

# Thingkho *Le* Maleha

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## AWAITING JUSTICE



### DAVID HRANGCHAL (44 YEARS)

S/O L. THANGA HRANGCHAL

ADDRESS: MUOLVAIPHEI, PHERZAWL

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LILONG, 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.

# KUKI APEX BODY REJECTS COMPENSATION SCHEME FROM MANIPUR GOVERNMENT; REITERATES ITS POLITICAL GOAL FOR SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION

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## PRESS RELEASE

Lamka, the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

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To our people, the Kuki-Zo brethren, who have suffered immense hardships and difficulties in the injustice that have been meted to us, we would like to thank you for your unwavering support; and we would seek your support in future as well so as to strive for our collective goals and objectives. With your help, we shall overcome the trials and tabulations that we have been made to go through but all that with God's help, everything is possible.

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(JANGHAOLUN HAOKIP)  
Secretary, Information & Publicity  
Kuki Inpi Manipur



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# PERSISTENT MEITEI ATROCITIES: FRESH ONSLAUGHT ON KUKI AREAS LAUNCHED BY MEITEI ARMED GROUPS

In the ongoing state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom, the Meitei armed groups, including the Arambai Tenggol, banned militant outfits and Meitei Police commandos, launched indiscriminate attacks on the Kukis areas of Haraothel, near Leimakhong, yesterday, and Phailengmol area today approximately at around 9:30 AM.

The onslaught of Kukiland - breaching the “buffer Zones” - by the Meiteis occurred in the fringe areas of Kangpokpi in the aftermath of the Meiteis’ atrocities against the Kukis in Jiribam on June 6, 2024, about 240 Kilometres away from the “Kukis’ Valley of Death’, Imphal.

Even after one year of the aggressive attacks on the minority communities of Kukis, the state’s nurtured private militia groups continue their crime against humanity by breaching the established “Line of Control or Buffer Zones”, thus threatening the lives, lands and properties of the indigenous Kukis.

On Monday night at around 11: 00 PM, the Meiteis’ armed groups carried out an assault on the Kukis areas of Kangpokpi, situated along the buffer zones, thus giving rise to escalating tension between the warring communities. The gun attacks occurred in Leimakhong area of Tangnuam/Haraothel, which borders the Meiteis’ locality of Koutruk, which lasted hours in the late night till dawn the next day. The Meitei militants fired sophisticated weapons including shelling of bombs towards the Kukis. Fortunately, there was no report of casualties during the incident.

Today, during the Kuki village guards’ routine Operational Patrolling (R.O.P.) duty within their ancestral land, the Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers were encountered heavily with gunfire using sophisticated weaponry by the Meitei militants attempting to breach the hills by crossing the buffer zone. Positioned at Kamu Saichang, the combined forces of Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol, along with the Meitei Police commandos, launched fresh assaults on the Kuki-Zo



Village of Maphou, Kanggui district, adjoining the Meitei locality of Moirangpurel, Imphal East.

In response, the Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers retaliated against the assailants, leading to a heavy exchange of gunfire between the two groups. However, there was no report of casualties during the violent incident.

The Phailengmol area has seen frequent attacks from the combined force of Meitei militants, including the UNLF/MPA, Police commandos and radical groups like Arambai Tenggol in the recent past.

According to sources, shelling of explosives on Monday and Tuesday were triggered from the Meitei inhabited locality of Koutruk towards the Kuki village of Haraothel. The Meitei extremists again started attacking the Kuki areas on Tuesday at around 5.40 am, the gun battle which lasted till 6:00 AM on Tuesday.

Today’s gun battle between the Kuki village volunteers and the Meitei militants in Phailengmol Kuki area was de-escalated by the Central Security Forces amid obstacles given by the Meitei womenfolk- Meira Paibis. The womenfolk, as usual, prevented the neutral Central forces from taking action against the Meitei perpetrators, thus preventing arrest of the criminals.

# ‘WILL PM MODI AND AMIT SHAH VISIT MANIPUR NOW?’: UDDHAV THACKERAY AFTER MOHAN BHAGWAT’S REMARK

Days after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat flagged the crisis in Manipur, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray asked on Wednesday whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Amit Shah will visit the Northeastern state.

On Monday, Bhagwat expressed concern over peace eluding Manipur even after one year and said the situation in the strife-torn Northeastern state must be considered with priority.

While addressing a press conference, Uddhav said, “At least after a year, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat spoke about Manipur because they also bore the brunt of it. Will PM Narendra Modi and Union Minister Amit Shah go to Manipur now?”

Manipur has been witnessing violence between the Meitei and Kuki communities since May last year during which as many as 200 people have been killed and thousands have been displaced following large-scale arson.

“Now Kashmir is burning, attacks are taking place. Lives are being lost. Who is responsible for the terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir? Where are those who have been speaking about Kashmir during the elections?” asked Uddhav referring to the recent militant attacks in the Union Territory.

The former Maharashtra chief minister also sought to know what was the difference on the ground after the abrogation of Article 370, which provided special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Uddhav Thackeray is not the first Opposition leader to comment on the remarks made by Mohan Bhagwat, the Congress, NCP (SP) and RJD have also said PM Modi should listen to the RSS chief and visit Manipur.



He also said there were no differences in the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi, comprising the Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress and the NCP (SP), over candidates for the upcoming elections to four constituencies of Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC).

Uddhav said the issue between his party and the Congress has been resolved and there has been a compromise on Nashik teachers and Konkan Graduate seats and soon the details of it will be announced officially.

He added since he was not in the country after the Lok Sabha elections, a dialogue could not take place with Congress. “It is a fact there was a ‘loose connection’ (among the MVA partners). I had gone to London after the LS polls and during this time, all parties declared their candidates and nominations had to be filed within the stipulated time. Sometimes it is better to have the nominations filed instead of not filing it and hence it was filed. Now the issue has been resolved,” Uddhav said.

The deadline for filing nominations was June 7. Voting will be held on June 26 and results will be declared on July 1. (Source: Indian Express)

# MEIRA PAIBIS BLOCK CENTRAL SECURITY FORCES; DEMAND RELEASE OF ARRESTED MEITEI MILITANTS

Apart from blocking the Central Security Forces from performing their diligent duties, the Meira Paibis, a group of the Meitei womenfolk, today staged a road blockade agitation at Chingtham Village along National Highway 102 in Kakching district of Manipur, under the jurisdiction of the Khongjom police station, demanding the release of arrested Meitei militants.

Their protest aimed to secure the safe release of two Meitei militants, who were apprehended by security forces while they were undertaking indiscriminate attack on the Kuki villages of Phailengmol area using sophisticated weapons, and subsequently handed over to Manipur police.

The incident occurred when the two Meitei militants were detained by the Assam Rifles at the Sora bazaar around 2:30 pm on Tuesday.

In response, Meira Paibis from Khongjom and Langathel villages rallied at the Khongjom police station, demanding the immediate release of the militants without any conditions attached.

The women continued their protest, prompting the Manipur police to resort to using tear gas shells to disperse the crowd on Tuesday night.



According to officials, tear gas was deployed to quell the agitating Meira Paibis who persisted in demanding the unconditional release of the arrested Meitei militants.

Chaobi Devi, a member of the Meira Paibi group, asserted to reporters that the apprehended militants were innocent individuals tasked with safeguarding Langathel village from potential threats posed by tribal volunteers amid ongoing ethnic tensions since May 3, 2023.



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

*- Carl von Clausewitz*

# MEITEIS TORCH SHOPS BELONGING TO KUKI-ZO IN JIRIBAM; KUKI-ZO VOLUNTEERS WARN OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF BLOCKADE CONTINUES

The Meiteis' atrocities on the Kuki-Zo communities continued in Jiribam district even after the deployment of a large number of Manipur Police Commandos. Various shops belonging to the minority Kukis were torched beyond repairs this evening at around 10:20 PM. This shows that the Manipur Police Commandos, airlifted a few days ago by the narcissistic regime of N. Biren Singh, were deployed not to maintain the law and order but to commit atrocities against the Kukis.

Since the violence erupted in Jiribam district, instigated by the "crime minister", N. Biren Singh, two precious lives of Kukis have been killed by the Meitei militants and about 50 houses of Kukis have been burnt down, some vandalised, including a Church. Hundreds of Kukis have been displaced.

Taking serious note of the blockade carried out by the Meiteis in Kuki dominated areas of Jiribam and Tamenglong districts, the Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers (KVV) have warned of serious consequences if the blockade continues.

In a statement, the Kuki Zo Village Volunteers, Vangailhang & Tuilangkol, expressed its dismay over the imposition of blockade on supplies of essential commodities for Kuki-Zo community by Arambai Tenggol and Meira Paibis of Jiribam town. "The blockade imposters restricted even urgent medical requirements which are meant for ailing patients. Such unproductive and unsolicited actions are meant only to provoke others and escalate violence in the area," it said.

The Kuki Village Volunteers said that the blockade was clear evidence of the Arambai Tenggol, Meira Paibis and Meitei militants for intensifying violence in the region.

The statement mentioned that on 14th of May, Mr Seigoulén Singson of Phaitol village was missing from the temporary Naka check point on NH-37 near Phaitol village, whose badly ridden and tortured dead body was found on 17th of May near Molzol village in Jiri river.



Also on the 8th of June, after Meitei militants had carried out a full scale attack upon Kuki-Zo people's settlement in Jiribam town areas, burning every Kuki-Zo house.

Moreover, not discontented with such criminal activities, the Kuki volunteers said, the Meiteis have imposed blockade on every Kuki-Zo individual trying to escape from Jiribam town with the intention of annihilating them. On 6th June, Mr L. Lallianmuang of Vengnuam was dragged out of his house and his whereabouts still unknown.

The Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers, therefore, warned that if such unethical and inhuman practice of blockading essential commodities was not stopped immediately, the Village volunteer would be compelled to take necessary action against it by imposing a counter economic blockade on NH-37 indefinitely.

The KZVV also apprised the concern authority that any untoward situation arising because of the Meiteis' blockading of Kuki Zo people and their commodities would be the sole responsibility of concerned authorities.

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Meanwhile, the Indigenous Tribes Advisory Council (ITAC) has requested that central security forces be deployed in adequate numbers to man the 'line of separation' that has reportedly been created.

Days after fresh violence in Manipur's Jiribam district displaced hundreds of Kuki-Zo people to Assam, the Indigenous Tribes Advocacy Council, a civil society organisation of tribal communities in Jiribam and Pherzawl districts, on June 11 said that the Kuki-Zo people of Jiribam had been totally separated from the Meitei community in the district in the wake of the recent violence.

The body thanked central security forces for evacuating people and requested that they be deployed in adequate

numbers to man the "line of separation" that had now reportedly been created due to the attacks on their villages last week — to protect them from suspected advances by groups like Arambai Tenggol, or valley-based insurgent groups (VBIGs), who they believed were being aided by State forces.

The recent spate of attacks in Jiribam came as the ethnic conflict in the State continues between the majority Meitei people and the Scheduled Tribe people of the Kuki-Zo communities for over a year now. Over 220 people have been killed in the conflict so far, with thousands of others injured. Until this violence in Jiribam, at least over 50,000 people had been internally displaced by the conflict.

## THE BUZZ SOCIAL MEDIA



**P. Chidambaram** ✓  
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Yesterday, I asked when will the Hon'ble Prime Minister visit Manipur. As expected, there were angry -- and ignorant -- reactions

RSS chief Mr Mohan Bhagwat has said "it has been a year since Manipur has been waiting for peace. It is important to resolve the conflict as a priority."

I look forward to the reactions

Those who react angrily and out of ignorance are those who cause the greatest disservice

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**Sushma Sharma** ✓  
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Follow Back

The rampant lawlessness in the Valley of #Manipur cannot be ignored. It's essential not to generalize blame towards the #Kuki\_Zo community as they are the victims here.

In Imphal, the power dynamics seem to be dominated by the #ArambaiMeitei & it's Parivar #NEDISL #Amemeow #NEDijs #Drexler #PCNGI #GodMorningWednesday #FelizMiércoles #mafsNZ



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# ASSAM RIFLES REFUTES FALSE ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED BY COCOMI IN JIRIBAM CRISIS

The Assam Rifles has strongly refuted the the allegations leveled by Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) stating that ‘Assam Rifles followed the modus operandi (adopted by them in Serou and Moreh) wherein after evacuating all residents, they allowed Kuki militants to burn down Meitei houses in Jiribam’, as “baseless.”

In response to COCOMI’s statement, where it alleged that Assam Rifles barred additional state forces sent from Imphal, the Assam Rifles clarified that it has “consistently upheld impartiality and diligently protected all civilians without bias. Rescue of civilians trapped in a house burnt by unknown miscreants in Leisabithol village and safe evacuation to Internally Displaced Personnel (IDP) camp in Jiribam has been witnessed by locals and widely published in media.”

Assam Rifles further reiterated that it has “actively coordinated with all security forces to ensure the



safety of all residents and early return of normalcy through comprehensive measures.”

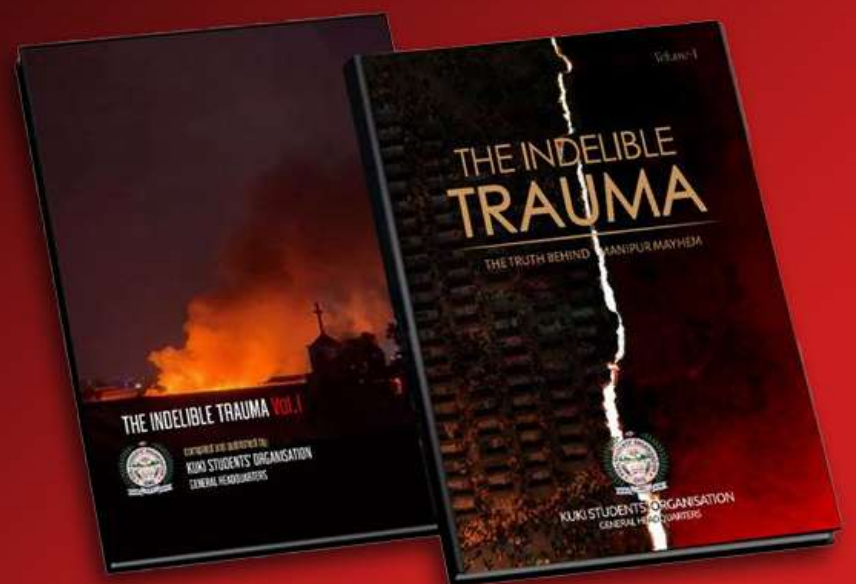
“Assam Rifles remains steadfast in their mission to restore and maintain stability in Jiribam and continue its unwavering efforts to protect all citizens. Media houses are requested verify news before publishing, as inaccurate news may have the potential to create unrest in the state,” stated the Assam Rifles’ press release of Wednesday.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

## NIA's Selective Justice: Discriminatory Tactics Against Kukis and Leniency Towards Meitei Militants

The pick and choose strategy of the NIA in their choice of cases which is antagonistic particularly against the KUKIS but comatose for terror outfits operating in the valley is simply discriminatory, unethical and unprofessional. Objectivity and detachment, which are the hallmark of the functioning of premier agencies like NIA, are found to have been thrown to the winds by the investigators and it apparently seems that they have traded a path guided by preconceived ideas and line of action of that of MR. BIREN SINGH. The tone of language and their choice of cases, portrays them as “caged parrot of Mr BIREN SINGH” rather than they being an impartial and unbiased premier investigating agency.

The transnational conspiracy allegation is both funny and ironic. Supply of arms, ammunition and explosives by a military outfit that is fighting for its democratic freedom against a mighty military JUNTA which has China to back it for years in a poor country like Myanmar is simply illogical. They have enough problems presented to them by the JUNTA on their plate. CREATING UNREST in North East India which will serve nothing for them will be the concern they will bother with the least. There definitely is the possibility of creating unrest by Meitei terrorist outfits that have their military bases in Myanmar; one to appease the military JUNTA whom they fight alongside; and two, to help their MEITEI counterparts who executed the ethnic cleansing against the KUKIS, whose brethren in Myanmar are now one after the other destroying Meitei military bases

in MYANMAR. It's ironic because it is the same WORD that Mr. Biren utilised first and repeatedly, to undermine the sufferings of the Kukis and to whitewash the inhumane and illegal activities of Meitei terrorists supported by him on the Kukis. The National Investigation Agency has become a means through which Mr. Biren encroaches its power to oppress the KUKIS, where his limbs are cut-off from his reach.

Why is an agency that has as its mission the ambition to build a database on all terrorist related information and share the database available with the States and other agencies, oblivious to the videos and social media posts that MEITEI terrorists have uploaded on the internet on various social media platforms before and after attacking the KUKIS? They can be seen in the act of committing their brutal crimes or flaunting the evidence of the heinous crimes, but an INVESTIGATION AGENCY like the NIA never knocked at their doors. Is the new rule in MANIPUR for investigating agency “YOU'RE INNOCENT IF YOU'RE MEITEI “?? OR IS THEIR A NEED TO SHIFT THE REGIONAL BRANCH OF NIA FOR THEM TO WORK WITH DETACHMENT AND OBJECTIVITY?

This is a matter of shame for an agency like the NIA, a premier investigating agency, which has among

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the many other goals in its set of list it set for itself to achieve, an aim at creating deterrence for existing and potential terrorist groups/individuals.

Thus, one cannot help but question, with the Arambai Tenggol AND UNLF(PAMBEI) acting unhindered and unchecked illegal, terror and anti-national activities occurring in its backyard in the heart of Imphal valley, and by turning a blind eye unto their activities, whether the THE NIA-IMPHAL is becoming a burden for the premier agency on its ambition to be a thoroughly professional investigative agency matching the best international standards??

The operational strategy of various investigation agencies in general and the NIA in particular, is sending out the message to the KUKIS that MEITEIS LIVES MATTERS MORE. With hundreds of death and rape of KUKIS at the hands of MEITEI terrorist outfits like the Arambai Tenggol, only a handful have been arrested even when there is video evidence of the involvement of groups of men. Why is JUSTICE made readily available for them, which sometimes are made even at the cost of scapegoating the KUKIS

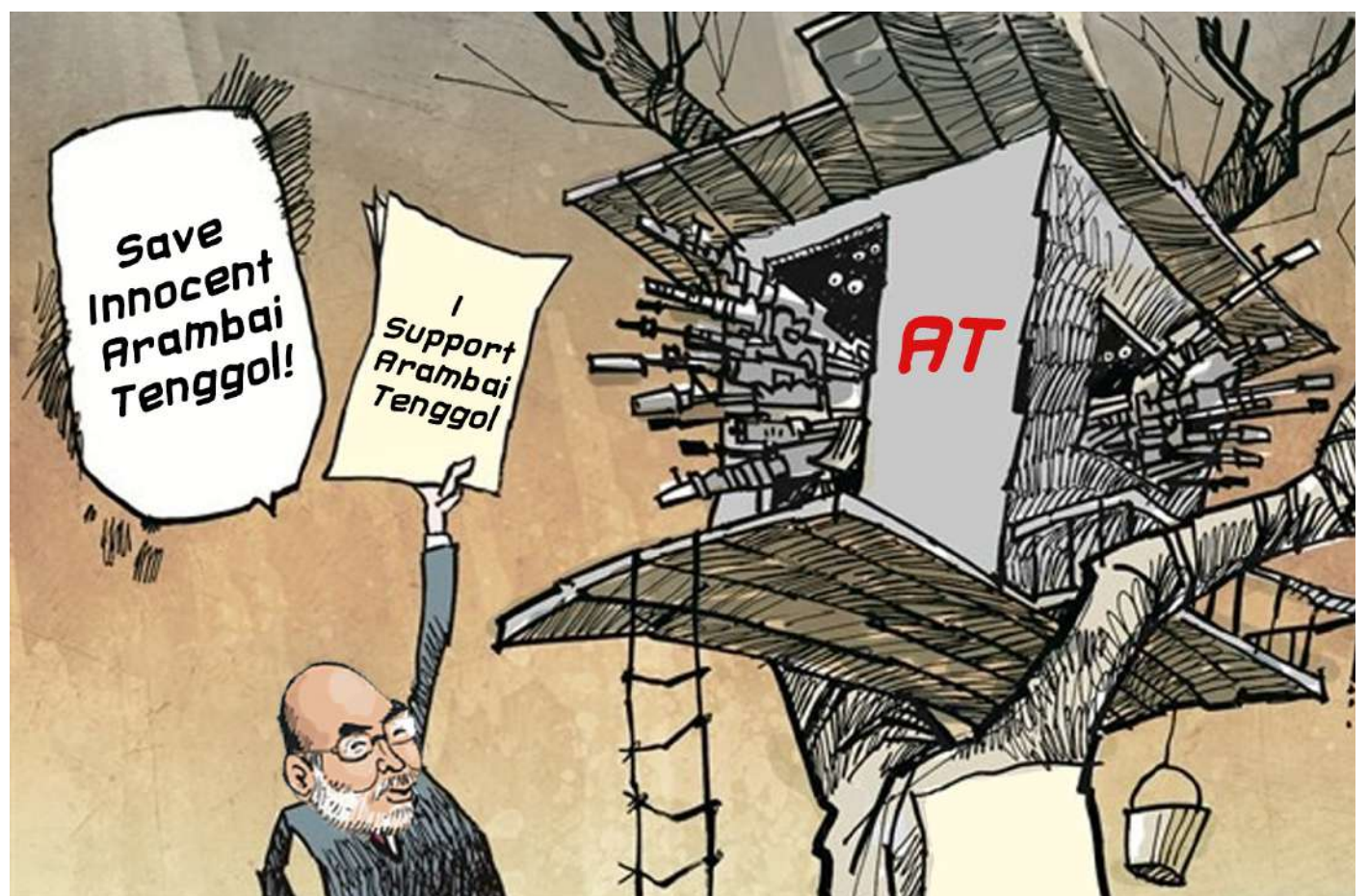
of charges they might have not committed? ARE KUKIS LESS INDIAN THAN MEITEIS?

THE NIA must remember it has a MISSION of developing into a thoroughly professional, result-oriented organization, upholding the constitution of India and Laws of the Land, giving prime importance to the protection of Human Rights and dignity of the individual. Thus they should make OBJECTIVITY AND DETACHMENT as essential traits it must necessarily possess while working in a sensitive state like Manipur. KUKIS' LIVES SHOULD MATTER AS MUCH AS THE MEITEIS'.

KUKIS HAVE WITH THEM ONLY THEIR TRUTH. They don't have the government nor the money. Their village volunteers do not arm themselves with looted weapons from state armoury like the Arambai Tenggol and UNLF(P). They don't have the media fraternity to create a positive narrative for them like the MEITEIS do. Thus the least they deserve is an impartial and objective investigation agency.



## THE MAN WHO INSTIGATE VIOLENCE





# THE STRENGTH OF THE KUKI SOUL

The Kuki's path, through trials and grace,  
Mistakes we've made, we now embrace.  
They change the way we see and think,  
The way life flows, its edge and brink.

The scars we bear, like soldiers' pride,  
Adorn our souls, we cannot hide.  
Each mark a tale of strength and strife,  
A testament to a resilient life.

In every wound, a lesson learned,  
In every scar, a victory earned.  
The Kuki's spirit, brave and true,  
In hardship's fire, it grew and grew.

Through every storm and tempest wild,  
The Kuki heart, forever styled.  
Mistakes and scars, a guiding light,  
Revealing strength in darkest night.

- Ch Roberth Mate