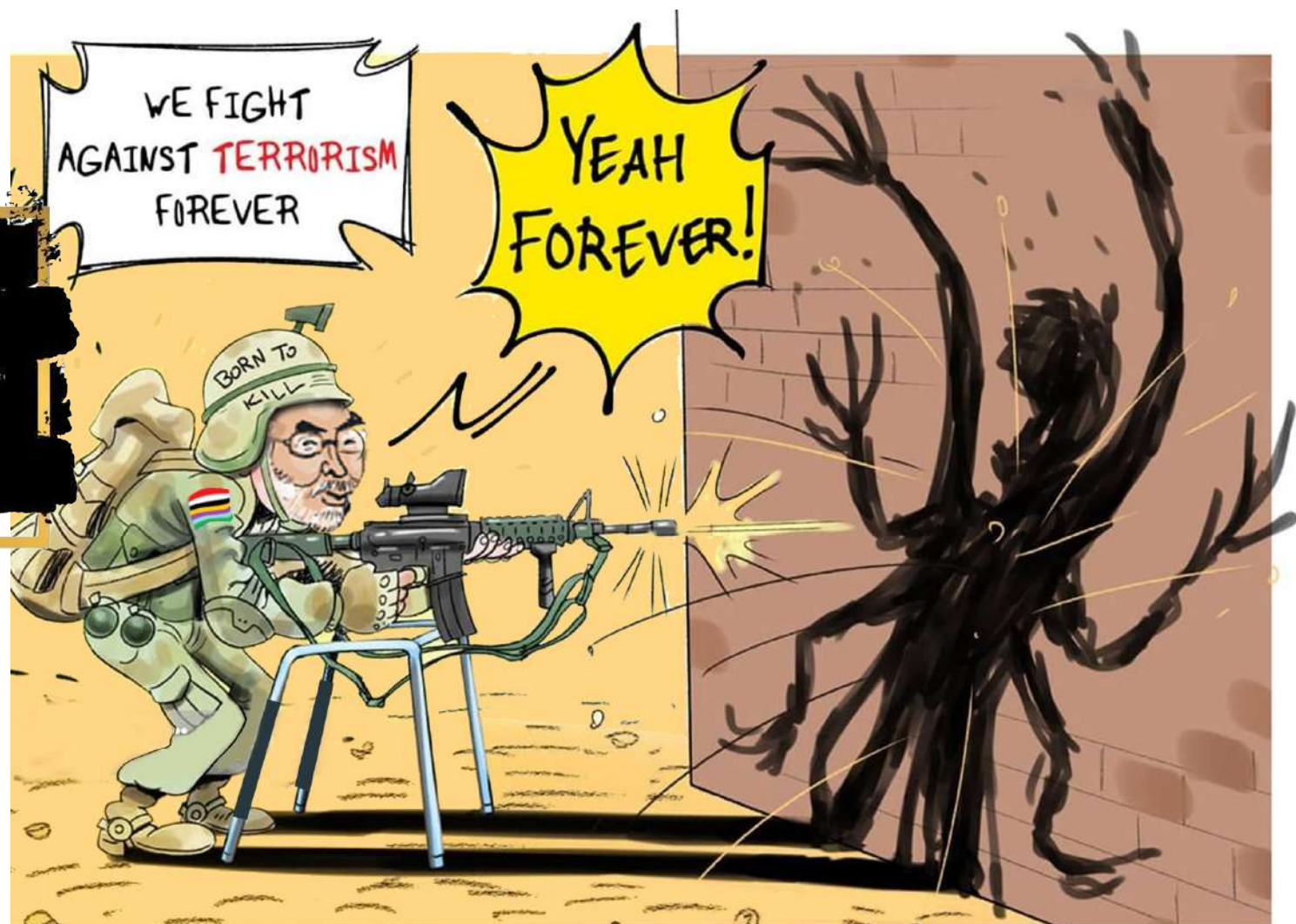
the key that opened the doors of big time avenues. If they have the sea on their shores, we have a sea of sensible, capable and lift-able human resources awaiting to be launched out to the deep waters.

AN APPEAL FOR VERDICT: To become a talked about group of people in the slippery world of fox-trotting developmental fluctuations, we Eimis need to reinvent ourselves. There also is a need to upgrade our outlook, get hooked on to hard work and above all, be bless-able in tune with the diktat of the Book of life.

HOVER ABOVE STATUS QUO: The Bible says, "The Most High ruleth in the affairs of men (Daniel 5:22)." It is an universal truth that wherever the finer contents of the Gospel gained momentum, the per-capita income of the people also shot up by leaps and bounds. To hover above status-quo, we need to be on the right side of God's favour.

**Post
MORTEM**

**THE
FIGHT
AGAINST
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SHADOW**





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The river rose
The plastered dam broke,
The cold water ran along,
Rushing the cemented names
Of innocent blood deep down the Dark Valley.

The stale breath of death engulfed the terrain,
And in it sank;
ethics of man ad every moral of the age.
The plaster of Innocent Blood killed in your name,
The tall array of the graveyard of sullen spirits;
Will Cloud your Valley.

May you wake with the final cries of my slain
brothers
As your fathers mobbed him and trapped on him.
May you dream of the tears of my sister as she
was struck to the ground,
As your mothers pulled her apart in the middle of
the street.
May you live with the whispers
of the hautend alleyways,
The beautiful homes you took,
The Holy Churches you desecrated.

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

Quoting Funeral Blues by WH.Auden-

“The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun,
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood;
For nothing now can ever come to any good.”

- Abigail Misao