

Thingkho Le Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



THANGTINLEN KHONGSAI (32 YEARS)

S/O (L) SEITHANG KHONGSAI
ADDRESS: KHONGTAH, SADAR HILLS
DATE OF DEATH: 14TH JUNE, 2023
PLACE OF DEATH: IMPHAL
CAUSE OF DEATH: ABDUCTED NEAR HOTEL CLASSIC, IMPHAL



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 CHALLENGES MANIPUR STATE POLICE'S PRESS CONFERENCE CLAIMS, CITES CRITICAL INACCURACIES

In response to a recent press conference held by the Manipur State Police, the Kuki Inpi has issued a rebuttal addressing what it describes as critical inaccuracies and misleading statements regarding the situation in the Manipur region. The Kuki Inpi asserts that the state police's refutations of statements made by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) P.C. Nair are fundamentally flawed and reflective of broader systemic issues.

Key Points from the Kuki Inpi Rebuttal:

1. **Ethnic Division of Police Forces:** The Kuki Inpi challenges the Manipur State Police's claim that the police force operates without ethnic divisions. Contrary to this assertion, the Kuki Inpi asserts that the Manipur police are effectively divided into "Meitei Police" and "Kuki Police," with operational jurisdiction and enforcement actions segregated along ethnic lines. This division, the Kuki Inpi contends, was accurately highlighted by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) P.C. Nair, Ex DG of Assam Rifles.

2. **Misrepresentation of Drone Usage:** The Kuki Inpi disputes the Manipur State Police's claims regarding the use of drones by Kuki-Zo volunteers. The Kuki Inpi insists that no drone bombs have been used by the Kuki-Zo community. Instead, they accuse the Meitei forces of being the first to deploy drone bombs in their attack on T. Lailoiphai Kuki Village on February 20, 2024. The Kuki Inpi describes the allegations against the Kuki-Zo community as a distortion of the facts aimed at misleading the public and media, reflecting ongoing systemic discrimination.

3. **Disparity in Terminology:** The Kuki Inpi highlights a troubling double standard in how different groups are described by the state government and the Manipur State Police. While Valley-Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) are referred to as "volunteers," Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers are derogatorily labeled as "militants." The Kuki Inpi argues that this disparity reveals a bias and



PRESS STATEMENT Lamka, the 10th September, 2024


04/KIM/PR./22-77: In light of the recent press conference conducted by the Manipur State Police, purportedly refuting the Press Statements of Lt. Gen. (Retd.) P.C. Nair, the Kuki Inpi is compelled to address and clarify critical inaccuracies and misleading statements made regarding the current situation in Manipur region.

I. Division of Manipur Police: Contrary to the Manipur State Police's assertion, the claim that the state police operates without ethnic divisions is grossly inaccurate. The police force in Manipur is indeed split into what are effectively "Meitei Police," and "Kuki Police," with jurisdiction and operations segregated by ethnic areas as adequately put forward by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) P.C. Nair, Ex DG, Assam Rifles.

II. Misrepresentation of Drone Usage: The claim by the Manipur State Police regarding the use of drones by the Kuki-Zo volunteers is fundamentally misleading. Contrary to the assertions, the Kukis have not employed drone bombs at any time. In fact, it was the Meiteis who first deployed drone bombs during their attack on T. Lailoiphai Kuki Village on February 20, 2024. The allegations directed at the Kuki-Zo community concerning drone usage represent a reprehensible effort to distort the truth and mislead the media and all concerned - a reflection of the systemic discrimination and injustices against the Kuki-Zo community.

III. Disparity in the Treatment of Volunteers and Militants: There is a concerning disparity in how different groups are characterized by the state government and the Manipur State Police. The VBIGs (Valley-Based Insurgent Groups) have been labeled as "volunteers," while Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers have been derogatorily termed as "militants" in several instances, both by the Manipur Police and the Manipur State Government. This double standard reflects a bias that explains the complicity of the Manipur State Government and the connivance of the Meitei State Police with Meitei secessionist groups in the Genocide Campaign against the Kuki-Zo people.

It is the conviction of the Kuki Inpi, that the Press Statements made by Lt. Gen. (Retd.) P.C. Nair regarding the ongoing conflict in Manipur region are factually accurate and fairly presented. It is imperative for all stakeholders, including the media and the public, to critically evaluate these assertions and seek a balanced understanding of the situation and not be misled by biased and fabricated reports. The Kuki Inpi remains committed to the fight for Justice and Equality for the Kuki-Zo people as equal citizens of the country.


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complicity within the Manipur State Government and police forces, suggesting a role in the ongoing campaign against the Kuki-Zo people.

The Kuki Inpi remains steadfast in its support for Lt. Gen. (Retd.) P.C. Nair's statements and urges all stakeholders, including the media and the public, to critically evaluate these issues and avoid being misled by biased or fabricated reports. The organization reaffirms its commitment to justice and equality for the Kuki-Zo community and calls for a balanced understanding of the conflict in Manipur.

KUKI-ZO WOMEN'S FORUM DEMANDS HIGH-LEVEL INVESTIGATION INTO CHIEF MINISTER N. BIREN SINGH'S ALLEGED ROLE IN MANIPUR GENOCIDE

The Kuki-Zo Women's Forum Delhi & NCR has formally requested a high-level investigation into the alleged involvement of Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in inciting violence against the Kuki-Zo community. The forum has raised grave concerns following the disclosure of controversial remarks made by Singh in the recently leaked Manipur Tapes.

In a letter addressed to the Union Home Minister, the forum detailed that the tapes include statements from Singh which they claim justify and encourage atrocities against the Kuki-Zo people. Notably, Singh is reportedly heard making disturbing comments that trivialize the suffering of victims, including dismissive remarks about crimes against women in the community.

Key concerns highlighted by the Kuki-Zo Women's Forum include:

Inflammatory Statements: Singh's comments, such as questioning the evidence of rape and suggesting rewards for perpetrators, reveal a troubling bias and apparent endorsement of violence against Kuki-Zo women.

State-Sponsored Genocide: The tapes indicate that the violence against the Kuki-Zo community may be supported and orchestrated by the state, implicating Singh as a key instigator.

The forum cites several grave atrocities: Nearly 200 Kuki-Zo individuals have been killed since the violence began on May 3, 2023. Over 300 villages have been destroyed, displacing thousands of families. Reports of brutal assaults and rapes of women remain unaddressed. Children, the elderly, and places of worship have been targeted, with many suffering horrifying fates, including being burned alive.

In light of these revelations, the Kuki-Zo Women's Forum has outlined several demands:

Independent Investigation: An immediate and



high-level independent probe into the Manipur Tapes and Chief Minister Biren Singh's role in the violence.

Suspension and Arrest: Immediate suspension and arrest of Singh for his alleged involvement in hate speech and genocidal actions.

Thorough Inquiry: A comprehensive investigation by the National Investigative Agency (NIA) or Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the atrocities against Kuki-Zo civilians.

Disarmament and Security: Urgent measures to disarm Meitei militant groups and ensure the safety of the Kuki-Zo community.

The forum emphasizes that the Manipur Tapes offer undeniable evidence of high-level orchestration of the violence and urges the Home Minister to take swift action to restore justice and peace.

Tracy Mate, Convenor of the Kuki-Zo Women's Forum Delhi & NCR, stated, "Our community has endured unimaginable suffering, and it is imperative that those responsible are held accountable. We call on your esteemed office to ensure that justice prevails and that such atrocities are never repeated."

The forum awaits a prompt response from the Ministry of Home Affairs to address these critical issues and ensure accountability for the suffering endured by the Kuki-Zo people.

FOUR KUKI-ZO MARTYRS LAID TO REST WITH FULL HONORS AMIDST STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC PERSECUTION



In a solemn ceremony early this morning, four Kuki-Zo martyrs were laid to rest with full military honors at the Martyrs' Cemetery in Sehken village, Lamka. The four individuals were victims of a brutal attack by UNLF Meitei militants during a recent outbreak of state sponsored ethnic persecution against the Kukis in Jiribam district.

The violence erupted on September 7, when Kuki Village Volunteers were engaged in sanitizing their area. Meitei militants ambushed the volunteers, killing two instantly. A fierce two-hour gunfight followed, during which the Kuki volunteers retaliated. However, the militants, allegedly aided by state police forces, managed to capture and torture two additional Kuki volunteers to death.

The attack took place around 4:30 AM in the Kuki-inhabited areas of Sejang and Mongbung villages, approximately 5 kilometers from the Jiribam district headquarters. Following a post-mortem at Silchar Medical College and Hospital, the bodies of the martyrs were transported by KKL Ambulance along National Highway 37, navigating challenging terrains. The convoy stopped at various villages, where the fallen heroes were honored with gun salutes.

Upon reaching Lamka, thousands of people gathered at the KKL Complex on IB Road to pay their respects. The community held a condolence program, where thousands of mourners garlanded the coffins and paid tribute to the martyrs' sacrifices.

The final burial ceremony took place at the Martyrs' Cemetery under the aegis of the Joint Philanthropic Organization (JPO). The Young Paite Association, Young Vaiphei Association, Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi, and other philanthropic organizations coordinated the ceremony. Pastor Onkho Haokip led the burial service, offering prayers for the martyrs' souls and blessings for their families to find solace.

The tragic deaths of the four Kuki-Zo martyrs have intensified calls for justice and raised concerns over the escalating ethnic persecution against the Kukis in Manipur. Their sacrifice is a stark reminder of the ongoing struggles faced by the Kuki-Zo community amid the turmoil.

ITLF CONDEMNS BRUTAL KILLING OF EX-INDIAN ARMY HAVALDAR BY MEITEI EXTREMISTS IN MANIPUR

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) has issued a strong condemnation following the brutal murder of Limkholal Mate, a former Havaldar in the Indian Army's Assam Regiment. Mate's lifeless body was discovered in Sekmal, Imphal West district, with disturbing signs of violence and his neck slit on the morning of September 9, 2024.

Mate, a resident of Motbung in Kangpokpi district, was tragically killed after inadvertently crossing into a buffer zone between Kuki-Zo and Meitei areas in Manipur. This brutal act highlighted the escalating violence and lawlessness faced by the Kuki-Zo community, which ITLF attributes to the ongoing conflict and alleged complicity of local authorities under Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's administration.

The ITLF has highlighted that despite the deployment of central paramilitary forces to maintain peace in buffer zones, such atrocities persist, revealing systemic failures in safeguarding vulnerable communities. The organization describes Mate's murder as part of a broader ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki-Zo people.

In response to this grave incident, ITLF has called for immediate and decisive action from the Government of India. The forum demands a thorough investigation and accountability for the perpetrators, and a dismantling of the militant groups operating under the guise of Meitei activism.

"The death of Limkholal Mate is a tragic reminder of the ongoing violence against our community," said an ITLF spokesperson. "We urge the central government to take swift action to address these crimes and ensure justice for all victims."



Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)
Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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CONDEMNATION

ITLF Strongly Condemns the Brutal Killing of Ex-Indian Army Havaldar Limkholal Mate by Meitei Extremists in Manipur

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) strongly condemns the horrific and cold-blooded murder of Limkholal Mate, a former Havaldar in the Indian Army's Assam Regiment, who was brutally killed after inadvertently crossing the buffer zone between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei areas in Manipur. Limkholal Mate's body was discovered with disturbing signs of violence, his neck slung, in Sekmai, Imphal West district on the morning of September 9, 2024.

Mate, a resident of Motbung in Kangpokpi district, served his nation with distinction, only to meet a tragic end at the hands of the Meitei extremists. This heinous act further highlights the increasing lawlessness and targeted violence against the Kuki-Zo community under the patronage of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's administration. Despite the presence of central paramilitary forces tasked with maintaining peace in buffer zones, such atrocities continue unabated, revealing the complicity of the state machinery in enabling these crimes.

This murder is yet another grim reminder of the ethnic cleansing campaign being carried out against the Kuki-Zo people. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum expresses its deep anguish and sorrow over the loss of an esteemed member of our community and calls for immediate and decisive action.

A Call for Justice

ITLF urges the Government of India to intervene in the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur and bring those responsible for the murder of Limkholal Mate to justice. We demand that the central government take swift action to hold the perpetrators accountable and dismantle the terror apparatus operating under the guise of Meitei militancy.

ITLF stands firm in its commitment to protect the rights, dignity, and security of the Kuki-Zo people. The tragic death of Limkholal Mate is not an isolated incident but a continuation of the systematic attacks on our community. We will not be silent in the face of these atrocities and will continue to fight for justice for all victims of the Manipur violence.

We call upon the nation to recognize the plight of the Kuki-Zo people and stand in solidarity with us in seeking justice, peace, and equality. The life of Limkholal Mate, a man who served his country with honor, must not go in vain.

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The ITLF is committed to protecting the rights and security of the Kuki-Zo people and vows to continue its fight against what it terms as systematic attacks. The forum appeals to the nation to recognize the plight of the Kuki-Zo community and stand in solidarity for justice, peace, and equality.

The ITLF emphasizes that the death of Limkholal Mate, who served his country with honor, must not be in vain.



SOPHISTICATED ARMS FOR MEITEI POLICE TO ATTACK KUKI-ZOs?

Truth cannot be concealed for long. Meitei Police’s secret procurement of the 7.62mm MMG MK 2A1 came to light when they sent an official request to the Army to provide them training for 3 weeks. So much for the professionalism of the Meitei Police that only after they purchased, they realized that they do not have any trained manpower and now must seek the help of the Army, whose presence in the buffer zones are of utmost importance. The Manipur government, through the Meitei Police, however felt that the Army is better utilized for providing training to the biased police force than controlling the activities of the Arambai Tenggol and the Meitei terrorists.

MMG FOR WHOM?

The Venue of the training, as per the official communication, is at MPTC, Pangei, which is not accessible by the Kuki Zo police. From all the indications, one is tempted to infer that Meitei police will be trained in the use of MMG, as no other training is scheduled for the police of the hill districts.

There are allegations that the Meitei police have started using MMGs to attack the Kuki villages bordering Tronglaobi-Moirang on 06/07.09.2024

ALLOCATION?

The Manipur Police, headed by the Home Minister, has been maintaining total secrecy regarding the allotment

of the MMGs. How much for the hill police? How much for the meitei police? How much for the Meitei commandos?

BIAS PROCUREMENT?

What was the rationale given when the proposal for the procurement of these MMGs were discussed? What is the urgent need for procuring them? It is believed that these procurements were made to shoot at the Kukis, as the Meitei police will not shoot at Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol. Even at the peak of Meitei terrorism, the Meitei Police did not bother to purchase MMG to shoot at the Meitei terrorists, but the Home Minister N Biren Singh and the Meitei Police suddenly felt the need to arm the Meitei police with MMGs to shoot and kill the Kuki village guards who are trying hard to control the Meitei terrorists. The job of controlling the Meitei terrorists is now left in the hands of the Kukis, as the Meitei police had failed to control them even as crores of rupees have already been spent by the Meitei police.

One commentator had even suggested that the MMGs are procured so as to hand it over to the Arambai Tenggol and UNLF-MPA when the next looting of the police’s armoury happens.



OPINION

As Manipur Police Acquires MMGs, All Signs Point to Intensified War

Alok Asthana

It has been reported in the national media that the Manipur police has already acquired 7.62 mm MMGs (Medium Machine Guns) from the Ordnance Factory Jabalpur, and has requested the Indian army to train its personnel in their use in a 21 day capsule.

Before readers mistake the MMG as just another weapon in the armoury of the police or law-enforcement, some facts should be kept in mind.

An MMG is a weapon used by the army to create an impassable, mobile zone of fire, about 150m x 75m, at a massed enemy, out from a distance of about two kilometres. It is used mostly as an area weapon to ensure that all that comes in its blithering fire are killed. The zone of fire, called its 'beaten zone', happens because the barrel reverberates in its housing, creating horizontal and vertical movements. The advantage of an MMG, over an LMG (Light Machine Gun) or a rifle, is not one of lethality because the bullet used in all these three is the same. The only advantage is that of volume of fire.

An army uses it against a massed enemy which must be neutralised with a high degree of assurance. It's a weapon of conventional war. The Indian Army is not even allowed to take MMGs along when called out to restore law and order in internal security situations. That is so because the principle for use in civilian situations,

is one of strictly 'minimum force.' A gun firing out at two kms, emptying 235 rounds in seconds, is not minimum force, but deadly maximum force. Not just MMGs, the internal security columns of the regular army are not allowed to carry even Light Machine Guns (LMGs). They must fire only single shots of a rifle, with a strict record kept of each shot – who ordered it, against whom, and what were the results.

If the scenario in Manipur now requires the state police to be armed with MMGs, one wonders why the PM has not yet visited that state. He has visited Ukraine, where he called for an end to the war, besides various all important events in India such as the flagging off of Vande Bharat train flagging-off and the Ambani wedding ceremony – but has steadfastly refused to visit Manipur, or even speak about it. He has also not advised the President of India that there is a complete breakdown of law and order in Manipur, and hence the state must be placed under President's rule. These two facts – the situation being such that the state police wants to use MMGs despite the prospect of civilian casualties, and Modi being so dismissive about the gravity of the crisis – do not sit well together. In a democracy, these will have to be reconciled.

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The Manipur government is the best judge of the situation it faces. However, it is not up to them to use their police for all possible tasks. The police is meant to address law and order problems, and that is why they were traditionally armed with lathis. For tackling other possible tasks, the state calls in the Central Armed Police Forces or the Army. These forces are equipped and trained differently. That is still being done in Manipur. However, to militarise the police, while ordering the army and Assam Rifles out needs some explanation.

Because Manipur is a state under democratic India, some aspects need to be clarified to the people of Manipur, before the MMGs start belching fire.

What is the doctrine for employment of MMGs i.e. in what circumstances will they be used and in what manner?

What is the justification to hand over a weapon of massed fire to an agency mandated to arrest suspected culprits, arrest them and hand over to the judiciary to decide guilt and punishment?

The army uses this weapon in a different scenario where they are free to treat everyone not wearing their uniform as enemy of India. That is not the case with Manipur police. It is simply not possible to fire belts of MMGs at suspects and then arrest them.

This arrangement hands over the judicial power to the police, rather than the courts. This is happening elsewhere too, but the stop signal must be activated somewhere.

I have commanded a unit in Manipur in exactly these areas. What I saw then was that Manipur commandos were the most hated force in Manipur, by all tribes. To hand over MMGs to such a force is a very dangerous thing to do.

Perhaps Manipur's government is demanding these weapons because they have lost over 4000 sophisticated arms and lakhs of rounds of ammunition to looters. Is it acceptable to India to have even these MMGs looted and be available to the looters?

Since the ordnance factory has already handed over these deadly weapons to the Manipur state authorities, it is clear that the Union government has ordered this directly. The situation has become precarious. Before policemen, with just 21 days training, start firing MMGs indiscriminately at Indian citizens, let better sense prevail.

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**He will win who knows when to
fight and when not to fight.**

— Sun Tzu

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I saw the dying of a nation;
Now the rise in motion.
I went for a reason;
Hope for a better nation.

I too was indeed a mortal;
Now immortal.
But now am indestructible;
And my spirit iffalible.

Not upset of the downfall;
Because soon my people will rise.

We are full with massive history ;
Zalengam, will no longer be a memory .

~ **Seineo Kuki**