

Thingkho Le Maleha

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Old Gelmol RELIEF CENTRE

Old Gelmol JB School, Lamka

Managed by
Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi
General Headquarters (KKL GHQ)

Total Inmates Registered: 95*

■ Male: 51

■ Female: 44

*As on 4th August, 2023



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 25.11.2023



153
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.

SAIKUL KUKI INPI OPPOSES UNLF (PAMBEI) DESIGNATED CAMPS IN KUKI AREAS

The Kuki Inpi Saikul Gamkai (KISG) has strongly opposed the government's proposed plan to set up designated camps for the surrendered Meitei militants in Kuki-Zo areas.

The Kuki body warned, "If the government goes ahead with this plan even after our stiff opposition, the Kuki-Zo people will not remain mere spectators and any untoward incidents occurring thereafter will be the sole responsibility of the government."

In its statement issued on Saturday, Saikul areas' Kuki apex body said that according to reliable information available in the media, Kakching Khunou Ingourok, Jiribam, Kwatha and Moreh were the proposed locations for setting up designated camps for the surrendered militants of the UNLF Pambei faction. "If this news is true, it is nothing but an ambiguous decision by the Government that will unleash another wave of a reign of terror in the already strife-torn state of Manipur," it said.

Ironically, the recently surrendered UNLF Pambei faction still upholds the demand for Manipur's sovereignty and stated that no weapons would be laid down unless their goal of sovereignty is achieved. The surrendered militants are still seen freely moving around in the Manipur valley with sophisticated weapons.

A basic question arises as to how the central and the state governments could suddenly sign a peace agreement without the militants giving up their demand for an independent state, which poses the highest national security threat, the Kuki body said.

Taken aback by the hasty and immature decision of the government to negotiate with the separatists and shelter them in the Kuki-Zo areas, the Kuki Inpi



KUKI INPI SAIKUL GAMKAI

Sadar Hills East, Kangpokpi District, Manipur

Motto : "Strive for Justice".

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PRESS RELEASE

9th December, 2023

According to reliable information available in the media, Kakching Khunou Ingourok, Jiribam Kwatha and Moreh are the proposed locations for setting up designated camps for the surrendered militants of the UNLF Pambei faction. If this news is true, it is nothing but an ambiguous decision by the Government that will unleash another wave of the Reign of Terror in the already strife-torn state of Manipur.

Mention may be made that the recently surrendered UNLF Pambei faction still upholds demand for Manipur's sovereignty and states that no weapons will be laid down unless their goal of sovereignty is achieved. The surrendered militants are still seen freely moving around in the Manipur valley with sophisticated weapons. A basic question arises as how the central and the state government could suddenly sign a peace agreement without the militants giving up their demand for an independent state, which poses the highest national security threat.

The Kuki Inpi Saikul Gamkai is taken aback by this hasty and immature decision of the government to negotiate with the separatists and shelter them in the Kuki -Zo areas. The tribal areas in Manipur are safeguarded by Article. 371-C of the Constitution of India. and therefore, this plan is another ploy of the Government of Manipur to grab the Tribal's land.

The KUKI INPI SAIKUL GAMKAI strongly condemns and opposes such plan to set up designated camps for the surrendered Meitei militants in KUKI-ZO areas. If the government goes ahead with this plan even after our stiff opposition, the KUKI-ZO people will not remain mere Spectators and any untoward occurring thereafter will be the sole responsibility of the government.

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Saikul Gamkai reminded that the tribal areas in Manipur are safeguarded by Article 371-C of the Constitution of India and such a plan to set up Meitei militants' designated camps in hill areas is another ploy of the Government of Manipur to grab the tribals' land.

CBI FILES CHARGESHEET IN KILLING OF NAGA WOMAN DURING ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN MANIPUR

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday filed a chargesheet against nine accused persons in a case related to the abduction and murder of a 55-year-old Naga woman in Manipur in July amid the ethnic conflict.

Officials said the chargesheet was filed before the Special CBI court concerned in Guwahati, where the case is set to be tried as per the directions of the Supreme Court. The CBI added that further investigation in the case is underway and refused to reveal the charges against the accused.

The ethnic conflict in the State, underway since May 3, between the dominant Valley-based Meitei people and the hills-based Scheduled Tribe Kuki-Zo people, has led to the deaths of at least 175 people so far, with thousands of others injured and tens of thousands internally displaced.

Video goes viral:

At the height of the conflict, Lucy Marim Maring, from one of the Naga tribes – which have so far not been pulled into the conflict – was abducted allegedly by a mob of Meitei people in the Imphal Valley district on July 15. The woman, who was suffering from mental illness, was eventually shot and killed. In one of the videos that went viral on social media, armed men can be seen shooting at a body, said to be that of Ms. Maring.

As per the FIR registered by the Manipur Police in the incident, the woman was abducted by a mob of around 100 persons near the Sawombung Gate. Her body was recovered hours later. The local police had registered the case under IPC sections for murder, abduction and rioting, in addition to relevant sections of the Arms Act.

A day after the incident, the Manipur Police tweeted that they had arrested nine persons, including five women, seized a car as well as arms and ammunition.

Within hours of Maring’s killing, the United Naga Council – the apex body for Naga tribes in Manipur – had called a 12-hour shutdown in the hill districts in protest. But in a couple of days, the State government facilitated a meeting



between the UNC and the COCOMI, a civil society organisation in Imphal representing the interests of the Meitei community in the ongoing conflict.

According to a memorandum arrived at between the UNC and COCOMI in the presence of State government officials, the COCOMI had taken “moral responsibility” for the killing and apologised, further promising to ensure that no other community is affected in this manner. Further, the State government agreed to pay requisite compensation to the victim’s family, following which the UNC declared that it would not hold any more protests on the issue.

In accordance with directions of the Supreme Court on dealing with cases related to the conflict, this was among the cases that was transferred to the CBI for investigation. The trial was moved to Guwahati. The CBI said it was in the process of identifying the other accused in the case.

(Source: The Hindu)

CYMA PRESIDENT FLAGS OFF RELIEF TRUCKS FOR DISPLACED KUKI-ZO COMMUNITY IN MANIPUR

In a compassionate display of solidarity, the Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA) conducted a send-off ceremony on Friday in Aizawl, dispatching essential relief materials for displaced Kuki-Zo citizens residing in relief camps in Manipur. The consignment, comprising 100 bags of rice, warm clothing, and blankets to brace against the impending winter, was ceremoniously flagged off by Central YMA President Pu Lalmachhuana from the CYMA Office Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl.

Emphasizing Mizoram's role as the global homestead for the Zo fraternity and a spiritual Jerusalem for all ethnic Mizo people, CYMA President Pu Lalmachhuana declared the unwavering commitment of the region to support and extend assistance to distressed brethren. The president stressed the imperative need for unity, urging the community to harness adversity as a catalyst for physical solidarity.

The brief send-off event at the CYMA office courtyard saw the presence of Central YMA OB and CEC members, with CYMA Vice President Prof. Lalnuntluanga offering prayers for the convoy and drivers embarking on the journey to Manipur.

Since the onset of tensions in Bangladesh, Manipur, and Myanmar, CYMA has been actively collecting donations through its branches within and outside Mizoram. The organization expressed profound gratitude to all donors, revealing that the total collected donations for



the relief effort have reached Rs. 236 lakhs, with Rs. 167 lakhs already deployed for various purposes.

CYMA extended heartfelt thanks to Mosia Agency, Aizawl, for their recent generous donation of Rs. 2,30,000/- towards the noble cause. The association remains steadfast in its commitment to aiding fellow humans and ethnic kin in times of need, exemplifying a commendable spirit of community and compassion.

Source: The Mizos

NESO TO OBSERVE BLACK DAY AGAINST CAA ON DEC 11

The North East Students' Organization (NESO) will observe Black Day in all seven states of the NE region on December 11, as a mark of protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, "which is a political injustice against the indigenous peoples of the region".

In a statement issued on Friday, NESO chairman Samuel B Jyrwa said the organization would like to remind the people of the whole of North East that on December 11, 2019, despite the relentless opposition of the indigenous peoples of the North East against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019, the Government of India did not pay heed and it finally through the Rajya Sabha passed the Draconian Law which is known as Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019.

NESO has declared that December 11 will always be remembered as a Black Day for the whole of the North East.

"So, in continuation of this Observation of this Black Day, the NESO has decided that there will be a display of black flags and black banners in all the important places of all the seven states on December 11, 2023," Jyrwa said.

"This observation is to give a message to the Government of India that we are against this Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 and also at the same time to remind our people and our posterior of yet another political injustice that the Government of India perpetrated against the indigenous peoples of the North East," he said.

Jyrwa then said NESO that "calls upon all the people of the North East to support this observation and at the same time to keep on fighting for the just cause".

IMPHAL VALLEY REGISTERS SHARP SPIKE IN CRIME; 22-YEAR OLD MEITEI MAN KIDNAPPED FOR RANSOM

The Imphal valley has, since the violence broke out on May 3, registered a sharp increase in crime. Daylight robberies and intimidation against civilians; reprimanding people for speaking out the truth; thrashing women and young kids; all sorts of street crime have become a routine affair for criminals who run the show in Imphal valley.

The latest case of crime in Imphal valley has been the kidnapping of a 22-year old boy for ransom on December 8. The boy has been identified as Laishram Chinglen Singh, who was reportedly kidnapped from DM College of Science New Boy's Hostel on Dec. 8 at around 1:30 pm. The kidnappers demanded a ransom of Rs. 15 lakhs from the boy's parents for his safe release, threatening that failure to comply would result in their son being returned as a dead body. Following the incident, a complaint was lodged at Imphal Police Station at around 1 pm today.

On receipt of the Information, Imphal West District Police immediately activated and raids were conducted at different places at around 2 am. On 09.12.2023, a team from the Imphal West District Police carried out a raid at Yumnam Huidrom Makha Leikai, under the jurisdiction of Wangoi PS. During the raid, the missing person was found and rescued from a house belonging to one Asem Chaoba (63) alongside four suspected kidnappers, with another four suspected kidnappers nearby in two vehicles. The police team swiftly apprehended 8 suspected kidnappers during the operation.

The names of the apprehended suspected kidnappers are Khwairakpam Rajen Singh (24) years, S/o (L) Kh. Thoibi Singh of Churachandpur Khuga Tampak, Sukham James Singh (23) years, S/o S. Chaothoi Singh of Churachandpur Singhat, Moirangthem Amarjit Singh (25) years, S/o M. Bokul Singh of Moirang Tronglaobi, Taorem Rohit Singh (23) years, S/o T. Naocha Singh of Moirang Lamkhai, Kakyenpaibam



Hemjit Singh (21) years, S/o (L) K. Manglem of Ngairangbam, Sandam Romen Singh (36) years, S/o (L) S. Rajen of Samurou Makha Leikai, Khagembam Dayananada Singh (23) years, S/o Kh. Nilamani of Lilong Haoreibi Awang Leikai and Sarungbam Umananda (34) years, S/o S. Raja of Lilong Chajing Haoreibi.

Police said that those arrested persons in charge of kidnapping revealed that they belonged to the KCP(PWG) group and that they were working under one Lamyamba Khuman. Arms and ammunitions and related articles/items recovered from their possessions include 1 (one) Ghatak rifle along with one magazine including 10 live rounds (7.62 mm), 1(one) AK-47 rifle with one magazine including 6 live rounds (7.62 mm) and 1(one) .32 pistol with one magazine including 6-live rounds, 13(thirteen) mobile handsets, 1(one) sword (samurai), 1(one) Honda Civic car bearing Regn. No. MNO5A 5531 red in colour and 1(one) white Swift car without a registration number.

HILLS VERSUS VALLEY: THE DISPARITY-3

Sl.	Meitei	Kukis	Remarks
1.	44 Meitei families granted compensation out of 67 deaths (Source: The Hindu)*	28 Kuki families granted compensation out of 153 deaths (Source: The Hindu & ITLF)	Only 18 % of the Kuki-Zo victims have received the compensation due to them, whereas more than 65% of the Meitei victims have received theirs (Source: The Hindu)
2.	Office of the Commission of Inquiry (Manipur Violence) 2023 is in Imphal and most of the facilities are supplied by the Meitei government	No such demarcated camp office of the Commission in the hills.	Justice must be seen to be done. The Office should be in a neutral town such as Kohima/ Shillong/ Aizawl. The Meitei government is making all out efforts to station the office in the area controlled by them.
3.	Stay, transport, lodging of the Justice Gita Mittal committee is all arranged by the Meitei government.	The committee is yet to spend a night in the Kuki areas, but is regularly accommodated only in the Meitei Imphal town.	Justice must be seen to be done. Even the ITLF has alleged that the committee has not bothered to consult the tribal bodies on very important issues.



Don't wait until you're in a crisis to come up with a crisis plan.

- Phil McGraw



Greetings, my dear friends.

On 15th October 1949, Manipur's merger to the Indian Union led to the permit system which prevented outsiders from accessing their land being revoked on 18th November 1950. Now, I congratulate them on having been granted ILP after a period of 47 years. However, despite the fact that we do not require permit for people visiting Mizoram, for Manipur, the Manipur govt requires permit for those visiting from Mizoram. This effectively highlights the Manipur government's attitude towards the tribals. This present conflict is but an escalated outburst of a problem that has been brewing and building up since long.

The present land of Manipur is not the sole property of the Meiteis alone, it has also been the home of our forefathers ages since.



The Manipur Government had already passed The Protection of the Manipur People's Bill in 2015, recognizing only people who have settled in Manipur prior to 1951 as citizens. This is nothing but an effort to steal tribal lands. At the same time, The Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms 7th Amendment

Bill, 2015 was also passed, which opened doors for the Meiteis to own land in tribal populated areas. These two bills were unconventionally passed in a haste, without the usual deliberations and considerations, in a matter of a mere five minutes. The Meitei population is concentrated in 5 districts, which is 10% of the total land area whereas the tribals occupy 90% of the land, spread over 11 districts. The existing law did not provide avenues for the Meiteis to own land in tribal areas and hence they have endeavoured towards this desire by implementing new laws and making amendments on existing ones. In response, a motor rally was held against these new laws on 11th September 2015 with over 1000 vehicles rallying between Imphal and Lamka, sporting black flags as a sign of protest. We were also part of this rally, on account of being invited, and on that day we paid our respects to the 9 martyrs whose burial had been delayed for over 600 days in protest. Calling a press conference at the JAC office, we stressed and discussed on the importance of a political demand encompassing all Zohnahthlak. This present conflict is a result of the Meiteis' attempt to occupy and encroach on tribal lands. the BJP government has declared the vast tribal inhabited areas as reserve forests and wildlife sanctuaries, and additionally, several parts of CCPur district were declared wetlands. They have rendered many people homeless, destroying their houses on this pretext. The present land of Manipur

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is not the sole property of the Meiteis alone, it has also been the home of our forefathers ages since. Vanhnuailiana (a Mizo king) and the Manipur Raja were often at war. At the sight of armored Meitei soldiers on horses, Mizo bravehearts never bowed their heads. At one point in time, the brave men of Vanhnuailiana were successful in capturing 60 guns from the Manipur Raja's soldiers.

This conflict is not simply between the Meiteis and Zofa, but rather a conflict between the Manipur government and Zofa.



On the 3rd of May 2023, a peaceful rally was conducted by the ATSUM. The rally was turned violent when the Meiteis torched the gate at Leisang which stood as a commemoration of the Anglo-Kuki war, and from which the violence escalated. This conflict is not simply between the Meiteis and Zofa, but rather a conflict between the Manipur government and Zofa. The Manipur government mobilised the commando, who then led at the helm with the public close behind. Recently, Moirang OC along with the commando led an attack on Mualngat and Leikap vilages, bearing arms, resulting in several casualties and injuries on the villagers. Whereas the government is supposed to be a mediator of peace, instead it has taken sides and have joined the conflict at the forefront. Prior to the conflict, the Manipur govt had ordered all civilians to turn in their licensed guns. This action only cements the fact that this present conflict had been pre-planned. We implore the central government to implement President's rule at the earliest. We applaud the Mizoram Government with the efforts it has taken and we intend to support it at every juncture. For the reason that this issue is a communal issue, we request all parties not to harbor solely the interests of their party.

When the conflict arose in 2015, we witnessed the brotherhood and unity that manifested overnight

Our brothers in Manipur, do not forfeit or abandon the land that belongs to you, that land of your birth and your becoming.



which seemed almost like a divine intervention. Likewise even at this present time, the fact that we are all one, born of the same ancestor, has been made evident - a fact which the Meiteis are also aware of. They have not dismissed this fact and so have intended their actions on all of us collectively. Our brothers in Manipur, do not forfeit or abandon the land that belongs to you, that land of your birth and your becoming. We are very proud of the Tribal United Volunteers who are at the frontlines and at the fore of this war. We, the people of Zoram, share in your sorrow, and our arms are always open for you.

We no longer have the luxury to be under the same governance with the Meiteis.



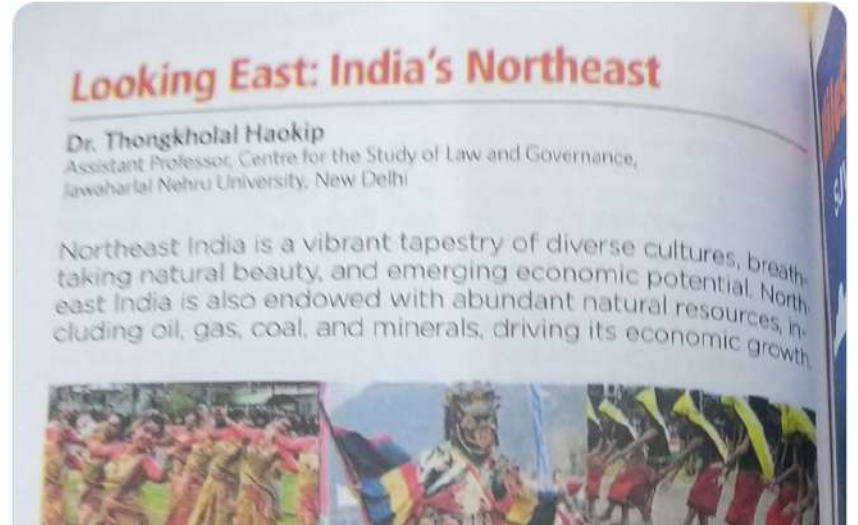
Beyond this conflict, the same God who gave us this nation surely must have bigger and greater plans for us. We no longer have the luxury to be under the same governance with the Meiteis. We must fight for Separate Administration and definitely we must get it. At the place where the conflict erupted, where the Meiteis burned the Anglo-Kuki War Centenary gate at Leisang, at a short distance from Meitei camps, a signboard reads 'Welcome to Greater Mizoram', which was hoarded on the 20th of this month. The sight of this resonated deeply with me and pulled at my heart strings. May this conflict be a reminder of our brotherhood, a force that unites us, and an instrument and blessing that will enable and empower us to stand together as one nation. Thank you.

THE BUZZ

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Peace is essential for achieving the goals of development, which can be preserved through the management of diversity – of diverse goals & aspirations of communities. This management of diversity is modern statecraft, without which peace & development is a far cry for Northeast.



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Anyone who says things have become normal in Manipur and law and order has been restored is a liar, whoever and whatever position they may hold. Leadership ain't turning a blind eye to problems.

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THE LINK FACTORY





A silent Season of Joy

In a few days,
Carols will begin,
the air will be filled with the silent whispers of
“silent night, holy night”
But for us,
Forced into a corner,
facing the rough beauty of the season of joy,
We will not be carolling.

These few days, these few weeks
before the 25th should be spent in preparation,
in ease, in high spirits.
These dull and early december nights
should be spent planning out decorations,
Christmas meals and church programs
But instead we're digging graves,
counting lives, trembling in angst.
This year,
the Most ceremonial days of our Lives,
of our Culture- that lie ahead have been taken
from us.
As Christmas draws near,
I am reminded of our 360+ Empty churches-razed
to the ground,
I am reminded of our 360+ Unsanctified symbols of
Faith-
destroyed by hatred.

I am reminded of our Church bells
that will sound no more,
I am reminded of beautiful Christmas memories we
will no longer remember this year,
I am reminded of the stolen season of Joy.

This year as the world gears up to celebrate the
coming of the Saviour,
This year as cities and towns light up in colour, Our
lives, homes and churches run dark and empty.

I am enraged, a part of me bitter.
So dont you dare forget about us.

Not today,
not tomorrow,
not anytime soon.
Until our church bells toil again
Until our harmonious melodies sound again,
Until Justice is brought home,
Until our men get to rest in the comfort of their
homes,
Until each tear is wiped off the face of our
mothers,
Until each and every martyr is buried in peace,
Dont you dare forget about us.
This Christmas,
Light up your homes in remembrance of us,
our story,
and Make sure our cries never rot away
Under the rug of statesmen.

- Abigail Misao