

Thingkho Le Malecha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



THANGMINLEN VAIPHEI (32 YEARS)

S/O (L) LETSEI VAIPHEI

ADDRESS: GOVAJANG, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: CHINGAREL, IMPHAL

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.06.2024



186
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.

24-HR SHUTDOWN ALONG NH-37 SUCCESSFUL, KUKI CSOS WARN OF DIRE CONSEQUENCES IF ANY MEITEIS TRY TO INTRUDE THEIR AREA

The 24-hour total shutdown called by various Kuki Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) along National Highway – 37 (Imphal – Jiri Road) culminated successfully late this evening. The shutdown was called in protest against unwarranted breach of peace and tranquility along NH-37.

The Kuki Inpi South West Sadar Hills, Kuki Students' Organisation South West Sadar Hills and Kuki Women Union Moltam Block jointly announced 24-hour total shutdown in Kuki-dominated areas along NH-37 (Imphal-Jiribam Road) yesterday as a show of dissatisfaction against unwarranted breach of peace and tranquility in the aftermath of ambush on security personnel by unknown assailants.

The shutdown was peacefully enforced and no untoward incident has been reported during the shutdown.

Notably, Kuki CSOs of the areas had repeatedly appealed the state government, including police and district administration not to deploy any Meitei drivers and police personnel along NH-37. It may also be noted that the CSOs of the area had briefed every stakeholders including the state police and central security forces



regarding the possible outcome and vulnerability of the situation if Meitei security personnel/police and drivers are deployed along the said national highway.

However, the CSO leaders of the area informed TLM that the volunteers at duty will continue to remain vigilant of the vehicles that were passing through their area, and as stated above, the movement of Meiteis will be strictly monitored including Meitei drivers and Meitei Police personnel. The leaders also warned of dire consequences if any Meiteis try to intrude Kuki areas.

ASSAM CONGRESS MP GAURAV GOGOI SLAMS PM MODI OVER MANIPUR CRISIS

In a pointed critique of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Assam Congress leader and Lok Sabha MP from Jorhat constituency, Gaurav Gogoi, expressed doubt that Modi would heed the advice of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat regarding the ongoing conflict in Manipur.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, on Monday (June 10), stressed on the need to move past election rhetoric and prioritize resolving the Manipur conflict.



During an RSS event in Nagpur, Bhagwat stated that Manipur has been awaiting peace for over a

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year, and the situation in the state demands immediate attention.

“It has been over a year since Manipur has been waiting for peace. The state remained peaceful for the last 10 years, but suddenly, gun culture has taken over. It is important to resolve the conflict as a priority,” Bhagwat said.

Reacting to the RSS chief’s remarks, Assam Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said: “I do not expect Prime Minister

Modi to pay any attention to the words of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat.”

“Prime Minister Modi will avoid Manipur, misuse law enforcement agencies and try to bend the Indian constitution,” he added.

The Assam Congress MP further stated: “Thankfully the people have chosen the INDIA alliance to speak up on its behalf and defend the Indian Parliament and the constitution.”

BOMB ATTACK AT JNIMS DOCTOR’S RESIDENCE HIGHLIGHTS IMPHAL VALLEY’S DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION

In a troubling incident highlighting the worsening law and order situation in Imphal valley, Dr. M. Amitkumar, a neurosurgeon from JNIMS Hospital, had his residence attacked with bombs on Tuesday evening. The attack took place at his home in Bhrampur Nahabam, under the jurisdiction of Porompat Police Station. One grenade detonated, setting a parked four-wheeler on fire, while the other failed to explode. Fortunately, there were no injuries reported. The motive behind the attack remains unknown, and further updates are awaited.



This incident follows the recent attack on Totomsana, an Independent Candidate in the recent Lok Sabha election, who was targeted by armed assailants. The Imphal valley has seen a rise in such violent incidents, with reports of bombs and threats becoming increasingly common. This has raised serious concerns about the

effectiveness of the law enforcement agencies, with accusations that radical groups and former militants are operating with impunity, allegedly under the protection of higher authorities including the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who oversees the home department.



Courage, above all things, is the first quality of a warrior.

- Carl von Clausewitz

CENTRE'S INTER-MINISTERIAL TEAM VISITS CHURACHANDPUR

The Centre's inter-ministerial team, including officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, visited Churachandpur district to assess the aftermath of Cyclone Remal. The team, which comprises key figures such as Addl. Advisor, DoDW Dr Rajashekharan, and Under-Secretary, MoRD Rajiv Rana, AD, DOE Mahendra Chandrella, Junior Scientific Officer, DA&FW MoA&FW Srinivasa Murthy R and Churachandpur District Coordinator Mk. Riyazul Haque, conducted a thorough evaluation of the damages caused by the recent heavy rainfall, hailstorms, and floods.

During their visit to the district, the team was briefed by Thangboi Gangte ADC on the extent of destruction in a meeting held at the Conference Hall, Mini-Secretariat. The meeting was also attended by district-level officers who provided insights into the situation on the ground.

The team's field inquiry included visits to several affected areas such as Buallian village, D. Leikot Village, Hill Town under Churachandpur Sub-Division, and Tuinom Khopi and Lajiang village under Tuibong Sub-Division. To understand the full impact of the extreme weather events and to determine the necessary relief measures for the communities affected, the team interacted with the affected and effected persons on the ground.



They were accompanied by Dharun Kumar S, Deputy Commissioner, Thangboi Gangte ADC and SDOs of Churachandpur, Tuibong and Singngat, along with subordinate staff.

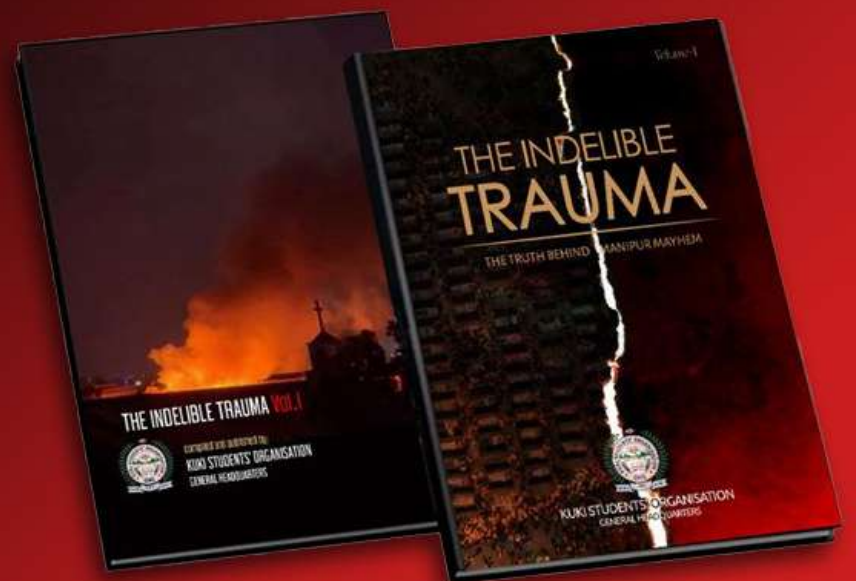
Cyclone Remal has had a significant impact on Churachandpur district, affecting 169 villages with 2744 houses damaged and 21 hectares of crop areas destroyed. The loss of two lives and 127 animals has added to the tragedy faced by the residents.

The inter-ministerial team's assessment will play a crucial role in formulating a response plan to aid in the recovery and rebuilding efforts in Churachandpur district.

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OKRAM IBOBI SINGH SLAMS CM N BIREN SINGH OVER SECURITY LAPSES

Opposition leader and former Manipur Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh has condemned current Chief Minister N Biren Singh for evading responsibility and unfairly blaming the Congress party amid demands for a separate administration by a particular community in the sensitive border state.

Addressing the press in Imphal, CLP leader Okram Ibobi Singh expressed his dismay over a recent ambush on an advance convoy, calling it a significant security failure. He criticized the current administration for inadequate intelligence gathering and insufficient precautions, particularly highlighting the situation in the Jiribam district.

Ibobi Singh lamented the plight of the people whose homes were destroyed during the clashes, leaving many homeless and sheltered in relief camps.

He stated that instead of relocating these individuals to the Cachar district of Assam, the state government



should have ensured their protection within Manipur.

Ibobi Singh refuted claims that the Congress would support the Kukis' demand for a separate administration, emphasizing the party's commitment to maintaining Manipur's territorial integrity regardless of electoral outcomes.

Source: NE Now



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“Neighbours first” is crucial, but what about border states like Manipur? Securing these regions and resolving ongoing crises of Manipur in particular should be paramount. Over 60k displaced internally! Please do address their pain and anguish. Most respected sir @DrSJaishankar



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Manipur Police provoked us, broke through the buffer zone and then came to loot the village in the pretext of the search operation.

This is all the handiwork of the fascist CM who is trying to garner sympathy and relevance in response to the heavy loss of his party in the recent... [Show more](#)



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On 10.06.2024, the Advance Security Team of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur was ambushed at K. Sinam village near Kotlen, Kangpokpi District on NH 37 (Jiribam Road) by suspected Kuki militants in which one person...



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**NEWS ANALYSIS**

Understanding Jiribam Violence: Biren's Devilish Design for his Power Struggle

De-emphasizing the woeful plight and tragedy faced by the minority Kuki communities in the hands of the majoritarian regime of Meiteis in the northeastern state of Manipur, the national media houses often biasedly pick up any news when the Meiteis are affected in the ongoing violence, sensationalising and portraying Kukis as the culprits. Such narratives are absolutely false and unfounded in its truest sense.

There is a pattern since the beginning of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis that whenever Meiteis are the perpetrators, the Police and the news media underplay it. Most of the time, they do not even tell the country that anything has happened at all. But when the Kukis retaliate, it becomes BIG NEWS.

What the media fails to see is: "Who is N. Biren Singh". N. Biren Singh is a fascist, cheap propagandist, narcissistic in his governance and the chief instigator of the ongoing violence. He can be referred to as the "Crime Minister" of Meiteis' Kangleipak.

Like Adolf Hitler, N. Biren Singh burned the whole of Manipur to consolidate power without any

accountability. He spread cheap propaganda on his social media handles targeting the Kukis, like Hitler's Goebbels, and comparing himself as the saviour of the Meiteis. Biren also has private militia groups, the infamous Arambai Tenggol led by Korounganba Khuman and Meitei Leepun led by Pramot Singh, which he uses to suppress his rival political leaders and dissenters, and primarily for waging war against the Kukis.

What happens in Jiribam?

Jiribam district and the adjoining bordering areas of Tamenglong district, co-inhabited by several communities including the Meiteis and Kukis, witnessed normalcy for the past one year even though there were few petty cases of incidents. In the wake of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis, the neutral Central security forces managed to calm the situation between the two warring communities.

However, violence erupted on June 6, 2024 when the radicalised Meitei armed groups, sponsored by N. Biren Singh, spontaneously burnt several

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houses of Kukis in Uchathol, co-inhabited locality of Meiteis and Kukis (Hmar tribe), on the pretext of a suspected death case. Just because one person, a 59-year old Sarat Kumar, a Meitei, was killed by unknown miscreants, the Meiteis of Jiribam reacted against the Kukis and started burning down the houses of some Hmar communities, which is absolutely wrong!

The Meiteis burning Kuki houses over an unverified murder of a Meitei was a critical mistake. This was proven by the Meitei Professor of JNU, Oinam Bhagat, in a TV Discussion. This act shattered the existing peace and provoked the Kukis to retaliate.

Convincingly, the killing of Sarat Kumar Singh was not carried out by “Kuki militants”. The fact is that he was a Congress worker who worked against the radicalised armed groups of Arambai Tenggol that supported N. Biren Singh’s party, BJP. This issue has been covered up by the mainstream media. He could well have been killed by the BJP militias for political reasons.

Actually, the genesis of violence and tension between the two warring communities began on May 14, 2024 when a lifeless body of a Kuki boy was found on the river bank of Jiri. A Kuki young boy Mr. Seigoulen Singson @ Bosco S/o. Mr. Seikholet Singson of Phaitol village, Tousem Sub-division, Tamenglong District, was murdered by Meitei armed militants. He was kidnapped and murdered on the night of 14th May, and his decomposed and badly tortured body was later retrieved from Jiri River on 17th of May near Molzawl village. The spot in which he went missing was hardly 30 metres from the Police Commando outpost and as such it was pertinent to conclude that the police were involved.

Biren Singh’s Evil Design visit to strife-torn Jiribam:

In the aftermath of the violence in Jiribam, the Meitei Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, proposed his visit to the

strife-torn Jiribam district. This was seen, in the political circle, as his last opportunity of taking advantage to stay in power at the top post amid the rumours of his replacement after the Party’s miserable performance in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections in Manipur.

The Meitei militants, Police Commandos and other radicalised armed groups began moving swiftly towards Jiribam afterwards for the past three days as reinforcement, thus escalating tension between the two warring communities. The Meitei Police Commandos were airlifted to Jiribam, which brings great threats to the lives and properties of the Kukis.

Thinking that Meitei CM going to Jiribam will bring “peace” to Jiribam is living in a fool’s paradise. The fact is that he is the chief instigator of the Manipur mayhem.

Can someone digest that the Chief Minister will use the road to travel when his Commandos chose to use helicopters to reach Jiribam?

The political class in Imphal normally travels by chopper to Jiribam and returns the same day after their work is done. Biren’s turning Nelson’s eye to not only a security risk but also the time and condition of the road to be travelled raises eyebrows.

It is nothing but Biren’s dirty game of trying to defame Kukis and to cover up his crimes against humanity. It is also the evil design being played by N. Biren Singh in order to gain sympathy from the Meitei public so as to cling to the top of the political power.

**NEWS ANALYSIS**

Was Biren's Security Convoy Ambush a Staged-Drama?

After electoral defeat in the just concluded 18th Parliamentary election in both seats of the Parliament in Manipur, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, the architect of state sponsored violence against the Kukis, has been enacting all sorts of drama to save his political chair as various reports suggested that his position is shaky at the moment with the BJP dismal performance in Parliamentary election. Biren Singh is known to have mastered the art of enacting drama to save his political throne in the past too.

Notably, his advance security team which was travelling to Jiribam was reportedly ambushed by unknown armed assailants on Monday (June 10) at near Sinam Jonhol village along National Highway – 37. There are reports that one security personnel has been injured in the ambush.

Despite the anti-Congress rhetoric in the state, INC candidate Bimol Akoijam won by over 1 Lakh votes. The NDA ally NPF, supported by the BJP, in the state also lost to INC candidate Alfred Kanngam Arthur, in Outer Parliamentary seat. In the face of such humiliating defeat, there are several insider reports that the incumbent Chief Minister N. Biren Singh will be replaced as the head of the state. Various ruling

MLAs have been camping for the removal of CM N. Biren from his chair. Key contenders to replace Mr. Biren Singh include Govindas Konthoujam, Thongam Bishwajit, Yumnam Khemchand and Th. Radheshyam.

However, if enacting drama is an art, Biren Singh is the Picasso of it. There are speculations that even the reported ambushed on his advance security team is also a staged-drama. He can stoop to any level to safeguard his political throne. The thirst for power in him never vanishes despite his incompetency.

It may be recalled that Mr. Biren Singh enacted a high octane drama last year when his popularity saw a sharp decline among his people. When news of his resignation trickled in on June last year, people started crowding the entrance of the CM Secretariat in Imphal. Soon, photos of a torn resignation letter were flashed across television with reports suggesting a change in decision at the eleventh hour. These were all enacted drama just to gain the sympathy of gullible Meiteis. He

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could have just faxed his resignation to the Governor. If that had not been a drama and the intention had been pure, he would not have taken the public road and got entangled amongst his supporters. He could have done it in the easy way, but he chose to enact drama just to save his political throne.

In the same vein, it is expected of the same strategy that Mr. Biren has redeployed his old tactic again by staging a staged ambush against his security convoy. If CM Biren is really concerned about the situation in Jiribam, he could have travelled by air (Helicopter). It is of public knowledge that the CM would never take a road trip to Jiribam when the road traverses through many Kuki villages. What's the point in sending advance security team if he is not going to travel by road? He is just simply risking the lives innocent security personnel. Or is this another mischievous tactic of CM Biren to

gain the sympathy of his people and the political bosses in the national capital?

An odd 24 hours have passed and none has claimed responsibility about the attack. This makes it more imperative that the alleged ambush could be a staged-drama. CM Biren must be aware of the entire possible outcome if he tried to travel to Jiribam by road. Despite all this awareness in him, he took the risk of sending an advance security team because he saw an advantage in it. He must have already known that they could come under attack if they proceeded to Jiribam by road, but he chose to do so because he knew the attack on him would benefit only himself and that that could steer another political drama for him.

Well, this could be another Resignation Drama 2.0!



THE STAGED PLAN TO RETAIN POWER





BITS & PIECES

—*Angie Doungel*

The butterflies and bumblebees,
The sun, the rain, the clouds,
The dandelions, daisies and greens,
The sky feels bigger than it's ever been,
In this phase of chaos we've since been.

Shattered hearts trying to gain hindsight,
Hoping to heal from the broken cracks,
If I could you'd be held again and again,
Scent of summer whispering your absence,
Bedtime stories replaced by overthinking.

Craving your warmth at home,
They search for you in crowds and stars,
Wondering and wishing for what ifs,
But the clock has ticked and passed,
And we've learnt to live without anyhow.

If time were made of colour
You'd be my golden hour,
Ever safe in my memories timeless,
A treasure to always treasure,
Even so in bits and pieces.