

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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FALLEN HEROES

KUKI-ZO MARTYRS

IN DEFENCE OF OUR ANCESTRAL LAND AND FREEDOM



**LHUNKHOHAO
HAOKIP**

killed by
meitei
militants
on 7 Sept.
2024



**HAOGOULEN
DOUNGEL**

killed by
meitei
militants
on 7 Sept.
2024



**SEIMINLEN
KHONGSAI**

killed by
meitei
militants
on 7 Sept.
2024



**NEHBOITHANG
HAOKIP**

killed by
meitei
militants
on 7 Sept.
2024



**TONGKHOHAO
LUPHO**

killed by
meitei
militants
on 6 Sept.
2024



**LIMLAL
MATE**

Abducted
by meitei
militants.
Found
dead
on 9 Sept.
2024



**NENGJAKHOL
LHUNGDIM**

killed in
bomb attack
by meitei
militants
on 8 Sept.
2024



**LETHANG
HAOKIP**

Abducted
by meitei
militants.
Lifeless
body
found on
9 Sept
2024

"YOUR SUPREME SACRIFICE WILL NOT GO IN VAIN"



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 09.09.2024



199
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.

KUKI INPI STRONGLY OPPOSES N. BIREN SINGH'S CALL FOR UNIFIED COMMAND AMID HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN GENOCIDE OF KUKI-ZO PEOPLE

The Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), the apex body of Kuki Tribes, has firmly rejected the recent demand by Manipur's Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, for control over the Unified Command.

"This move is nothing short of an attempt to intensify the ongoing ethnic cleansing of the Kuki-Zo people," KIM said in a statement released on Monday.

Information and Publicity Secretary of KIM, Janghaolun Haokip alleged that CM Biren Singh has time and again displayed his bias and direct involvement in the systematic genocide against the Kuki-Zo community, as evidenced by his notorious leaked audio clip in which he brazenly incited violence against the tribal people.

The demand for "Unified Command" is not about restoring law and order but rather consolidating the CM's iron grip over security forces, which have already been used to aid Meitei extremists in the rampant murder, burning, and displacement of Kuki-Zo people, he said.

Highlighting statistics, the Kuki Inpi Manipur stated that at least 199 Kuki-Zo have been killed; over 200 villages burnt, more than 7,000 houses destroyed; 360+ churches and synagogues razed to the ground and 41,425+ people were displaced.

Janghaolun said these shocking figures highlight the extreme level of violence perpetuated against the Kuki-Zo community. "Instead of protecting the vulnerable, the Chief Minister's administration has emboldened the attackers by ensuring that armed Meitei militias roam free, with logistical and tactical support provided by the state," he alleged.

Stating that Biren Singh's audio clip was a testament of his involvement in the genocide, the Kuki apex body said the leaked audio of CM Biren Singh explicitly reveals his orchestrated plan to eliminate the Kuki-Zo people. "He is not fit to hold any position of power, let alone be granted authority over the Unified Command," KIM said, and strongly urged the Government of India to initiate an immediate investigation into N. Biren Singh's



role in the Kuki-Zo genocide. His actions have only deepened the ethnic rift and prolonged the violence in Manipur, it added.

As the Kuki-Zo people have suffered enough under the oppressive rule of the Meitei-dominated state government, the Kuki Inpi Manipur asserted that Biren Singh's push for full control over security forces only further justifies their demand for a Separate Administration. "This is the only viable solution to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of our people. The cycle of violence will not end as long as Biren Singh and his cronies hold power in Manipur," it said.

Kuki Inpi Manipur laid down the following demands:

1. Immediate removal of N. Biren Singh from office and a full investigation into his involvement in the ethnic cleansing of Kuki-Zo people.
2. Rejection of the demand for Unified Command being handed over to the state government.
3. Urgent implementation of a Separate Administration for the Kuki-Zo people to ensure their protection and autonomy.
4. Accountability for those responsible for the murder and displacement of thousands of Kuki-Zo people.

KIM called upon the Government of India to take swift and decisive action. "The blood of our people will not be spilled in vain, and we will not rest until justice is served!" KIM added.

MEITEI MILITANTS RESUME ETHNIC PERSECUTION AGAINST MINORITY KUKIS; A 50-YEAR OLD WOMAN KILLED IN BOMB ATTACKS

In a series of continued ethnic persecutions against the Kuki-Zo community, which was orchestrated and executed by the State Government under N. Biren Singh, the state-sponsored extremist groups of Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, proscribed militants and State Police Commandos on Sunday resumed indiscriminate attacks on multiple locations of Kuki-Zo inhabited areas situated along the buzzer zones, leading to loss of precious lives and properties.

On Sunday, not content with raining bullets towards the Kuki-Zo villages, the Meitei militants have once again dropped powerful bombs on Thangbuh Kuki Village, taking the life of a woman. Mrs. Nengjakhol Lhungdim (50 years) W/o Mr. Seigin Lhungdim, Former President of KSO Moltam Block & Deputy Speaker of KSO Sadar Hills, sustained bomb shrapnel injuries and later succumbed to her injuries.

The incident occurred at around 6:00 PM when the Meitei radical armed groups carried out sophisticated gun and bomb attacks on Thangbuh Kuki Village under Bungte-Chiru Sub-Division of Kangpokpi District, and burnt down a house; thus, forcing the villagers to flee for their safety.

The woman victim, a mother of six children, was running for her safety when the bomb shrapnel hit her head. She was evacuated to the Military Hospital wherein she succumbed to her injuries.

And, in the wee hours of Sunday, a combined team of the Meitei militants and State Police Commandos began aggressive attacks on Kuki villages of Mongbung and Sejang in Jiribam District. The Kuki Village Volunteers defended the Meiteis' onslaught and heavy exchanges of gunfire ensued which lasted for about two hours. The gun battle continued the whole day in intervals.

Also, at around 8:30 PM on Sunday, the Kuki-Zo villages of Dongjang, Lalloiphai, Leisan, G. Songgel and other



areas of Sangaikot Sub-Division, Churachandpur district, came under heavy attacks from the Meitei armed groups from the Kakching district of Sugnu Makha Leikai. The Kuki Village Volunteers retaliated and the gun battle continued until late midnight.

These incidents of indiscriminate attacks and persecution against the Kuki-Zo community, once again, highlight the magnitude of barbarity carried out upon the minority people by the state-sponsored Meitei militants.

Meanwhile, protests erupted in the Meiteis' valley of Imphal against the Government's failure in containing the law and disorder. The state government insisted all Schools remain close till 10th of September. In a curious turn of events, this 2-day holiday of all educational institutions in the state, both state and central, came a day before hordes of students took to the streets in their uniforms, taking advantage of the state-declared holidays to attack the residence of the state's Governor.

Sources said that the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh allegedly instigated his supporters to organize a Mass rally in Imphal City, spearheaded by the Meira Paibis, to pressurize the Centre Government to assign him the Unified Command authority.

KSO-GHQ SLAMS COCOMI'S MISLEADING INFORMATION, DEMANDS TO DESIGNATE MEITEIS' RADICAL GROUPS AS UNLAWFUL ORGANISATIONS

Setting the record straight, the Kuki Students Organisation, General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) has slammed the ongoing lies and misinformation propagated by the secessionist Meitei rapists under the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI).

In a statement released on Sunday, KSO-GHQ said, "The recent allegations that the Indian Armed Forces are shielding and aiding Kuki militants, and that the Meitei population is facing a coordinated proxy war by the Indian government and its military allies, are both absurd and baseless".

COCOMI, an apex body of secessionist Meitei rapists, must stop using the words "the people of Manipur" as if it represents the whole population of Manipur, KSO-GHQ stated, pointing out the fact that the term itself is "ambiguous and misleading."

"For those who are unaware, COCOMI is a conglomerate of frontal Meitei CSOs associated with secessionist Valley-Based Meitei Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) CorCom," it alleged.

The Kuki students' body also said that the five-day ultimatum served to the Indian Armed Forces by COCOMI - demanding either definitive action against the Kukis or withdrawal from Manipur - was an act of Meitei supremacy in the state. The COCOMI's claim that the people of Manipur have lost trust in the central forces is not reflective of the general population but rather represents the views of secessionist Meitei rapists, it said.

"COCOMI's false narrative and hypocritical demand for central security forces to act on baseless accusations, while Arambai Terrorist continues its terror campaign, are unacceptable. This deliberate incitement is a clear indication of their intent to target the Kuki-Zo community," said KSO-GHQ, and called an ultimatum to the central forces as "an outright provocation, attempting to justify their own violent actions while



conveniently masking the crimes committed by their own insurgents."

KSO-GHQ further said COCOMI and the secessionist Meiteis groups seem to have forgotten that the recent incidents of violence in various parts of the state are ongoing attacks by Meitei radical armed militia groups, such as Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, and Meitei VBIGs, since May 3, 2023. This situation followed the declaration of a national war against the Chin- Kuki community by COCOMI during a Peoples' Convention held on June 8, 2023, in Imphal. It is embarrassing for COCOMI to seek scapegoats in this case, the Indian Armed Forces when the casualties are a result of retaliatory actions by Kuki-Zo village volunteers, it said.

The Government of India should note that COCOMI, during the Peoples' Convention, had declared that it would not surrender more than 6,000 arms and 500,000 rounds of ammunition that were looted from state armouries by the secessionist Meitei groups.

Furthermore, COCOMI stated that this is not the time to recover arms but rather to distribute them. The government should provide arms to the Meitei people to protect and defend Manipur. Consequently, the people of Manipur cannot comply with the government's request to deposit arms.

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The Kuki Students' Organisation said it is an undeniable fact that COCOMI is involved in the arms loot and has full authority over whether to return the arms and ammunition illegally taken from the state armouries.

The Kuki Students' Organisation General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) issued the following demands to the Government of India:

1. Declare Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun as Unlawful Organisations: Immediately designate these groups as terrorists and their activities to prevent further violence against the Kuki-Zo people.
2. Cease State-Backed Actions Against Kuki-Zo Areas: Stop all state-supported operations in Kuki-Zo

regions, which are being carried out in collusion with extremist groups, further victimizing our community.

3. Investigate COCOMI's Alliance with CorCom: Conduct a thorough investigation into COCOMI's alliance with CorCom and its role in perpetuating terrorism, ethnic cleansing and violence against the Kuki-Zo community.

Should the Government fail to address these demands, the Kuki students warned that they will initiate a mass agitation and organise widespread protests to safeguard the safety, security, and rights of their people.

KUKI EX-ARMY JAWAN 'BEATEN TO DEATH' IN MEITEI AREA

The Meiteis' valley of Imphal is still called as the "valley of deaths" for the minority Kuki-Zo community even after 16 months of state-sponsored ethnic persecution.

Late night on Sunday, a retired Indian Army soldier, belonging to the Kuki community, was killed after he accidentally crossed the "buffer zone" between the Meitei and Kuki areas, officials aware of the matter said on Monday.

The lifeless body of Limkholal Mate, a former Havildar in the Assam Regiment, was found in Sekmai, a Meitei inhabited locality, in Imphal West district. He is a resident of Motbung, a Kuki village, in Kangpokpi district. Motbung adjoins the Meiteis' Sekmai, both the settlement areas separated by Buffer Zone or the Line of Control.

Sources said that he accidentally crossed the buffer zone and entered the Sekmai area last night. He was driving a Scorpio car (white in colour) when the incident happened. Police have recovered his dead body in the morning. It looks like he was tortured to death by the Meitei radical groups, sources said.

This latest incident indicates that no matter what profession someone is in, if he/she belongs to the Kuki



community, his/her life becomes at risk of being killed when entering the state capital, Imphal, or the valley districts. There are no other States in India where minority communities are restricted to their state capital. This has been happening in Manipur since the beginning of the Meiteis' ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis.

As the Kukis have been ethnically cleansed from the State's Capital valley of Greater Imphal, they have now been demanding separate administration in the form of Union Territory with Legislative powers under Article 239A of the Indian Constitution for peace and normalcy to return to the region.

CONGRESS DEMANDS IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF MANIPUR CM N BIREN SINGH

The Congress on Monday reiterated the demand of immediate dismissal of the Manipur CM N Biren Singh accusing the Centre of having a “hands-off approach” to the state which “is extremely dangerous and points to their tacit support to this violence”.

It also demanded “complete crackdown” by the Centre on all insurgents in Manipur, and a speedy conclusion of the Supreme Court-monitored investigation into the ongoing violence.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary K C Venugopal said even after 16 months of the conflict, the Centre was having no control over the situation and the state government was being allowed to continue despite its ‘complicity’ in the conflict.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi pretends as if Manipur is not a part of India, Venugopal wrote.

‘He thinks it is more suitable for him to intervene in the Russia-Ukraine conflict while being a complete failure in stopping the mindless violence in Manipur,’ the Congress leader remarked.



‘Every time it appears Manipur might be returning to normalcy, we see a fresh escalation in violence. Use of sophisticated weaponry like rocket launchers is shocking and completely unheard of,’ the Congress leader noted.

Stating that there is an urgent need for peace and normality in Manipur, the Congress leaders appealed to all stakeholders involved to take strong steps to end violence and explore a path towards normalcy.

Source: [The Tribune](#)



Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

— Martin Luther King Jr.



Rejoinder to False Allegations Against the Kuki, Allegedly Supported by Israel, China, the US, the UK, and Canada

AstroMuon Kuki

It is both unfortunate and hilarious how the media fraternity and well-known individuals have been misled by Meitei propagandists. All these falsehoods are being spread to suppress the tribal Kuki people, who are among the most loyal citizens of the three communities living in Manipur — the Kuki, Kacha Naga, and Meitei.

Both the Kacha Nagas and Meitei communities have demanded sovereignty from India, yet our fellow Indians ignore this fact and instead make allegations against the tribal Kuki people, who have shed their blood and lives for this nation, simply because the majority of them are Christians. Out of 112 Kuki freedom fighters from Manipur, more than 80 are Kuki. Yet today, we are paraded naked, sexually assaulted, raped, mocked, thrashed, tortured, killed, and our dead bodies desecrated. Are we lesser Indians? Have we ever ambushed our Indian army? Don't you know that the majority community you support today is the one that has been killing our Indian soldiers? (I have proof with me.)

Out of the blue, many well-known media outlets, such as Republic TV, and prominent individuals like Abhijet Chavda, have recently emerged to add fuel to the fire of the Manipur crisis. They have supported the Meitei majority community simply because a few of them follow Hinduism, while ignoring the fact that the rest follow Sanamahism and other religions. Why are we

ignoring these facts and choosing sides based on religion? Don't we follow positive secularism in our country? Why do we prioritize political gimmicks over humanity? Isn't it time to use logic and reason to resolve the Manipur crisis?

If we are truly concerned about the Manipur crisis, why don't we raise our voices for a state of emergency under Article 356? It is crystal clear to the world that there has been not only administrative breakdown but also constitutional breakdown (Article 365) here in Imphal. The outer Manipur regions, which are hill districts, are calm and peaceful because AFSPA is in force. Why don't we collectively demand that the central government reimpose AFSPA in the Imphal Valley or impose a state of emergency to restore peace and order?

Now, let's address the rebuttal that Kuki people are being supported by foreign countries. As we know, Israel and the US are friendly countries to India, as are the UK and Canada. Why would they support the Kuki people to wage a proxy war against India? What do they stand to gain from the Kuki people, who have nothing of value to offer in exchange? Recently, there were accusations from

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the US and Canada that the Indian government was involved in an attempt to kill Khalistani terrorists on Canadian soil. There was outrage at the G20 meeting over this speculation. Yes, India and Bangladesh have maintained friendly relations under former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who is now exiled from her country. She also alleged that the US and China were involved in removing her from power, and she made a baseless statement claiming that the US is trying to create “PROJECT-K” (Kukiland) in Southeast India, combining territories from Bangladesh, India, and Myanmar. She fails to understand the true nature of the Kuki people’s demands in these three countries.

Of course, it is true that the Kuki people in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh demand some autonomy from the Bangladeshi government, but they have never demanded the annexation of Mizoram and Manipur from India. In Myanmar, the Kuki people have been fighting against the military junta since 2021, when democracy was overthrown, but they have never demanded the annexation of Kuki lands within India. Moreover, the Kuki people in India have never demanded sovereignty from the Indian state, even though we were forcibly merged with India when it gained independence. Since we are now part of India, we have always been loyal to this nation, and we accept that we are Indians. As loyal citizens and a minority tribe, we are simply demanding the creation of PROJECT-K (Kukiland), a state under Article 3 (internal reorganization of states) of our constitution. There is nothing anti-national about demanding a state within India where we can safeguard our distinct culture, traditions, and language.

The areas where the majority of our people reside are in outer Manipur, and in these regions, there is a clear disparity in the allocation of funds, with a lack of proper government hospitals, schools, and roads in the hilly areas. The Autonomous District Council, which was granted under the 5th Schedule, is not functioning properly, making life difficult for the hill tribes. To address these issues, the Manipur tribals protested against the government way back in 2015, and 9 tribals

lost their lives. Last year, on May 3rd, 2023, the All Tribal Students Union of Manipur protested once again, and the conflict has continued ever since. Now, every right-thinking person should analyze the situation and work to address these issues together, instead of pointing fingers at a particular community.

Returning to the allegations of Chinese involvement in backing the Kuki people — this is pure fantasy. Why would China help the Kuki people, who are not Buddhists, who are not wealthy, and who have nothing to offer China? China holds significant power in the Indian Ocean region, including in Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and Southeast Asia. Is it logical that the Chinese government would support the Kuki people? Absolutely not.

We should stop blaming China, especially when there is an ongoing dialogue between the Chinese and Indian governments aimed at strengthening trade relations. India depends on China for lithium and other raw materials. We should not jeopardize our government’s foreign policy by making baseless accusations. Don’t we realize that our social media users have already caused us to lose diplomatic relations with the Maldives? It’s time for geopolitical experts to analyze the situation logically and reasonably. Our actions are making things more difficult for our government. If we truly love our motherland, India, let’s stop blaming foreign countries for the Manipur issue. Let’s stop lumping together unrelated issues to suppress a certain community.

If the allegations of foreign involvement were true, don’t you think the Kuki people would have already finished the war in Manipur? We shouldn’t provoke powerful military nations into getting involved in this crisis.

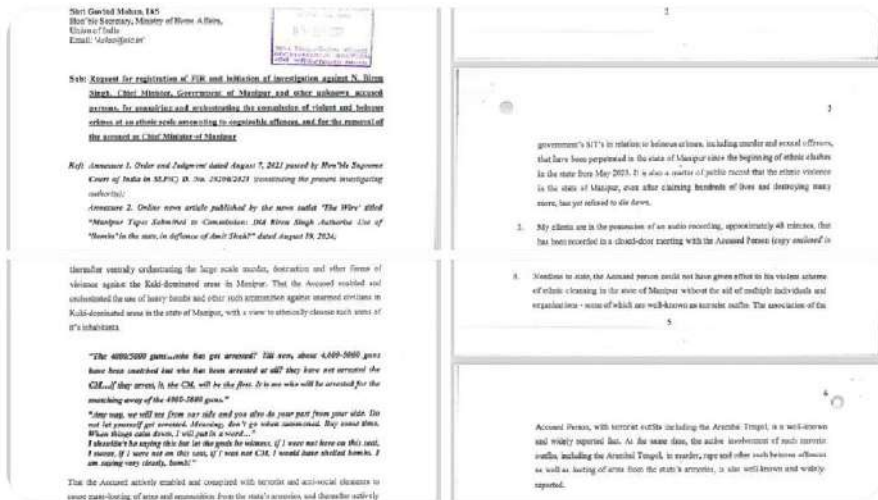
Let’s all work together for the sake of our nation, and for peace to prevail, let’s put pressure on the government to impose a state of emergency in Manipur.



THE BUZZ SOCIAL MEDIA

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The Biren Singh tapes show his involvement in serious crimes & partisanship in the ongoing genocide in Manipur. He must be removed. Read my representation on behalf of the Kuki organization for Human Rights



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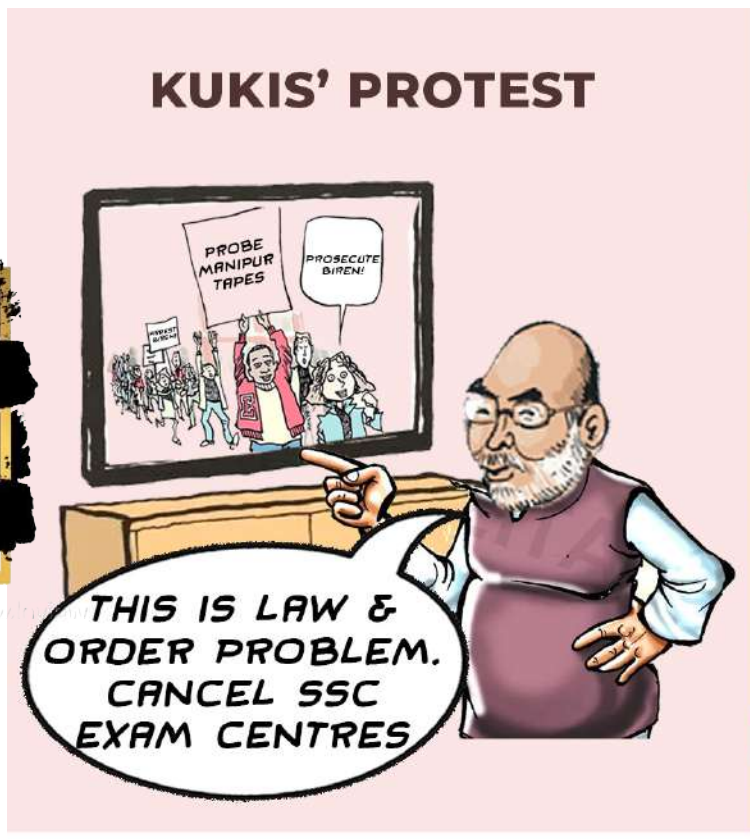
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In Thoubal District of Manipur, the Indian flag was replaced by the Meitei flag. I believe no community should be blamed for this act of disrespect, those responsible must be held accountable and punished. This brings us to a larger question of accountability: despite hundreds of FIRs being filed over the past 1.5 years, how many cases have actually been resolved by the State or Central Government?



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Hello SSC, Define 'Law & Order Situation'



FOR OUR LAND FOR OUR PEOPLE

~Devorah Manlun

In the hills where our ancestors stood tall,
Where the winds carry stories of old,
We hear the echoes of those who have fallen,
Brave souls whose hearts were bold.

They stood with courage, with fire in their veins,
Defending the land that is ours to keep.
Their sacrifice is etched in our history,
Their memory, a promise we vow to keep.

We are the children of the Kuki Zo,
Born from the strength of the earth and sky.
In this battle, we stand together,
For our land, we shall not let die.

Our hearts may bleed, our tears may fall,
But we rise, we fight, we defend.
For the future of our children,
For the land our grandfathers did tend.

Remember God in every step,
In every battle, every tear.
With bravery in our hearts,
And kindness for those near.

We will stand true, we will stand strong,
For this is our home, our fight.
We will not yield, we will not break,
For in unity, we find our might.

Though the road is long and filled with pain,
We carry the torch that lights the way.
With the strength of those who came before,
We will see the dawn of a brighter day.

For every life that bravely fell,
For every voice that echoes still,
We honor them with every breath,
And vow to fight with iron will.

Together we stand, together we rise,
For the land, for our people, we strive.
With God as our guide, we shall prevail,
And our spirit, unbroken, will survive.

