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11 MONTHS OF INEPT LEADERSHIP AND BLUNDER
BY MEITEI GOVERNMENT IN MANIPUR



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.04.2024



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DEATHS



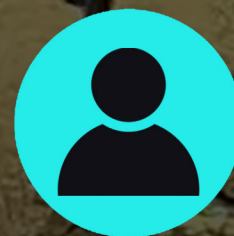
200+
VILLAGES BURNT



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.

CONGRESS PLANS TO DETHRONE PRESENT BJP GOVT IN MANIPUR LED BY N. BIREN SINGH

Since the situation in Manipur has gone from bad to worse due to the callous neglect of the BJP/NDA government, the Congress has promised to remove the present state government forthwith and heal the wounds between the communities.

The Congress manifesto which was released today promised that the Congress would appoint a Reconciliation Commission to bring about a political and administrative settlement that will be satisfactory to all the people of the state, and would ensure appropriate compensation and redressal for the victims and survivors of the conflict in Manipur.

The Indian National Congress (INC) also promised a final solution and agreement with the Naga groups on the basis of the preliminary agreement that has been agreed in 2013-14.

The manifesto promised to revive the Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in the North Eastern states and make them an effective instrument of local government. "We will ensure that more funds are channelised through the ADCs for developmental works," it said.

For the North Eastern States, the party said it would assess the infrastructure deficit in the North Eastern states and provide more funds for building infrastructure, and support Border Trade and make every effort to increase the volume and value of such trade.

Earlier, the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) on Thursday formally unveiled the five guarantees that the Congress party pledges to implement for the welfare of the people of Manipur including the restoration of peace; tabling of the Displaced Persons (Compensation and Resettlement)



Bill; legislation to ensure employment opportunities for village volunteers within state forces; a dedicated job quota for those physically handicapped due to the crisis; and the formation of an inquiry commission to evaluate property losses during the violent episodes.

With just a fortnight remaining for the Lok Sabha Polls, the Congress released its manifesto at its party headquarters in New Delhi on Friday.

The manifesto, titled 'Nyay Patra' was released in the presence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, KC Venugopal and P Chidambaram. It focused on five "pillars of justice" with 25 guarantees under them.

Key takeaways from the Congress manifesto:

- * Focus on five 'pillars of justice' — including 'Yuva Nyay', 'Naari Nyay', 'Kisaan Nyay', 'Shramik Nyay' and 'Hissedari Nyay'.
- * Abolish the Agnipath programme and direct the armed forces to resume normal recruitment to achieve full sanctioned strength.

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- * Restore full Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, grant Statehood Puducherry, Sixth Scheduled for Ladakh region.
- * Guarantee of national minimum wage at ₹400 per day.
- * Launch of Mahalakshmi scheme to provide ₹1 lakh per year to every poor Indian family.
- * Promise to fill nearly 30 lakh vacancies in sanctioned posts at various levels in the central government.
- * Implement 10% quota in jobs, educational institutions for economically weaker sections (EWS) for all castes, communities without discrimination.
- * Rajasthan model of cashless insurance of up to ₹25 lakh will be adopted for universal healthcare.
- * Constitutional amendment to raise the 50% cap on reservations for SC, ST and OBC.
- * A nationwide socio-economic and caste census.
- * Law to recognize civil unions between couples belonging to the LGBTQIA+ community.
- * A new 'right to apprenticeship act' to provide one-year apprenticeship to every diploma holder or graduate below the age of 25.
- * Legal guarantee to Minimum Support Prices announced by the government every year as recommended by the Swaminathan Commission.
- * Launch of an urban employment programme guaranteeing work for urban poor in reconstruction, renewal of urban infrastructure.

ZORO TO HOLD RALLY AGAINST BORDER FENCING, FMR ON MAY 16

The Zo Re-Unification Organisation (ZoRO), an Aizawl-based organisation seeking reunification of all Zo people (Chin, Kuki, Mizo) from India, Myanmar and Bangladesh under one administrative unit, has said that it will hold a rally to protest the Centre's decision to fence the Indo-Myanmar border and scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) with the neighbouring country later this month.

In a statement, ZoRO stated that it decided to take out the rally near the international border on May 16, 2024.

Mizoram shares a 510-km long border with Myanmar's Chin state and the Mizos share ethnic ties with the Chins.



Chief Minister Lalduhoma had earlier said that people in Mizoram and Myanmar do not accept the present border as it was arbitrarily demarcated and imposed by the British on the Zo people without prior consultation with the stake holders.

DELHI CRIME BRANCH ARRESTS ABSCONDING MEITEI BANK CASHIER LAISHRAM MONARCH GRACE FROM DELHI

A team of Delhi Crime Branch on Friday arrested a 41-year old Laishram Monarch Grace S/o Laishram Chaoba of Kodompokpi Mamang Awang Leikai, Nambol, who has been on the run after stealing cash of around 2 Crores from SBI Bishnupur branch.

Acting on a reliable information, a team of Delhi Crime Branch in close ordination with Delhi Police and Bishnupur District Police arrested Laishram Monarch Grace from Patel Chest Christian Colony, opposite Maurice Nagar Police station, North Delhi on Friday around 5:30 PM.

Monarch Laishramm, cashier of SBI Bishnupur, had vanished with cash of around Rs 2 crores and gold ornaments worth Rs 50 lakhs from the SBI Bishnupur branch since March 2, 2024.

Sources said that the arrested person will be brought back to Imphal on Saturday.

As per the complaint report filed by the Branch Manager SBI, Bishnupur Branch, at Nambol Police station, the Bank employee has been working as a senior assistant at the same bank branch but did not turn up for office since April 2 without any prior information.



The complaint mentioned that Monarch also possessed the key of the locker room of the same bank. When the staff of the bank opened the locker room, it was found that a sum of Rs 2 crores was missing. As a follow up to the complaint, the state police began to track and trace Monarch.

However, there is no confirmation on whether the missing amount has been recovered or not till the time of writing this report.



**Free elections don't always result
in fair elections.**

— DaShanne Stokes

BIREN'S DECEPTIVE TACTICS EXPOSED: HIS BROTHER ENGAGED IN ILLICIT ACTIVITIES THROUGH MYANMAR

Amidst his declining popularity, power hungry Chief Minister of Manipur Mr. N. Biren Singh's deceptive tactics of fooling his own people have been exposed once again.

A few days back in his campaign speech for the BJP candidate at the state party head office in Imphal, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said BJP is the only party who took interest in safeguarding the people of Manipur.

"See the Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke about Manipur crisis in Parliament for more than 2 hours, abrogate Free Movement Regime (FMR) and the process for implementation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been set rolling", Biren said while canvassing for Thounaojam Basanta Kumar, the BJP candidate.

The incompetent Chief Minister, N Biren Singh, further stated that the result of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections would determine whether the popular and persistent demand of the people to roll out NRC in the State was raised sincerely in the interest of Manipur or not. However, all this seems to be a political gimmick of Mr. N Biren, in his quest to regain political power amid declining trust in his leadership.

Chief Minister Biren's statement itself are contradictory, on the one hand, he wooed the voters of Inner Parliamentary Constituency, asserting that it had been implemented, while on the other hand, he said the FMR is not yet scrapped in the Indo-Myanmar border areas.

In an interesting revelation, Nongthombam Dilip Meitei, brother of CM N. Biren Singh freely ferried loads of Timber from Myanmar even after Amit Shah's announcement of scrapping FMR.

Meanwhile, Mr. N. Biren Singh stated in the assembly that the FMR is yet to be scrapped. He wouldn't be ready to scrape FMR in expense of his brother's illegal business. Nearly a month after Union Home minister Amit Shah's announcement on the government scrapping the Free Movement Regime (FMR) with Myanmar, Manipur chief



minister N. Biren Singh told the state assembly that "it has not been scrapped yet". This has created a cloud of confusion among the Meitei populace.

On February 8, Shah said that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had written to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to end the bilateral understanding with the neighbouring country. However, the MEA has thus far not issued any formal statement on the MHA's request.

Even as the Narendra Modi government's decision to scrap India's FMR with Myanmar has been welcomed by the majority Meitei population of Manipur, it has been vehemently opposed not only by the Kukis of the state but also by the Mizos and Nagas across Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland.

Both the assemblies of Mizoram and Nagaland have passed resolutions to oppose the Centre's decision, citing kinship with the people across the international border.

Of the total 1,643-km-long India-Myanmar border, 398 km runs along Manipur, 215 km along Nagaland, 520 km along Arunachal Pradesh and 520 km along Mizoram.

POUMAI NAGA UNION ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION DENTS NPF, BJP WINNING PROSPECT IN LOK SABHA ELECTION



In the run up to the 18th Lok Sabha election, campaigns for various candidates are underway for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency. Unsurprisingly, no candidates from the Kuki community has filed nominations for this edition of Lok Sabha election which therefore meant that this will be a straight fight amongst the candidates from the Naga community.

The Outer Manipur Parliament Constituency has four candidates, all from the Naga community. Two from the Tangkhul tribe and one each from Liangmai and Poumai tribe namely, Kachui Timothy Zimik of the Naga People's Front (NPF), Alfred Kanngam Arthur (INC) and two Independent candidates- Alyson Abonmai and Kho John.

However, in what could be considered a set-back for the NPF, the assembly meeting of the Poumai Naga Union held at Sanyi Dahrii Memorial Sports Complex, Karong, Senapati, has unanimously reaffirmed to extend their undivided support to Kho John, an Independent Candidate for the II-Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency in the ensuing 18th Lok Sabha Elections, 2024.

The Assembly, the biggest crowd ever, was attended by all the Poumai village chairmen and secretaries, politicians, leaders from various organisations, intellectuals and well wishers among the Poumai tribe. The assembly reaffirmed the resolutions passed on the 24th Oct 2023 in the PNU Assembly held at Koide Biisho that pledged to support Kho John. Village chairmen, senior politicians, students activists, women leaders and intellectuals stressed on the need to support Kho John as he is the right candidate to represent the Naga and tribal people in the parliament who according to them is a very humble and insightful person with vast knowledge in serving the people as a social worker.

In the same vein, the Liangmai Tribe, part of the Naga community in Manipur, has decided to endorse the resolution No. 5, adopted at the United Naga Council, Manipur's Presidential Council Meeting on October 27, 2023.

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Further, the Liangmai Naga Council, Manipur has chosen to support Kachui Timothy Zimik, the Naga People's Front (NPF/NDA) candidate for the II-Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency in the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024.

This decision was made at the Liangmai Naga Council, Manipur's 46th Annual General Assembly on 4th April 2024, held at Thalon Village, Tamenglong District.

Many Naga CSOs including the United Naga Council and various Tangkhul Frontal Organisations have announced their endorsement and support to the NPF candidate K. Timothy Zimik in the past. And it is an open secret that the NSCN-IM would do all their might to ensure NPF achieve the desired victory

in the Lok Sabha election. This is evident from the multiple incidents of gunshots at the public meetings of INC candidate Alfred K. Arthur.

Among the Naga dominated districts, Senapati has the highest number of voters. If their collective support goes to the Independent candidate Kho John, it will be a huge blow for the NPF candidate Zimik, denting any hope of poll victory.

Also, if the Naga apex body UNC and the NSCN-IM fail to pool together the Naga votes for NPF, the INC candidate, Alfred, could capitalize this division among the Nagas and bank on former CM Ibobi's influence among Meitei voters of Outer Parliamentary Constituency.

KANGPOKPI DISTRICT LEADS WITH HIGHEST NUMBER OF POLLING STATIONS FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN MANIPUR

Altogether 94 special polling stations have been identified across Manipur to facilitate voting by Internally Displaced Persons affected by the ongoing ethnic-violence in the state.

This was stated by the Chief Electoral Officer Manipur PK Jha on Friday. The CEO said that Kangpokpi district has the highest number of such special polling stations at 24, followed by Bishnupur (22), Churachandpur (15) and Imphal East (9).

Of the 94 special polling stations, 85 are meant for the first phase of polling on April 19 and the remaining nine will be in the second phase on April 26.

"We have distributed 17,425 identity forms in relief camps for Internally Displaced Persons. Of them, 9,875

have already been submitted", the CEO said.

The CEO said 118 model polling stations will be set up across the state, of which 91 will be managed by women only.

Three general observers, two police observers and four expenditure observers appointed by the ECI have arrived in the state to oversee preparations and conduct of the Lok Sabha elections, Jha added.

Inner Manipur and parts of Outer Manipur will go to polls on April 19, voting for the remaining areas of Outer Manipur will be held on April 26.



RIFTS WITHIN THE RANKS OF NSCN-IM APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN, MULTIPLE FACTIONS MOST LIKELY

In what appears to be a significant development for the largest insurgent organisation in Northeast India, the NSCN-IM seems to be under serious crisis within its rank and file.

Just a week ago, as reported in “Thingkho le Malcha” on April 2, 2024, 14 military officers including the self-styled Deputy Longvibu, Lieut. Gen. Absolom Raman, MC, Naga Army, revolted against the Longvibu (Commander in Chief of Naga Army) Lieut. Gen. Retd. Mr. HS. Ramsan, one of the most trusted lieutenants of Mr. Thuingaleng Muivah who is at the fag end of his life.

It was on March 30, 2024, that these 14 Military Commanders, mainly from the Eastern Flank of the Naga Army of the NSCN-IM, wrote an open letter to the Yaruiwo (President), NSCN/GPRN, declaring that they will no longer be answerable to the command of the Longvibu claiming the act as a way out “to save the nation from another crisis”. The 14 officers levelled various allegations against the Longvibu and even questioned if he is an agent of the Government of India.

They also claimed that the Longvibu had “unjustifiably shut down” the office of the Dy. Longvibu of the Eastern Flank and froze all its financial sanctions from the GHQ without any concern for the cadres there.

However, the allegations levelled against the Longvibu were refuted by many other officers of the organisation. In a letter addressed to the Yaruiwo of NSCN-IM dated April 2, 2024, the signatories prayed for an instant disciplinary action against the 14 military officers including the Dy. Longvibu for an alleged “act of mutiny”.



The letter, signed by the Adjutant General (AG), General Headquarters, Naga Army, ‘Lieut. Gen. L. Wungyip and six other officers including three OSDs to the Longbivu, claimed that the open letter was “not acceptable in the existing law of the nation”.

The officers reminded the Yaruiwo of a similar act of mutiny reported on October 3, 2023. In that case, before any concrete action was taken against the mutineers, another ‘open letter’ has unfortunately emerged.

It also reported that, in another incident, the Dy. Longvibu had staged a military coup on December 7, 2023, where the Southern Command and Central National Security Command of the Naga Army were completely disarmed and held captive.

The letter also alleged that a similar incident of attempted military coup occurred at Hoyat village

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in Eastern Nagalim on February 26, 2024, as the Dy. Longvibu Lieut. Gen. Absolom Raman, MC, along with 35 cadres in full arms tried to raid the Vida Mountain Division Peace Mission Command of the Naga Army.

They also claimed that many of the signatures of the March 30 letter are “forgeries” and not consistent with their previous signatures.

It may be remembered that an officer along with 100+ cadres have reportedly defected to the NNC earlier this year. However, this could not be confirmed as yet.

Mentioned may also be made that the NSCN-IM supremo Mr. Th. Muivah is already an ageing 90 years old man who could hardly walk without the help of an

assistant. Therefore, an internal crisis within the military ranks at this juncture is regrettable for the survival of armed rebel groups in the Northeast and even beyond as the Naga insurgency is considered to be the mother of all insurgency in the region.

Perhaps many observers of the political development in the region predicted that the death of Mr. Th. Muivah could open a Pandora’s Box in the manner in which insurgent organisations operate. However, looking at the series of events that unfolded within the Naga armed groups in the last one decade or so, the shift could even be witnessed during his lifetime.



Surbhi
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To ensure proper compensation to victims!
To appoint commission to reconcile the issue!
Remove present Govt of Manipur and heal the wounds 💖🕊️

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CONGRESS PROMISES

To ensure appropriate compensation and redressal for victims and survivors of conflict in Manipur

To appoint a Reconciliation Commission for political and administrative settlement in Manipur

To remove the present state gov. of Manipur and heal the wounds between communities

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POLICE ARRESTS MEITEI YOUTUBER BACKING INC CANDIDATE BIMOL AKOIJAM; REVEALING BIREN'S SENSE OF INSECURITY

A 37-year old Meitei youtuber from Imphal, Johny Sarungbam was reportedly arrested by the Manipur Police near Polo ground on Friday.

Johny Sarungbam S/o S. Chaoba of Singjamei Mayengbam Leikai, Imphal West, was reportedly arrested in connection with his recent posts on social media platforms. Johny made different remarks in connection with the ensuing Lok Sabha election.

In one of his facebook posts, Johny uploaded a photo of a group of women gathering in front of the chief minister's bungalow with a caption written in Manipuri, which says, "Few old women on sale. No place to keep them in Manipur. Only Rs.500". The post insinuates the chief minister of bribing the womenfolk for votes.

In another post, Johny wrote, "Concerned family members must control old womenfolk who repeatedly visit Babupara. It is a shame". It may be mentioned that Babupara is the name of an area in Imphal where quarters of the chief minister, ministers and MLAs are located.

He also posted different other posts mocking the womenfolk. Declaring his support to the Indian National congress candidate Bimol Akoijam, Johny had also made public appeal through facebook to support Bimol Akoijam to save Manipur.

If Johny happened to be a supporter of the BJP candidate Thounaojam Basanta and had made such remarks against the congress or other party, he would have not landed up in the same situation.

Johny is not the only Meitei who made remarks on social media against the womenfolk who visited CM bungalow or are seen near the CM bungalow gate. Several other facebook users and pages have also made different remarks questioning the purpose of the womenfolk frequently visiting the CM bungalow amid the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct.



No one really knows the purpose of the womenfolks' visit. But seeing the comments and posts on social media, it is believed that the womenfolks visited the CM to receive some monetary assistance or benefits for their supposed support to the BJP Candidate.

Freedom of speech/ expression/ opinion has been suppressed under the BJP government in Manipur. There have been several incidents of people being arrested over social media posts and comments in the past few years.

A Meitei lady by the name RK Ichan Thoi was also picked up by the police a few years ago for making comments against the Chief Minister, Biren. Defamation cases were also filed against media houses and journalists speaking against the interest of the chief minister and the BJP in Manipur.

The arrest of the Meitei youtuber shows the present regime's desperation for the ensuing Lok Sabha elections in Manipur. The BJP candidate Thounaojam Basanta is little heard of or not much talk about on social media platforms nor his activity seen much in the media.

Bimol Akoijam and Mahesh Thounoajam have been in the limelight and both of them have been creating waves in the valley.



ANALYSIS

The Story Behind the Viral Photos on 'X'

The photos that went viral on X from early May 2023 were taken in the year 1993 at a Revival Relief Camp sponsored by the Peasant and Labour Society (LAPS) and the All Manipur United Club Organisation (AMUCO). The camp was organized at Canchipur. The campers numbering 50-80 displaced persons belong to the Kuki and Kabui-Naga communities who were rendered homeless by the Naga-Kuki clash of the time. These photos are being used recently, after the pre-planned Manipur ethnic cleansing carried out by the Meiteis on May 3, 2023, by the Meiteis to acclaim the humanitarian act they had done in 1993 on social media platforms particularly X or formerly twitter.

The Background

Before the 1990s, amongst the three main ethnic groups (Meitei, Kuki and Naga) in Manipur, the Nagas' political movement was the strongest. With the rise of Naga politics in the hills and the Kukis, being besieged, started a political movement of their own for their safety and for the protection of their ancestral land. The Meiteis have their political movement and are oblivious to the inter-community relations. However, the secessionist movement and ideology of the presently banned outfits; People's Liberation Army (PLA) and United National Liberation Front (UNLF) had also amassed huge support and had become very strong in the valley.

One mutual interest in the movements of PLA and UNLF was the fight for a self-governing 'Kangleipak' which the outfits believed was merged with the Indian union

arbitrarily and against the will of the common people. As part of their movement, deadly attacks were carried out against Indian forces in varied locations using sophisticated and automatic weapons, IEDs and other explosive ammunitions. Upon the completion of such sudden and pre-planned ambush and attacks against security forces in the valley, the combatants would escape to the surrounding hill areas which were generally resided by the Kuki and Kabui-Naga communities. These peripheral areas have become a safe haven and a soft target for the terror groups.

I myself, and my forefathers have lived in the peripheral areas of the valley, in the present Tengnoupal District since time immemorial. Our village was just a 20-minute walking distance from a Meitei village of the valley. Our village was a safe place for cadres of earlier mentioned banned terrorist outfits, PLA and UNLF. As our house was situated at the top of the hill, they frequented the house as a place for dining and lodging for a day or two and sometimes for weeks and months. The cadres would join us for some merry making and games, playing with the village kids. They would at times tutor me my school lessons. Often they would brandish their automatic weapons and showed the children how weapons are disassembled and reassembled. They cooked, ate, slept, and played

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Lazarus
@Meitei_Lazarus4

Kukis Are The Lost Child Of Judas.
The Most Shameless & Ungrateful
Immigrants!

If you are talking about photos, there are plenty to show how much the Meiteis did for the Kukis but then again it's not like it's going to change your shameless mind!

@SpinozaKuki
#KukiLiesXposed



in our house. Because it was dangerous for them to go out in the open and to the valley to get their needs, they often employ the service of my parents and other villagers to buy their daily-use items and other requirements from the shops in the valley. This made the peripheral areas occupied by the Kukis and Kabui-Nagas a safe haven for the terror groups.

The Revival & Relief Camp of Canchipur

The camp was organized from March – July 1993 at Canchipur. The Kuki campers were from the Tengnoupal District Tollen areas only while the Kabui-Nagas were from the nearby Imphal area. Undoubtedly, the campers were given food, medicine, clothes, blankets, and safety. To enjoy their normal life they were provided Television, with Manipuri films and various other channels. One unwanted occurrence was the clash between the Meitei and the Meitei-Pangals in and around Lilong and Canchipur on 3rd May 1993. Around 130 people were killed, a few near the Revival & Relief Camp in Canchipur.

Who sponsored the camp and why?

The Revival and Relief Camp was sponsored by the Peasant And Labour Society and All Manipur United

Club Organisation. AMUCO is a civil organization of the PLA. This is a hidden truth. AMUCO organized the camp as repayment of the help and assistance once rendered to the cadres of PLA by the Kuki and Kabui-Naga communities. Moreover many Kukis had had important roles in AMUCO and PLA prior.

During the Naga-Kuki clash, there were thousands of displaced persons. The big question is “Why only 50-80 displaced persons from selected areas?”

As stated above, the Kukis and Nagas living in the peripheral areas helped the PLA cadres by giving them food, shelter and safety. In response, AMUCO organized the Revival and Relief Camp only for those persons. Therefore, the relationship between the AMUCO and PLA was revealed from this camp.

The Revival and Relief Camp is the culmination of the then ‘good relationship’ between the Kukis and Meitei terrorists outfits like UNLF & PLA. Physically, the Naga-Kuki clash was clinched in 1997. With the wind-up of the Naga-Kuki clash, the UNLF, PLA, KYKL, PREEPAK and other Meitei terrorists re-started occupying the hill region again. The nature was however different from the previous instances. This time they harassed, raped, planted landmines and subjugated the Kukis from various angles.

Taking chance of the Naga-Kuki clash, the earlier mentioned Meitei terrorists stealthily occupied the Kuki territory of Lonpi range (Sajiktampak to New Samtal). It was their safe passage to Myanmar. Between the year 2000 to 2007, many Meitei officers, MLAs and Ministers would frequently visit Sajik Tampak to deposit all kinds of taxes to the terror groups. The Meitei terrorists introduced cutting down trees from the forests for timber business, poppy cultivation and smuggling of arms and drugs from Myanmar. To make more profit, besides supporting poppy cultivation, they started monetary demand, harassment and torturing the villagers. The Meitei terrorists

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would attack security forces and use the Kukis as human shields when countered by the forces. They also planted a myriad of landmines and IEDS in the area.

To mention a few of their monstrous acts:

1. In 2003, Mr. Beshot Leivon of Charangching Khunou village was killed because the Kangleipak Kana Yawol Lup (KKYL) stayed forcibly in his house. All the village menfolk were beaten black and blue by the security forces.
2. In 2006 July a young college boy Premson Sungnem was killed in Leingangching as the Meitei terrorists used the village as a humanshield.
3. Mr. Sankhil Thamhring was shot to death while returning from hunting as the terrorists were present in the area.
4. On 2004 December 25th Nungkangching Lamkang village on Christmas day, the terrorist group UNLF ate up all the meat cooked for Christmas and beat all the menfolk.
5. The Meitei terrorists killed more than 35 Kukis, many maimed and injured by landmines in Chandel District.

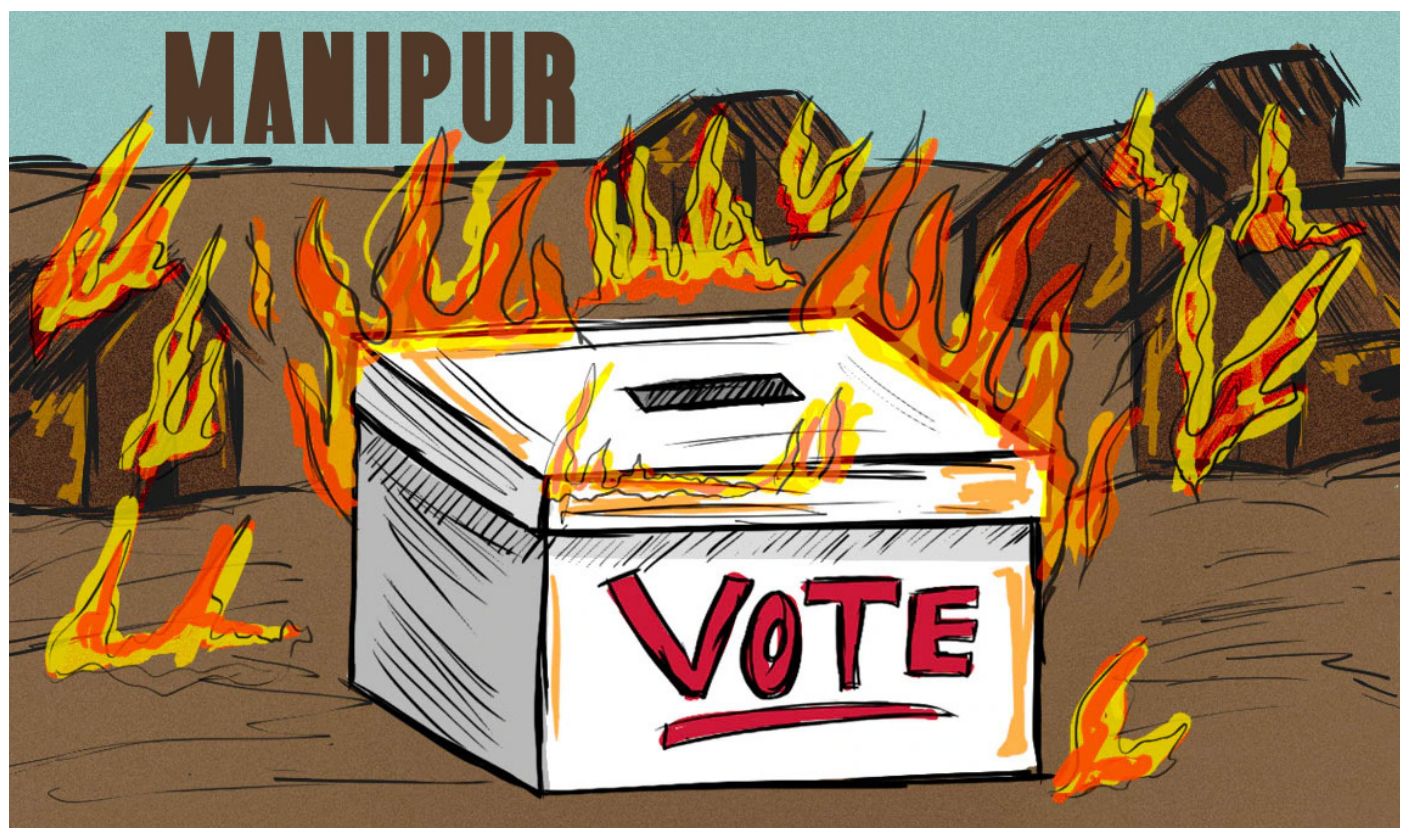
6. On the 16th of January 2006, 9:00 PM, UNLF raped 21 women and beaten 402 (including a Church Pastor) men black and blue at Parbung, and Lungthulen in Churachandpur district.

7. On June 9, 2007, the Meitei terrorists killed Doumang Haokip (30) s/o Ngulkhai Haokip of Chavangphai Moreh Ward No.7, Tongkholun Sitlhou (17) s/o Mangminthang Sitlhou of Canan Veng, Moreh Ward No.7, Pastor Hemjang Lhungdim (30), h/o Hoikhokim of S Moljol village, Lhunkholal Haokip (19) s/o Yamkhopao of Chavangphai Moreh ward no.7 and Lhunkhomang Misao (25) s/o Haokam Misao of Chavangphai Moreh ward no.7.

The true color of AMUCO, one of the sponsored organizations of this Revival & Relief Camp is crystal clear in this ongoing Manipur Ethnic-Cleansing violence by sidelining the Kuki-Zos and not taking the role they played before. It is also very unfortunate that AMUCO is no more a mandated organization for humanity, peace, harmony, and integration of Manipur.



ELECTION AMID VIOLENCE IN MANIPUR





My Wishes for This Spring

For the smell of gunpowder to be a distant memory,

For fires to remind our children of spring and paddy fields,

For the sunlight to be just enough to warm our bones,

For fresh rain to cleanse and give new life,

For nothing to ever make us weep with this much pain again.

My friends, doesn't it all seem so simple

To imagine a shining world of kindness?

My thoughts run wild with dreams,

Simple dreams of what can be.

They tug at my navel and steer me sideways,

They soar like a hopeful white kite in the wide open sky.

- Judith Pakhuongte