

Thingkho Le Maleha

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Kholmun RELIEF CENTRE

Kholmun ECA Church Sunday School Hall, Lamka

Managed by
Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi
General Headquarters (KKL GHQ)

Total Inmates Registered: 121*

Male: 65

Female: 56

*As on 5th 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.

SC REFUSES TO ENTERTAIN PIL FOR SETTING UP OF FRESH PANEL OF EXPERTS ON MANIPUR VIOLENCE



The Supreme Court Monday refused to entertain a fresh PIL seeking a direction to the Centre to intervene and restore law and order in ethnic violence-hit Manipur, besides setting up a panel of experts to prepare a report on the underlying causes for the crisis and suggest remedial measures.

A bench comprising Chief justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the submissions of senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for the PIL petitioners, and said a committee was already looking into the issues related to the violence and other aspects.

“There was a need for a committee which can get all the communities to the table,” the senior lawyer, assisted by advocate Neha Rathi, said.

“This court has already constituted a committee chaired by Justice (retired) Gita Mittal. It’s open to make a representation to the committee. At this stage, we believe that broad and general reliefs would not result in anything,” the bench said.

It asked petitioners Yumlembam Surjit Singh, Keisham Arish and Laishram Momo Singh to approach the Justice Gita Mittal panel.

“The instant petition in Public Interest is being filed under Article 32 of the Constitution of India seeking

directions to the Union of India to restore law and order, and peace in the State of Manipur and also to constitute an expert committee to prepare a detailed report on the root cause of the issue and suggest possible remedial measures.

“The present petition is being filed to protect and secure fundamental rights of the people of Manipur guaranteed under Article 21, 14 and 19 of the Constitution of India,” the plea said.

The top court is already hearing a batch of petitions on the ethnic violence in the state and had set up a committee of three former HC women judges to take stock of the situation and suggest corrective measures.

Manipur descended into chaos and untrammelled violence in May over a high court order directing the state government to consider including the non-tribal Meitei community in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

More than 170 people have been killed and several hundred others injured since ethnic violence first broke out in the state on May 3 when a ‘Tribal Solidarity March’ was organised in hill districts to protest against the majority Meitei community’s demand for ST status.

KUKI INPI MANIPUR LAMBASTS FIR LODGED AGAINST MEMBERS OF KUKI BODIES

The apex body of the Kuki tribes, the Kuki Inpi Manipur lambasted the recent FIR lodged by one MK. Askar Ali (41) against the members of Kuki Welfare Association Guwahati, Kuki Inpi Finance Department, Kuki Inpi Karnataka, and Kuki Inpi Manipur for alleged provocation with intent to further communal enmity in the state while terming it as outright ludicrous and unthinkable.

KIM Information and Publicity Secretary, Janghaolun Haokip said that the state-sponsored terrorism has caused irreparable harm to the minority Kuki-Zo community.

He recalled that since May 3, 2023, at least 153 Kuk-Zo individuals have been butchered, burnt, and brutally killed, including women, children, and the elderly, while over 41,425 people have been displaced with 201 villages burnt, rendering many homeless and helpless for survival.

He said that in the face of such a humanitarian crisis, the Kuki-Zo people have faced extreme existential crisis forcing the Kuki-Zo people to seek humanitarian assistance for survival, especially for women and children and people with special needs.

In consequence, the Kuki Inpi Manipur is greatly dismayed by the wanton misinterpretation of the call for charity donation by Kuki Inpi Manipur and its federating units as an intent for terror-funding, deliberately denying the need for humanitarian assistance for Kuki-Zo people as a result of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing against the Kuki-Zo people and the imminent threat of existence as an indigenous community, he added.

He also said that the Kuki Inpi Manipur strongly stands against such groundless and ridiculous accusations by an unknown individual, anticipated to be sponsored by the state government in connivance with the Meitei radical groups.



PRESS RELEASE

Kanggui, the 11th December, 2023

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Secretary, Information & Publicity
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NAGAS CONTINUE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF MEITEIS' BRUTALITY

In the latest case of Meiteis' brutality against the Nagas, one taxi driver was physically assaulted by a group of Meitei insurgent groups.

The incident happened on December 10, when a group of people numbering around 6-7 in dark green uniform claiming themselves as members of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF) physically assaulted one Chingkhikhuanang Gangmei, son of Lt. Rampuanang of C. Centre w/no. 7 Tamenglong, a Rongmei Naga at around 11:30 am.

In connection with this, the Rongmei Naga Youth Organisation Manipur (RNYOM) issued a press communiqué condemning the incident. The RNYOM stated that the Rongmei Nagas in Manipur stands neutral regarding the issue of the state and always seeks peace and normalcy in the state. However, both the communities in conflict has dragged the Rongmei Nagas into conflicts by harassing the public time and again.

The Meiteis' brutality on Nagas is not new in this prevailing situation. The Nagas who have been alleged

to maintained neutrality on the current violence has on many occasion bore the brunt of Meitei savagery.

It may be recalled that, recently, three persons from Tangkhul community heading to Ukhrul from Imphal on 3rd December 2023 were physically harassed by the Meiteis at Sawombung, Imphal, alleging the three of them to be spying for the Kukis, for which the Tangkhul Frontal Organizations had also issued a 48-hours ultimatum to book the culprits.

On May 24, 2023, an unruly Meitei mob attacked four Tangkhul girls at Kwakeithel near ASIAN Hospital in Imphal. The four Tangkhul girls were halted, caught by the hair and forcibly dragged down from an auto rickshaw, struck with iron rod, their shirts torn, their luggage destroyed and their bra laces unclasped while security personnel on duty dressed in dark green uniform remained a mute spectator. As reported, one among the men in uniform loaded a gun and threatened them not to move further.

KANGPOKPI'S COTU CONGRATULATES MIZORAM CM LADUHOMA & HIS ZPM

The Committee on Tribal Unity, Kanggui, has extended its heartfelt congratulation to Lalduhoma and the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) for their landslide victory in the recently concluded assembly election of Mizoram.

In a statement issued on Monday stated that the generosity and moral support extended by the people of Mizoram to the Zonathlak populace in Manipur has been the driving force of their perseverance in difficult times.

The Committee was also equally thankful to the outgoing Chief Minister Zoramthanga and his party for standing with their brothers through the thick and thin over six months of the ethnic cleansing in Manipur.



The Committee expressed its hope that through the new leadership and the new government, it would usher in an era of a renewed stronger bond.

CENTRE, MANIPUR GOVT. HOLDING TALKS WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS FOR PUTTING AN END TO CURRENT SITUATION: GOVERNOR UIKEY

The Centre as well as the Manipur Government are engaged in a continuous process of bringing absolute peace in the state since trouble erupted on May 3, Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uikey said today in Imphal.

According to the Manipur Governor, the persistent efforts made by the concerned stakeholders have yielded positive results to some extent, barring some isolated incidents.

Speaking on the sidelines of a government program, Governor Anusuiya Uikey said, “efforts are being made by the Centre and the state government to bring peace in Manipur. Towards achieving that, the Centre is holding persistent deliberations with the people, the CSOs, political parties as well as other stakeholders for putting an end to the current situation. Lots of success could be achieved, only a few isolated incidents are happening.”

The Manipur Governor made the statement as she allayed apprehensions over the fact that the state has gone 60-years back in terms of development, economy as well as other indicators favourable for a developed state.

Governor Uikey observed that the recent turmoil had made an obvious impact on the progress and welfare of the state, especially women, children and youths at the receiving end.



“Definitely, because of the incidents there seems to be a halt in the entire process, (development) as Manipur was progressing on the path of welfare. But what I understand is that as you have said, children, women, youths as well as other people had to face serious situations. On my part I am also putting efforts,” Governor Uikey added.

On December 6, Eastern Command GOC-in-C Lt General RP Kalita had met Governor Anusuiya Uikey at the Raj Bhavan. Discussions on the prevailing situation, steps taken to ensure that peace prevails as well as other key aspects had topped the agenda. The Manipur Governor shared suggestions for restoring peace, emphasizing the need to safeguard lives and normalize the situation.



You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.

– Buckminster Fuller

MEITEI GOONS THRASHED TWO RONGMEI WOMEN; FINED 20 LAKH RUPEES

In a clear case of Meiteis' high-handedness and atrocious attitude towards the tribals of Manipur, two Rongmei Naga women were thrashed and physically assaulted in Meitei dominated Bishnupur town on December 8. However, the case was reportedly settled amicably on Monday.

In this regard, a meeting between the Rongmei Naga Council Manipur – Ntayphay Luangrian (RNCM-NTL) and Lamadong Apuna Nupi Lup, Bishnupur, was held at the Chuangphun village in Kangpokpi district, wherein the accused identified as Kennedy and his friends involved in the assault case agreed to pay an amount of Rs 20 lakhs as penalty for the assault and physical harassment to the victims on or before December 16.

The meeting was also attended by leaders of RNCM-NTL subordinate units and Bishnupur Youth Citizens. The victims of the December 8 incident were identified as Jangaina and Ritalu Dangmei who were reportedly harassed and thrashed despite identifying themselves as Rongmei Nagas.

During the joint meeting, the culprits admitted to the crime and tendered apologies before the members present. The apology was accepted, and the matter was settled as per Naga customary laws.

As per the joint agreement, Lourembam Kennedy, the main culprit, will give a five-hand span of a pig as per customary practices to avoid further altercation.

“The valley-based civil bodies must stop and avoid frisking the Rongmei Naga people in Bishnupur district for communal harmony and peaceful coexistence,” the joint agreement stated.

It also stated that in case of further harassment



to victims, the organisation of Bishnupur district and individuals would be held responsible.

The Naga Peoples' Union Imphal (NPUI), after receiving news of crime against two Rongmei women, also apprised the attention of the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh for serious necessary action under relevant IPC.

On December 8, Miss Anna Dangmei, Warden of Loyala School, and her younger sister, Miss Rita Dangmei, hailing from Thingpui (Laimanai) Kabui Naga village were captured by Meitei goons while the duo were travelling in an auto-rickshaw to Shantipur, a Meitei village, and subsequently handed over to Meira Paibis of Ningthoukhong. Thereafter, their credentials were thoroughly checked and they were found to be Naga residents of Thingpui (Lamanai), a Kabui Naga village. However, they were not released but taken away in a vehicle to Bishnupur Community Hall, where both of them were beaten black and blue by a group of women and certain people without any rhyme and reason. Later, the assaulted girls were rescued by the authorities of Loyola School.

CHILD PROPAGANDIST LICYPRIYA'S "SHUMANG LEELA" SHOW WENT WRONG AT COP28 CLIMATE SUMMIT IN DUBAI

Child Propagandist and daughter of notorious conman Kangujam Karnajit, Licypriya Kangujam, an 11-year old self-styled Climate Activist from Manipur's journey into the international forum to spread hate messages has gone horribly wrong.

A self-styled climate activist, Licypriya burst on to the stage at the COP28 climate summit in Dubai on Monday, holding a sign above her head that read, "End fossil fuels. Save our planet and our future."

However, the conman's daughter was escorted away as public protests have been limited at the United Nations talks that are being held in the United Arab Emirates, which bans many organised groups, including political parties and labour unions.

In the most bizarre way, an SOS has been sent out through her X official handle; "MOST URGENT: Licypriya mother here from #COP28UAE, Licypriya just disrupted the High Level Session of #COP28 in Al Ghafat Hall by protesting to phase out fossil fuels and UAE Police has taken away her to unknown place. Kindly help me to trace her."

In the continuation tweet, Licypriya mom said, "Licypriya reunited with me and they kick her out of #COP28UAE for just asking to phase out fossil fuels. I can't control her tears. They have taken her badge and threatened with many words to the 12 years old kid. This is unacceptable."

The child propagandist and self-styled climate activist from Manipur was earlier short of funds to attend the crucial 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference 2023 (UNCCC COP28), held at Dubai from November 30 till December 12.

The series of hate propaganda and disinformation spewed by Licypriya since the ethnic violence broke out on May 3 has led many to wonder how a child could be so thoroughly communal and spiteful. For many locals who know how her achievement



Licypriya Kangujam @LicypriyaK

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Licypriya Kangujam @LicypriyaK · 19m #LatestUpdate Licypriya mom here.

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came to be, and the fraudulent role played by her father in building her so-called 'activist' career, this come as no surprise, as many know that there are communal and propagandist puppeteers who are behind her public statements and claims. There is also a growing trend where child activists are propelled into the spotlight by parents and organizations which is nothing short of child exploitation.



ANALYSIS

Meitei Radicalisation Upping the Ante with Renewed Involvement of Insurgents

Rocky Meitei. Chongtham Lamdainganba. Moirangthem Kingson Singh

These three men were among the 13 dead, newly-recruited PLA cadres found by security forces after a reported gunfight with unidentified gunmen on 4th December 2023 in a Kuki dominated hill district of Tengnoupal. What do they have in common apart from being from the same community? These three were all displaced persons affected by the ongoing Kuki-Meitei conflict in Manipur, a full scale civil war occurring in a sensitive border state of the Indian nation that the top political leaders in Delhi seem to either be ignoring, or are acutely inept at handling. The three of them had been living in relief camps across the state after their homes were part of the loss that Manipur is currently going through. The online news portal Scroll.in had reported in a news article published on their website on 11 December 2023 that these men, among many others, form the pool of a new wave of recruits for the resurgent Meitei insurgency in the state. And they died in a place foreign to their native place, far away from their relief camps in hilly areas that they had no right to be at this point in the conflict.

“These people were recruited recently,” said an Assam Rifles official who spoke to Scroll.in. “Many of them are displaced people and they were brainwashed.” These findings are not surprising to those on the ground in Manipur. The ethnic conflict had created a

strong sense of nationalism on each side of the warring party. Youths, both displaced and not, from each side of the war came out in huge numbers as part of the necessity to form ‘volunteer’ groups to defend from each other’s attacks. While the volunteers from the Kuki-Zo community side have been confined to their own frontlines, staunchly defending their borderlands from any Meitei attack and intrusion and never wandering past the ‘buffer zones’, the stories relating to the Meitei ‘village volunteers’ are in stark contrast. While most deaths from the Kuki-Zo community have come from Imphal during the initial days of the violence when innocent civilians – men, women, children, youths, senior citizens - were hunted and killed in the city, caught unaware at the scale and intensity of the Meiteis’ planned pogrom, most Meitei deaths have come from these so-called ‘village volunteers’ as they attack Kuki villages and buffer zones long after the initial few days of violence, and comprise mostly of men or youth of fighting age.

This points to the fact that the ideology driving the ‘village volunteers’ from the two communities are complete opposites. While Kuki-Zo village volunteers came out to defend, those from the Meitei community have been ‘brainwashed’, as the AR official puts it, to carry out attacks on Kuki areas. The Scroll’s article mentions Chongtham Lamdainganba, a man who had been “guarding the village with a licenced gun”. Had he stayed there, he would have been alive today as

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Meitei villages have hardly come under attack from the Kukis. Instead, he left the relief camp where he was staying and died in a place deep inside a Kuki area where none of them had any right to be. In the last week of June, a merchant navy officer Waikhom Nilakamal was among the dead who were part of an armed Meitei radical group carrying out an attack on a Kuki village in Kangpokpi district. How a navy officer on holiday came to die in a Kuki district, while trying to kill more Kukis far away from the safety of his home tells its own story. Had he stuck to his holiday and stayed home during his leave, he would still be alive today.

The radicalisation of men from the Meitei community, brainwashed with hatred and a bloodlust for Kukis, is encouraged by the state machinery. The state, with its dishonourable habit of giving away arms and ammunition from the state armouries to feed the hands of such radicalised men and its policy of turning a blind eye to such groups of men freely roaming around the valley area openly with sophisticated arms, has made it easy for the Meitei youth to want to pick up arms and join these radicalised groups. For them, being a part of the Arambai Tenggol is now seen as a badge of honour and they flaunt this openly with pride. But the Arambai Tenggol, a group that has come up just recently prior to the civil war and is the most publicly involved in the ethnic-cleansing campaign, is just one group among many that attracts such radicalised men.

In the initial days and a few months following the start of the war, it was this group along with the Meitei Leepun that attracted the most foot soldiers. They came in the hundreds to attack Kuki areas and died in hordes. That was when they changed tactics. From large-scale attacks led by enthusiastic Arambai Tenggols that were easy targets for the Kuki village defenders, they came in much smaller numbers. From open attacks they resorted to small scale, guerrilla style attacks carried out by a small team of specially trained operatives. This was a turning point in the style of warfare carried out by the Meiteis. Such tactics needed experienced, specialised, trained men. Where did such men come from? They were picked from former militants who had surrendered and had been

living in Manipur for a while. The war found a new purpose for them. The state had their names on record, and they were called up for duty. And to lead them in this new tactic, on 28 August the state created a new post, a Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat) and appointed Nectar Sanjenbam, a retired Colonel of the Indian Army's elite 21 Para Special Force to fill it. This was a man who took part in the 2015 operations undertaken by the Army against insurgents based in Myanmar. He knew how to get the job done. As such, he was pulled out of retirement and called up for duty once more.

Soon after he was appointed, the war shifted its focus to Tengnoupal and Chandel, two districts on the border with Myanmar where cadres of the valley-based insurgent groups had been in hiding ever since they went out of favour in Manipur. These cadres started pouring into Manipur – overground as surrenderees welcomed and accepted by the state and underground through the porous Indo-Myanmar border. Some cadres of these militants had always been in the ranks of the Arambai Tenggols and probably Meitei Leepun too but the change in tactics brought them in in large numbers. The recent "Peace Agreement" between the UNLF (Pambei) and the Centre facilitated by the state is an openly known secret to bring in more of these militants from across the border and give them free movement within the valley to wage a war against the Kukis in the hills. The fact that some of these newly surrendered militants were among the 13 dead in the December 4 incident on their way into the hills exposes this façade. And as the Scroll article points out in its title, the renewed involvement of long-dormant Meitei insurgency in the current conflict is seeing a revival of militancy in the fragile border state of India. The Ministry of Home Affairs is either a participant in this enabling of renewal of this threat to the nation itself, or is being played a fool by the Manipur state government. Either way, the chances of peace in this region has been diminished greatly by such a foolhardy act which may have been penned in haste by the centre to score political points and by the state in a wilful attempt to scale up its war on the Kukis.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ

Seema Sengupta,
@SeemaSengupta5

Are you suggesting Constitution's Part XXI is illegal in its entirety? "Shared Sovereignty" committed in Naga Framework Agreement signed in 2015 due to the uniqueness of Naga culture. Is that ok? Should Article 371A remain in Constitution or go?

tushar varma @tusharva · 1h
Replying to @SeemaSengupta5

Accept that Article 370 was a temporary provision that was inserted without legal ascent - a wrong precedent - that has been struck down by the current SC of India.
Case Closed!

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SiamPhaipi ✓
@SiamPhaipi

This self proclaimed North East expert is so funny. I mean, people don't hate her per se. We just find her pretentious in trying to be some kind of 'neutral' observer about #Manipur which she OBVIOUSLY isn't as she only portrays the #Meitei narrative like how I do the #KukiZo narrative. So I personally just find her pretentious, ignorant, and stupid.

Disclaimer: I don't HATE her. I mean, everyone is entitled to their opinion, even if it's pretentious, ignorant and stupid, especially when it comes to her self proclaimed area of expertise in North East, especially with regards to #Mizoram & #Manipur which she is so oblivious about. I can't give an opinion to her self proclaimed areas of expertise in other North East areas as I don't know. But do proceed with caution.

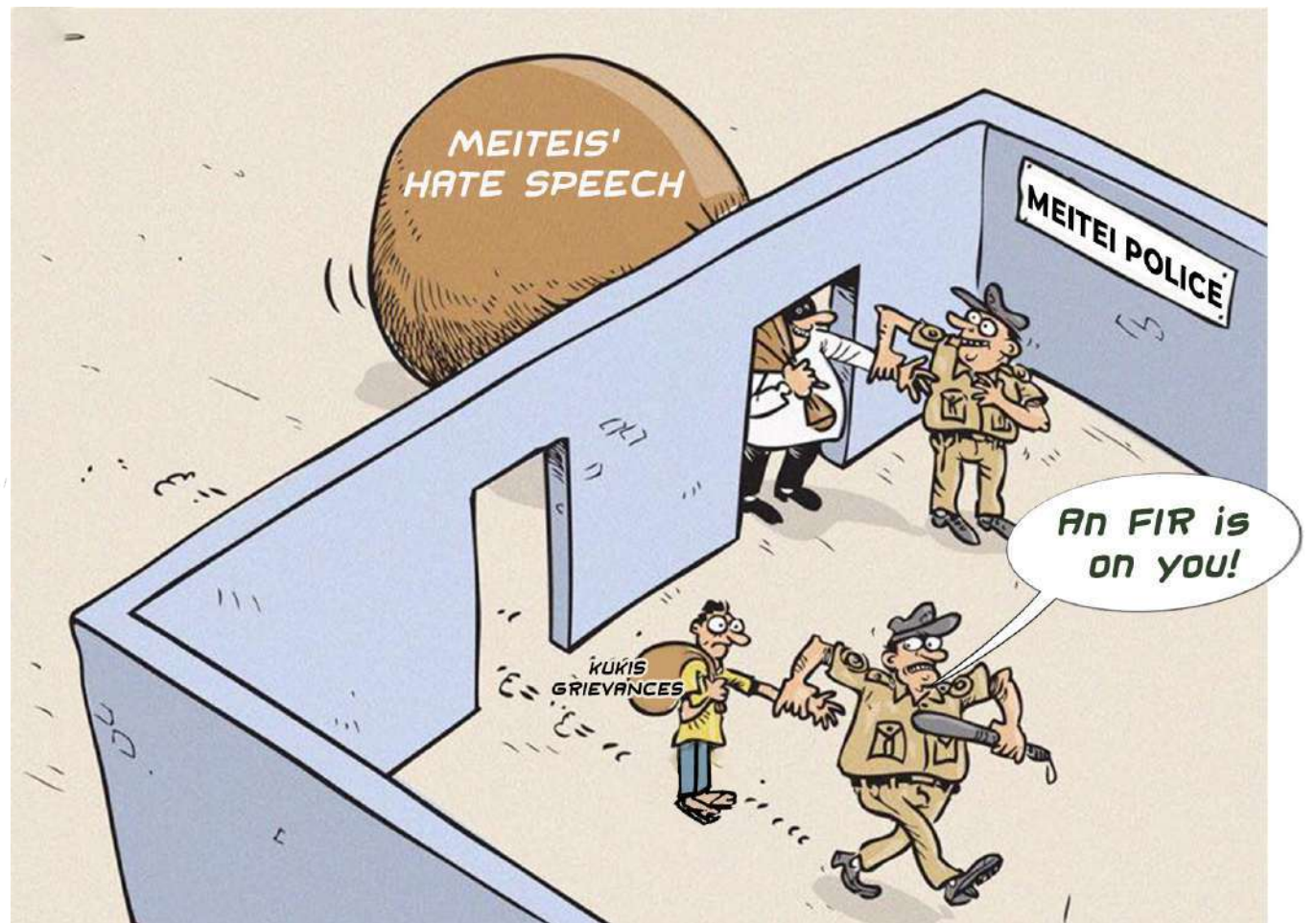
Rami Niranjn Desai ✓ @ramindesai · 11h

To the haters - The lower you fall, the higher I go.

Thanks,
The Serpent



THE HATE-SPEECH IMMUNITY



The age of hatred

The love of human indifference,
The occupational choice where we no longer see humanity before race, religion,
culture, and color.
The age and time where war is easier than peace,
The calculation of favours and the shadow of vulgarity.
It's scary; this age and time.

Children being bombarded,
Mothers being crippled,
Fathers being shelled,
And genocidal warnings being celebrated.
The faultline of humanity,
The ordeal crime of hatred is worse than any other.



I hear the cries of innocent blood piercing through the streets,
I see the monsters in suits of blacks and gray on TV Screens,
I watch the dark smoke-peddling machines tear apart warm homes,
I take my grief and weep at the corner of the lake,
Dying to forget the age of hatred,
Where regulations continue to turn morbid at the whisk of men in uniforms.
Where castles crumble around crimson hills.

I take my grief and run far behind, where love still exists,
in her loving arms- humanity weeps.
I walk through the graves of hardened bone,
And think back to the frozen spring before the war;
Where the solution to indifference was rather heated conversations over milk tea
rather than industrial weapons of death.

- Abigail Misao