

# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



## AWAITING JUSTICE



### GABRIEL HOLKHANLIEN MATE (21 YEARS)

S/O MARCUS LAMKHO THANG MATE  
ADDRESS: NEW MOREH, GUTE VENG, MOREH WARD NO. 9  
DATE OF DEATH: 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023  
PLACE OF DEATH: MOREH, TENGNOUPAL  
CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 22.07.2024



**191**  
DEATHS



**200+**  
VILLAGES BURNT



**7000+**  
HOUSES BURNT



**360+**  
CHURCHES &  
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



**41,425+**  
DISPLACED  
PERSONS

**Thingkho Le Malcha (charred wood tied with chilli):** A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.

# MANIPUR GOVERNMENT DENIES VIRAL AUDIO CLIP; KSO-GHQ DEMANDS INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

The Government of Manipur has dismissed a recent audio clip purportedly featuring Chief Minister Biren Singh as doctored and fake. This response, according to the Kuki Students' Organization (KSO), is a deliberate attempt to avoid accountability for serious allegations contained in the recording. The KSO claims that the government's focus on tracing the source of the clip, rather than verifying its authenticity, is an evasion of the critical issues raised.

The KSO argues that:

**Audio Authenticity:** The organization asserts that the audio clip's authenticity has been verified through advanced forensic analysis, and challenges the Government of Manipur to allow an independent investigation.

**Content:** The clip allegedly includes detailed admissions by Biren Singh about plans to incite violence against the Kuki-Zo people, which the KSO believes cannot be easily fabricated.

**Behavior Patterns:** The KSO links the recording's content to observed patterns of violence against the Kuki-Zo community, suggesting a systematic campaign.

**Government Accountability:** By labeling the recording as doctored, the government is accused of shirking its responsibility to address the allegations.

**Police Focus:** The KSO criticizes the Manipur Police for investigating the clip's source instead of its content, viewing this as an attempt to suppress the truth.

The KSO demands immediate accountability and legal action against Biren Singh and calls for a thorough independent investigation. They also



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### PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ

The Government of Manipur has issued a press statement dismissing the recently circulated audio clip of Chief Minister Biren Singh as doctored and fake. This response is both predictable and deeply irresponsible. However, the contradiction of the Press Release of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur can be highlighted in the fact that the Government of Manipur is more focused on finding the source of the viral audio clip rather than its authenticity. It is an attempt to evade accountability and undermine the seriousness of facts revealed in the audio.

The claims made by the Government of Manipur are baseless for the following reasons:

- 1. Authenticity of the Audio Clip:**  
KSO has verified the source of the audio clip, which is credible, reliable and beyond doubt. The authenticity of the recording can be corroborated through advanced acoustic analysis and forensic audio analysis. We challenge the Government of Manipur to allow an independent third-party investigation into the recording's authenticity if the Government is serious on calling the viral audio as doctored.
- 2. Content of the Recording:**  
The audio clip contains specific and detailed admissions by Biren Singh regarding his long-term plans to incite violence against the Kuki-Zo people. The level of detail and context provided in the recording is not something that can be easily fabricated or dismissed as a mere attempt to incite communal violence.
- 3. Pattern of Behavior:**  
The actions described in the audio recording align with the observed and documented patterns of violence and human rights violations in Manipur. These are not isolated incidents but part of a broader, systematic campaign against the Kuki-Zo people.
- 4. Government's Evasion of Accountability:**  
By dismissing the recording as doctored, the Government of Manipur is avoiding responsibility for investigating and addressing the serious allegations against Biren Singh. This raises questions about their commitment to justice and transparency.
- 5. Misplaced Focus of Manipur Police:**  
Instead of verifying the authenticity of the audio clip, Manipur Police are more focused on investigating the source of the audio clip. This misplaced priority indicates an attempt to suppress the truth rather than seek justice.
- 6. Public Right to Know:**  
The people of Manipur and India have the right to know the truth about the violence and human rights abuses perpetrated against the Kuki-Zo people. Attempt to silence these revelations by labeling them as "doctored" only fuels further mistrust and hatred.

criticize the government's peace initiatives as baseless and report that recent violence in Phouchakhai, linked to the viral audio, reflects the escalating tensions. The organization continues to advocate for a separate administration to protect the community from ongoing attacks. The KSO urges media, human rights organizations, and the international community to support their call for a thorough and independent investigation.



# KUKI INPI DEMANDS ACCOUNTABILITY FOLLOWING AUDIO RECORDING PROVING CHIEF MINISTER'S INVOLVEMENT IN ETHNIC CLEANSING

The Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex body of the Kukis, has expressed no surprise at the revelation of an audio recording in which Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh allegedly admits to orchestrating the ongoing ethnic cleansing against the Kuki-Zo people. The group claims this recording serves as irrefutable evidence of state-sanctioned atrocities.

In response to the recording, the Kuki Inpi has criticized the Manipur Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) for attempting to obscure the truth and mislead the public. They assert that the state's efforts to downplay the situation further implicate government authorities in the ethnic cleansing campaign.

The Kuki Inpi also recalled past instances where Chief Minister Singh made derogatory remarks about the

Kuki-Zo people on social media, which he later attributed to a hacked account. Despite promises of an investigation, no resolution has been reported.

The Kuki Inpi is calling on the Indian government to address the situation as an orchestrated campaign of ethnic cleansing and to ensure justice for the Kuki-Zo community. They are also demanding the establishment of a separate administrative entity for the Kuki-Zo people to ensure their safety and autonomy.

The apex body also urges the Indian government to take decisive action to uphold the rights of the Kuki-Zo people and protect their status as equal citizens

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## COTU DEMANDS INVESTIGATION INTO AUDIO LEAK IN MANIPUR

The Committee on Tribal Unity has expressed deep concern following the release of an audio recording allegedly featuring Manipur's Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, admitting to his involvement in the ongoing ethnic conflict in the state. The audio has sparked outrage, with accusations that Singh has not only failed to resolve the unrest but has also played a significant role in escalating the violence.

In a press statement issued on August 8, 2024, the Committee condemned the Chief Minister, accusing him of being the architect behind what they describe as a "genocide" against the minority Kuki-Zo community. The Committee's statement claims that Singh has previously mistreated his constituents who called for peace and a return to normalcy in the region.

"The mastermind of this genocide against the minority Kuki-Zo community has finally surfaced," the statement read, condemning Singh's alleged actions. "For humanity and decency to prevail in the 700 square

miles of Manipur, it is imperative that the public in the valley reject leaders who employ autocracy and fascism as political discourse, and who propagate hegemonic and misogynistic ideologies."

The Committee also criticized the Manipur government's Information and Publicity department for its response to the leaked audio. The department had labeled the recording as a "doctored audio aimed at derailing the peace process," a claim the Committee describes as "shameful" and "farcical."

In light of these allegations, the Committee on Tribal Unity has called for a thorough investigation by national agencies, demanding that N. Biren Singh be subpoenaed to appear for questioning. The Committee emphasized the importance of upholding the integrity of the Chief Minister's office and ensuring accountability for any misuse of executive power.

# FRESH MEITEIS' AGGRESSION: MEITEI MILITANTS ATTACK KUKI AREAS OF LAMKA IN THEIR LATEST AGRESSION

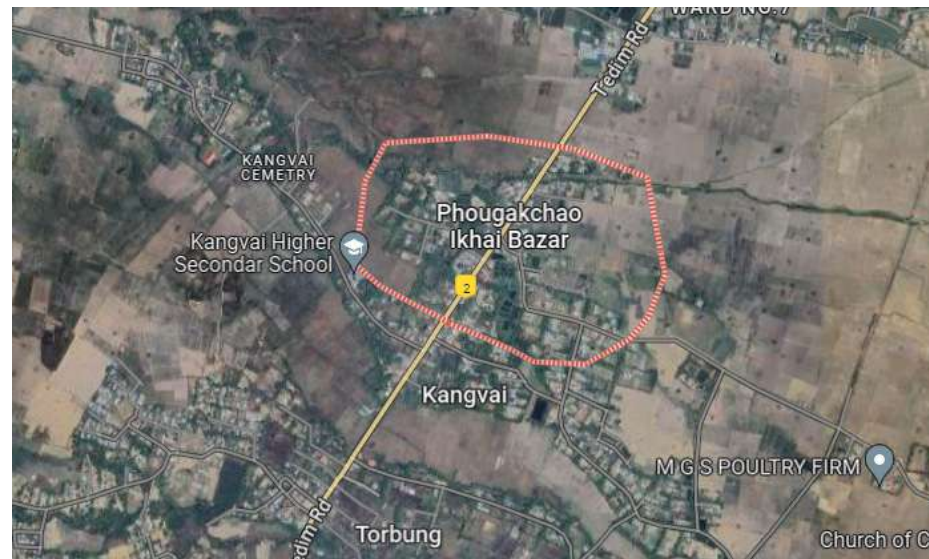
To divert attention from the authentic audio recording of narcissistic Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, which contains his incriminating statements against the Kukis, the radicalised groups of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei militants today resorted to fresh violence against the Kukis along the buffer zone between Kuki dominated Lamka district and the Meiteis' Bishnupur district.

Sensing suspicious movement of the Meitei militants in and around Phouchakhai, near Torbung, today at around 2:30 PM, the Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers carried out a tip-off along the buffer zones to inquire about the Meiteis' illegal activities. Shortly after realising that the Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers were monitoring their whimsical activities, the Meitei militants started gunfire towards the Kukis, to which the Kuki volunteers retaliated. The ensuing exchange of gunfire occurred, which lasted for about half an hour. Fortunately, no casualty was reported from both the warring communities. However, tension is still high along the buffer zones.

Notably, since the declaration of Lok Sabha election results on June 4, 2024 amidst rumours of his replacement from the top post, the chief architect of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom, N. Biren Singh and his private militia groups of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun, along with the proscribed Meitei militants, maintained deliberate silence over their aggressive stance against the Kukis, until his three-day tour to New Delhi in the last week of July.

After his return from New Delhi to Imphal, and knowing that his position remained untouched, N. Biren Singh and his private militia groups started fresh violence against the Kukis. Since the beginning of July, there were reports of the Meitei militants firing towards the Kuki villages of Tangnuam, Maphou, Saibol and other areas dominated by the Kukis under Kangpokpi district.

The latest indiscriminate gun firing now targeted the Kuki areas of Lamka (Churachandpur) on August 8,



2024. The gun firing began as a result of the audio recording of N. Biren Singh, possessed by the Kuki Students' Organisation, wherein he explicitly stated that he used both legal and questionable means to seize Kuki-Zo lands.

In the viral audio clips, the Meitei CM N. Biren Singh boasted about ordering the Manipur police commandos and other forces to torture and kill Kuki-Zo people and destroy their villages. He admitted to having begun planning the ongoing state-sponsored genocide 10-15 years ago, during his tenure as an MLA.

It is clear that the Meitei armed groups are incredibly versatile, sometimes they act as Police Commandos, sometimes Arambai Tenggol, proscribed militants or any other armed forces, thus carrying out genocidal activities by torturing, killing and burning Kukis and their villages.

It's time that the Centre government should act against the perpetrators of crimes against humanity and deliver justice for the Kuki-Zo people. The Government of India must ensure that life and properties of Kukis must be protected and the demand for separate administration be granted sooner than later.

# AUTOPSY FINDS ANTEMORTEM, HOMICIDAL INJURIES IN 3 HMAR MEN KILLED IN ASSAM POLICE'S CUSTODY

Contrary to the Assam Police's affidavit rejecting allegations of fake encounter, the postmortem report of three Hmar men reveals that severe physical assault, with evidence of "extensive bruising" and "wound marks in the private parts," before succumbing to bullet injuries.

The report further stated that the injuries were "antemortem" and "homicidal" in all the three men.

The three, identified as Joshua (Manipur), Lalbiekkung Hmar and Lallungawi Hmar (Assam), were killed allegedly while in the Assam Police's custody on 16 July.

In a statement, Superintendent of Police, Cachar, Numal Mahatta had said the three men were "armed militants" and part of a drug trafficking ring operating from the jungles of Bhuban Hills, roughly 15 km from where they were apprehended with weapons in an autorickshaw.

The Hmar families, however, had petitioned the Gauhati High Court, seeking an independent investigation into the alleged "extra-judicial execution" of the trio.

According to the post-mortem report, 19-year-old Lallungawi was found naked, in contrast to the images — which were widely shared on social media — showing all three men in camouflage jackets.

The report notes a "diffused contusion" on the right side of his scalp, bluish in colour, indicating it was caused by a blunt force injury inflicted while he was still alive. "Bruise/wound mark can be seen at the right bum area," said the doctor, who conducted the autopsy, highlighting additional trauma to a private area.

Extensive bruising across the entire skull was found during the autopsy of Joshua, the report mentioned.



Internal examination revealed fractures in the second rib on the right side and the fifth rib on the left side, suggesting significant blunt force trauma to the chest area, which led to internal bleeding and subsequent clot formation, it added.

The doctor noted, "near the left bum region a wound mark (hole-like) can be seen," indicating severe physical abuse.

Joshua also suffered multiple gunshot wounds that were blackened and abraded, which, according to a rejoinder filed by the three families, indicated were inflicted at close range.

While the report found "lacerated, muscle deep injury" over lateral aspect of both legs of the 32-year-old indicating "blunt force impact", senior advocate Colin Gonsalves submitted in the rejoinder that a knife could have been used to scrape away not only the skin but also the muscle from the leg.

Lalbiekkung had extensive bruising, diffused contusion, and internal bleeding in the chest wall, the report said. Similar to the others, his gunshot wounds were blackened and abraded, supporting

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the autopsy analysis mentioned above that all three men were shot at close range.

“Cut marks can be seen at the right side of the bum area,” the doctor said, indicating that the 33-year-old too had suffered additional physical trauma before death.

ThePrint contacted Cachar SP Numal Mahatta for his statement to the autopsy findings. “We cannot comment on it because the matter is subjudice. This is the standard procedure,” he said.

In related developments Wednesday, the Gauhati High Court allowed the families to take over the bodies. A bench of Justices Kalyan Surana and Soumitra Saikia directed the Assam government to provide the necessary assistance to the families for the transfer of the bodies from Silchar Medical College and Hospital up to the state border.

The high court further directed the Assam government to submit a detailed counter affidavit within 2 weeks.

Gonsalves, meanwhile, told the court that the families do not wish to pursue another post-mortem, a demand made by them earlier.

The police had said that the three Hmar men were apprehended and taken to an area where other “militants” were hiding, following which they died in ensuing crossfire. However, alleged videos of the incident that went viral on ‘X’ prompted the families to claim that the three were killed in a “fake encounter.”

Source: [The Print](#)



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BJP's star CM justified these killings.

### Wounds point to torture of 3 men killed in Assam Police custody, families tell court citing autopsy

Assam Police claims men are Hmar militants, killed in crossfire; families allege fake encounter

SUKRITA BARUAH  
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 7

POINTING TO the post-mortem reports of three men — who were branded militants and killed while in Assam police custody last month — their families have told the Gauhati High Court that they were tortured before being shot dead.

The men — Joshua from Serwon village in Manipur’s Pherzawl district, and Lalungawi Hmar and Lalbung Hmar, both residents of K Bethel village in Assam’s Cachar district — were killed on July 17. The police had claimed the three were Hmar militants whom they had apprehended the previous day. Police claimed they took the men on a

“special operation” against other militants on July 17, during which the three died in the crossfire. Their families had approached the court, alleging that the men were killed in a fake encounter.

Appearing for the petitioners on Wednesday, senior advocate Colin Gonsalves said they were satisfied with the post-mortem report and that they would no longer seek a second autopsy, as had been demanded by the families earlier. However, presenting the counter to the state’s affidavit, he raised several questions on the nature of injuries.

The post-mortem reports, which The Indian Express has seen, mention multiple bruises apart from bullet injuries on the bodies of all three men. In the case of Lalungawi Hmar, the report

mentions a wound mark on the chest area, a wound mark in the left leg, a bruise mark in his private parts, and that “bruise (sic) can be found in many parts of the body”.

In the case of Joshua, the report mentions a bruise mark on the chest, a wound mark “near left bum region”, and “wounds in many parts of the body”. In the case of Lalbung Hmar, the report mentions a bruise-like mark on the right cheek, another in the left waist area, a cut mark “in right side of (the) bum area” and that “bruise and wound marks can be seen in many parts”.

In the final opinion of the doctor, it states that Lalungawi had 11 injuries caused by bullets but one caused by blunt force before his death. In Joshua’s case, the opinion states that 16 injuries

were caused by bullets and six were caused by blunt force impact before his death. In Lalbung Hmar’s case, there were 23 bullet injuries and six blunt force ones, the opinion states. Gonsalves pointed to these findings to allege that the men had been “tortured before they were killed”.

“Most importantly, see the findings on the private parts of all these deceased persons. The private parts are bruised, wound marks can be seen. If this is an encounter, you’re dead with clean bullet entry and exit wounds. Here there is a question of having bruise marks on private parts, indicating torture,” said Gonsalves.

He also sought attention to the descriptions of the bullet injuries on all three deceased as having

“blackened, abraded and inverted margins”, which he alleged is a sign of being shot at close range.

While the petitioners sought a case to be registered and investigated by a DGP or senior police officer from outside Assam, and an interim compensation of Rs 20 lakh for each of the families, the Advocate General for the state of Assam sought time to file a detailed affidavit to respond to the allegations. The court directed that the affidavit be filed one day before the next hearing on September 10.

The court also issued detailed instructions to enable the families of the three men to take their bodies from the morgue — where they have been lying for more than three weeks — and conduct their final rites.



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One year since this day, what hasn’t changed?

1. The grim situation in Manipur
2. The Prime Minister’s continued Manipur
3. The Chief Minister of Manipur
4. The grief and sorrow of the families of Manipur
5. Our resolve to continue fighting for restoration of peace in Manipur



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# KUKI WOMEN HELD A MASSIVE PROTEST AGAINST SAIBOL POST REMOVAL IN SADAR HILLS

In a massive demonstration of solidarity, thousands of Kuki women from the Bungpi region in Sadar Hills, Kangpokpi's Saikul, staged a protest today against the proposed removal of the Saibol Post in the Twichin-Phaimol area.

The Saibol Post is strategically located in a fringe area between Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District and Imphal East, serving as a vital point of security for the region.

The protest, under the aegis of the Kuki Inpi Bungpi (Lhang) Region, was held in Twichin village, which was severely affected by violence in the previous year.

The Twichin-Phaimol area borders Sanasabi, Sabungkhok Khunou, and Yaingangpokpi in Imphal East, making it a buffer zone.

The removal of the Saibol Post has raised significant concerns among the local population, who fear that such an action could leave them vulnerable to attacks.

Mercy, spokesperson of the Kuki Women Union Bungpi Region, expressed the community's fears, highlighting past incidents where the dismantling of a similar post led to attacks by Valley-Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs).

"The previous demolition left us exposed, and insurgents took advantage of it to launch attacks from the very spot," Mercy explained.



Mercy continued, "The protest is also to demonstrate our discontentment towards the Manipur Government's decision to dismantle the Saibol Posts and deploy the state security forces. If we are continuously pressurized or if the state government attempts to forcefully deploy state security forces, we will be compelled to fight back."

She asserted that "Saibol Post is under Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District, dominated by the Kuki people, and we will not allow the Manipur state security forces to be deployed or occupy it."

Emphasizing the community's lack of trust, Mercy stated, "We have already lost our trust in Manipur state security forces, and we are very much aware of the ploy they have played during the ongoing conflict. We have zero trust in Manipur state security forces and will never allow them to enter into the Kuki-dominated area."



**The caterpillar does all the work, but the butterfly gets all the publicity.**

— George Carlin



# PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES SEIZED AS CDAKD LAUNCHES COUNTER-BLOCKADE ALONG NH-2

In a dramatic escalation of tensions over the distribution of essential medical supplies, the Chemist and Druggist Association of Kangpokpi District launched a counter-blockade today on National Highway 2. This decisive action comes in response to an alleged ongoing blockade by valley-based organizations, which the association claims has restricted the flow of pharmaceutical supplies, including life-saving drugs, to Kangpokpi District since May 3, 2023.

Earlier, on July 31, the association issued a stern warning, threatening to impose a counter-blockade if the impediments to pharmaceutical transport were not lifted. Despite the warning, the association alleges that the unlawful blockade persisted, forcing their hand to take direct action.

Volunteers from the Chemist and Druggist Association set up a checkpoint at Bongmoul Village in the Champhai Sub-Division along NH-2. They intercepted two trucks en route to Imphal, seizing substantial quantities of pharmaceutical supplies, including crucial life-saving medicines.

The General Secretary of the Chemist and Druggist Association, David said, "The unlawful blockade of pharmaceutical supplies and life-saving drugs by certain valley-based organisations caused severe shortages in Kangpokpi District, putting countless lives at risk. Our counter-blockade is a necessary measure to ensure that essential medicines reach the Kangpokpi District."

Meanwhile, in a concerted effort to address the ongoing blockade of pharmaceutical supplies, the Kangpokpi District Administration convened a crucial meeting with representatives from the Chemist and Druggist



Association Kangpokpi District at the Deputy Commissioner's office later this afternoon.

According to the association, the meeting, which lasted nearly three hours, was attended by the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police of Kangpokpi. During the discussion, both officials assured the association that they would take the necessary steps to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of pharmaceutical supplies and life-saving drugs to the district. They also committed to providing all the necessary help for the establishment of stockists in Kangpokpi within a week.

Following these assurances from the district authorities, the Chemist and Druggist Association agreed to release the seized pharmaceutical supplies and life-saving drugs that were originally bound for the valley.

# PROTESTS AGAINST MANIPUR GOVT'S DECISION TO ACQUIRE TRIBAL LAND FOR ARMY SETTLEMENT

The Makhan (Makhen) Village Authority has strongly condemned the Manipur government's recent decision to forcibly acquire 130 acres of tribal land for an Army settlement, sparking widespread outrage and calls for resistance from the local community.

The decision, made during a Manipur Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on January 15, 2024, in Chandel District, has been met with fierce opposition from the residents of Makhan Liangmai Naga Village. The land in question, located contiguous to the Leimakhong Military Station, is vital farmland that the villagers have relied upon for agriculture and other allied activities for generations.

The move, Makhan VA says involves the transfer of 130 acres of this tribal land to the Army in exchange for 74.24 acres of Defence land at the Koirengei Old Airfield, which has been transferred to the state government. The Makhan Village Authority has accused the Manipur government of attempting to seize the land without the consent of the landowners or any prior consultation, calling the decision "enormously hostile" and "anti-people." "This land is our livelihood," the Village Authority stated in a press release. "We practice agriculture, animal husbandry, pisciculture, and other activities here. The government's decision to take our land without our knowledge or agreement is both inappropriate and mind-boggling."

The villagers also pointed to a history of land being forcibly taken from them without compensation. In the past, 87 acres were ceded to the Leimakhong Army, and another 301 acres were acquired for the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) regional campus—none of which has been monetarily compensated by



the government. "The government's continuous neglect of our plight is despairing and powerful," the press release stated. "We vehemently oppose this malicious decision by the Manipur Cabinet and will resist it until the last man standing. This farmland is our soul, our bread, and our water."

The Makhan Village Authority has called for the immediate repeal and rectification of the decision, stating that they will not accept any compensation for the land, as it represents their only means of survival. The community has vowed to continue their protest, defending their ancestral land with unwavering determination.

## Damning Audio Clip Revelation of N. Biren Singh's Involvement in Ethnic Cleansing Against Kuki-Zo People



### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Caught Pants Down, Biren Singh in Denial Mode. Will the Centre Act?

Moments after a damning audio clip wherein Manipur chief minister N. Biren Singh admitted his responsibility and roles in the ongoing ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kuki-Zo people landed in the public domain, the Manipur CM swiftly activated his publicity machines to deny the audio clip. A late-night statement issued by the DIPR Manipur dismissed the audio clip as 'doctored' and 'aiming at derailing the peace process.'

The DIPR press release also described the clip as a "malicious attempt" to incite communal violence and derail the peace process. "Our Social media analysis indicates a coordinated campaign is underway, with multiple accounts sharing the clip with similar captions."

"The Manipur Police is actively investigating the matter and is committed to uncovering the origins of this defamatory campaign," the DIPR press release stated while warning that legal action would be taken against 'all individuals and organisations involved in this conspiracy.'

The manoeuvre is not surprising at all though, because, it is hard to swallow the truth. N. Biren Singh is notoriously known for propagating lies as evident throughout the course of his ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki-Zo people. He might deny the audio clip as his,

but his pretence would not affect the fact by any slightest means. It is just a confession of the facts that everyone already knows to be the truth.

Ever since he unleashed mayhem on the Kuki-Zo people last year, the mastermind of the pogrom N. Biren Singh keeps on changing his narratives. The origin of the pogrom zeroed in on him closer after every attempt he made to change the narratives to suit his agenda. Now that he is caught in the act, it is only obvious that he made one last-ditch attempt to deny his actions. A preponderance of evidence against him has accumulated over time.

The authenticity of the audio clip was proven beyond doubt. No rocket science knowledge is required to ascertain that the voice in the clip – the tone and tenor of the speaker, could be others' or being 'doctored.' N. Biren Singh should impudently admit and either run or give in.

Time and again, the State's publicity department, the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, has stooped low by allowing itself to be the propaganda machine of communal leaders such

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as N. Biren Singh whose incompetency is known widely. As a responsible government department, the DIPR should mind maintaining its neutrality and image lest it lose public trust.

When the majority of the people, including among the Meitei populace are holding Mr N. Biren Singh responsible and accountable for the violence besieging the State, some few bureaucrats, including those at the publicity department are acting at his behest submissively and meekly. This is one primary reason that keeps the flame of the violence simmering.

To get down to brass tacks, the audio is not doctored and the attempt is not malicious to incite communal violence or to derail the peace process. The fact is that the voice in the audio is that of Mr. N. Biren Singh. He is the one who incited communal violence and

the process of peace will never fructify under his leadership.

The public is not in a fool's paradise to believe and accept what Biren Singh and his sidekicks say as the gospel truth. People do not expect 'peace and harmony' among communities from the ones who started the violence.

The Manipur Police is not required to investigate the matter. They are in the know who is responsible for the communal violence and they need to boldly come out in public and admit that they get commands and orders to torture and kill Kuki-Zo people from N. Biren Singh. Legal action should be taken against N. Biren Singh. Only then, peace will return. Is the Centre hearing?



**MANIPULATED  
STATE MEDIA  
AND DIPR**



# The Last MESSAGE

LALGUNSANG KIPGEN

Thousand marching towards me  
With a rain of bullets above me  
I am to be killed in this war  
It's not my wish i heard the nation call  
If this fight leads me to the grave  
Blame not my Gun and shield  
Blame my guts and  
The love for my motherland  
I was which others don't want to be  
I went where others fared to go  
I have seen the face of terror

Feel the stinging cold of fear  
Till the last drop did i fight  
I may not see tomorrow  
Say not i cringe for this horror  
Put my rifle on my chest  
And for the last time  
Let me have the honour of  
My nation flag cover above me  
Say to my father that his son died  
To protect his culture and identity  
Say to my mother not to cry  
Her son was not gone but on a rest  
Tell my comrade not to stop fighting  
Under the victorious flag  
Is where we'll meet again

