

Thingkho Le Malcha

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Nungka RELIEF CENTRE

Nungka Community Hall,
Sadar Hills

Managed by
District Administration &
Kuki CSOs, Sadar Hills

Total Inmates Registered: 141



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.03.2024



166
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'S TOP BODY REBUTS CONTINUOUS UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS BY MEITEI GROUPS

The Kuki Inpi Manipur, or the KIM, expressed vehement objection over the alleged relentless and unfounded allegations made against them by the Meitei Resurgence Forum, or the need, where it accused KIM of disseminating false information regarding the origins of the ongoing ethnic violence in the state.

The Kuki top body stated that the root cause of the May 3 mayhem in Manipur is the mindless prejudice and illegitimate predilection for the persecution of the Kuki-Zo people by the Meiteis-led Manipur state leadership - the adoption of chauvinistic policies, the discrimination, oppression, and alienation of the Kuki-Zo people and the subsequent radicalisation and militarisation of the Meiteis chiefly under organisations as the Arambai Tenggol and Meetei Leepun.

It also stated that the MReF has boldly claimed that the ongoing violence in Manipur started with aggressive attacks by members of the Kuki community while clarifying that this accusation is completely unfounded and made it crystal clear that Meitei radical groups began harassing and mistreating the Kuki-Zo people since May 2 under the guise of counter-blockade; while the immediate trigger for the conflict was the killing of Pastor Sehkhohao Kipgen in Kangvai by Meitei radicals on the evening of May 3, followed by the burning of houses and properties belonging to the Kukis in Kangvai in Churachandpur (Lamka) District and Kuki settlements in the Imphal Valley.

“These continuous and unsubstantiated allegations by various Meitei radicalised groups is a desperate attempt to conceal the truth about the state-sponsored, pre-planned ethnic cleansing against the Kukis”, KIM stated.



It further stated that the gross injustice and human rights violations against the Kukis by the Meitei radicalised groups, including the Meitei State Forces, Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), Meetei Leepun and Arambai Tenggol will go down in the history of India as one of the worst humanitarian crises in the 21st century, and as one of the greatest threats to the democratic system of the country.

KIM then advised all concerned to not be misled by the baseless allegations against the Kuki community and the Kuki Inpi Manipur and its cognate civil bodies by the radicalised Meitei groups.

Furthermore, the Kuki Inpi Manipur encouraged any fact-finding team to restore justice, peace and integrity for the Kukis as well as to promptly address the gross human rights violations on both sides due to the ongoing state-sponsored and pre-planned ethnic cleansing against the Kukis.

JUSTICE CALLS IGNORED: KUKI GROUPS IN DELHI LAMENT INACTION

Kuki Zo Women's Forum Delhi and NCR and KSO Delhi & NCR says Kuki Zo calls for justice have fallen on deaf ears, highlights several issues concerning Kuki Zo

The Kuki-Zo Women's Forum, Delhi and NCR and the Kuki Students' Organisation, Delhi & NCR, had lamented that the calls for justice have fallen on deaf ears.

The two bodies said, "The Kuki-Zo survivors of the Meiteis' harassment and brutality are left to cope with the haunting trauma on their own; while the perpetrators freely roam around, facing no social or judicial consequences for their murderous acts."

In a joint statement few days back, the Kuki bodies highlighted several issues concerning the Kuki-Zos such as rapes, murder, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture, discrimination, deprivation and educational discrimination. On May 5, 2023, Kuki girls- Olivia and Florence, who were in their 20s, were gagged, dragged inside a closed room, where they were tortured, molested, and raped unto death. A video footage of the incident showed the communal Meitei women, also known as the Meira Paibis, handing over the two Kuki girls to the radicalised gangs and urging them to assault the women.

"Such heinous acts took place in Konung Mamang, Imphal, a location less than a kilometre away from the bungalow of Manipur's Chief Minister, Biren Singh. Had there been action taken, the two young women victims, who suffered torture and rape, and were brutally mutilated, could have been saved," said the statement.

On May 15, last year, Kim, an 18-year-old girl, was abducted and taken to Wangkhei, then to Langol, where the kidnappers physically assaulted her and threatened to rape and chop her to pieces. She had a narrow escape and survived and her medical reports indicated that she had been raped, it added.



The Kuki bodies also mentioned that on May 4, 2023, Veinem Chongloi, over 80-year old, blind, sick, and bedridden, was strangled by the Meiteis. Her two daughters- Helam and Hekim, who had been living with their aged mother in Uripok, Imphal, since childhood, were also shot and killed in their courtyard. Having lived among the Meiteis since childhood, they had believed that their neighbors would not harm them, the Kuki-Zo bodies added.

The statement also stated that on May 6, 2023, Thiandam Vaiphei, 45-year old, was butchered and burned to death. It was found that her head had been hit and her throat slit before her gruesome murder by the Meitei gangs. Hoi, 21, Lam, 42 and Ting, 52, were stripped of their clothes and paraded naked. Hoi was brutally gang-raped. Besides, Agnes Nei, 22, and her friend were attacked by a Meitei mob who physically assaulted them.

The duo were punched until their teeth fell out, kicked until they were unconscious, and left to die. Agnes and her friend were students at the Nightingale Nursing Institute in Porompat, Imphal. Miraculously, the duo regained consciousness in the hospital and managed to reach Lamka after a few days.

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On July 6, 2023, Donngaihching Hangzo, 63-year old, a mentally challenged elderly woman, was shot dead in broad daylight. Later, disturbing images of her corpse lying on the road were circulated by Meitei-controlled media houses, falsely labeling her as a 'suicide bomber'.

On 15 July 2023, Marim Lucy, a Maring Naga woman, was murdered by Meitei miscreants. The Imphal police were on high alert, and within 24 hours, 12 suspects were arrested. In this incident, the gruesome murder was met with condemnations from various Meitei Civil Society Organisations and assurances of timely compensation for the bereaved family. The state government promised to deliver justice for Mrs. Marim Lucy.

In contrast, the murderers of Mrs. Donngaihching Hangzo, Mrs. Veinem Chongloi, her daughters, and the numerous victims from the Kuki-Zo community are still roaming freely in the Imphal Valley, and no action has been taken against them. Lamneichong Khongsai, 24-year old, who was pregnant, died due to childbirth complications because of the lack of medical facilities in the relief camp while she was taking refuge.

In regards to educational discrimination, the Kuki bodies stated that students of Manipur University were hunted down within the university campus by Meitei mobs who entered the women's hostel rooms and specifically searched for Kuki students. Although the students escaped alive, the students lost their educational documents, research paper works, and project findings, which were now reduced to ashes.

The statement further noted that Kuki-Zo medical students of JNIMS and RIMS escaped near-death experiences and are unable to continue their classes. The students are still pleading for an alternative arrangement since returning to their institutions is as good as a death sentence. The Kuki-Zo students enrolled in colleges under Manipur University (MU), Dhanamanjuri University (DMU), Law colleges, and

other educational institutions in Imphal have had their exam results tampered with by the authorities. Enrollment in other universities has also proved difficult as their previous colleges and universities in Imphal have refused to issue their migration certificates, it added.

Kuki-Zo UPSC and SSC aspirants have to undertake long journeys to neighboring States of Nagaland and Mizoram to take exams since the state's capital, Imphal, has become a Valley of Death for them. Even though, concerned organizations have been requesting alternative arrangements by adding exam centers in Kuki-Zo districts, there has been no positive response from the concerned authorities so far.

The statement went on to state that the theme for International Women's Day 2024 is "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress" and that the theme centered on the purpose of accelerating progress by investing in women and aims to inspire people to recognize the value of women. However, Kuki-Zo women have been on the receiving end of inhuman torture, vilification, and have been stripped of their fundamental right to live with dignity.

For the past ten months, they have been victims of unfathomable violence, their voices silenced and their cries for help ignored.

For Kuki-Zo women, inclusion in the world's lofty claims of its fight for justice, equality, and freedom is nothing more than a myth. While the dead bodies are decaying and the survivors struggle to heal from their traumatic experience, the murderers and rapists still roam freely, eluding the long arms of the law.

TRANS-NATIONAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST INDIA? NIA ARRESTS TWO IMPORTANT LEADERS OF UNLF (P) INCLUDING ARMY CHIEF

After more than three months of the much hyped “historic peace agreement” signed between the one of the Meitei militant factions and Government of India and Manipur government, the National Investigative Agency (NIA) has reportedly arrested two important Meitei militant leaders including the outfit’s army chief on Wednesday.

Officials said that two “important” people of the United National Liberation Front (P) have been arrested in a joint operation conducted by the Manipur Police, NIA and CRPF in Imphal West district. Thokchom Thoiba @ Sidabamapu, self-styled army chief of the proscribed outfit, and Lieutenant Colonel Laimayum Ingba, the head of the INT department of the UNLF(P), were arrested in the operation and we’re airlifted to the national capital, New Delhi.

Reasons behind their arrest is yet to be disclosed. However, it was suspected that the two militant leaders were arrested due to “trans-national conspiracy case” against the Government of India.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) had announced a cash reward on information leading to Thoiba’s arrest, the officials said.

In response to the incident, security has been tightened in Imphal City, with combined state and central forces personnel with heavy weaponry deployed at key locations. Meanwhile, Meira Paibi (women vigilante groups) have begun their usual protests against the arrest by blocking roads at New Chekon in Imphal East district, causing temporary disruptions to traffic. However, with the intervention of the Imphal East District Police, the protestors were dispersed, and normal traffic flow resumed without any reported untoward incidents. The Meiteis CSOs have began demanding unconditional release of the arrested duo.

Notably, even after months of peace agreement



signed by the Union government and the Manipur government with one of the factions of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), the oldest valley-based armed insurgent group, officials said the terms of the pact — which include monitoring of the armed cadres — are not available to the central security agencies.

As per reports, there have been sharp rises in cases of extortion in the valley areas of the State “in the name of UNLF”. The military wing of the UNLF has been roaming around in vehicles brandishing sophisticated weapons. Their involvement in looting of a police armoury has also been found. “Post the signing of the peace pact, the cadres were observed indulging in violence against security forces,” the official had said.

The cadres of UNLF (P) are openly engaging in the war against the minority Kuki community in the buffer zones. They had occupied a temporary camp at Nongsum in Imphal East, which borders the Kuki-Zo areas in Kangpokpi. Apprehending an escalation of violence, the Assam Rifles had asked them to vacate the premises and the order was met with stiff resistance from locals who

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said they needed the cadres to defend their villages.

Presently, two temporary camps have been identified for the UNLF cadres, which can hold around 400 cadres each. In the absence of a permanent base, many are living in their homes or in the other civilian areas. They also have their weapons with them," official reportedly said.

Naga militant group in ceasefire, National Socialist Council of Nagaland - Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM) had also asked the Manipur government to immediately shift the designated camps meant for UNLF, a Meitei insurgent group, from "Naga territory" in Manipur.

In a statement, the NSCN-IM questioned why the designated camps were constructed in a Naga territory to house the leaders and cadres of the UNLF without consent and knowledge of the Nagas. "Such reckless intrusion is highly condemnable. Therefore, UNLF designated camps in Naga territory must be shifted immediately," said the statement.

The UNLF, formed in 1964, is one of the eight "Meitei extremist organisations" that were declared unlawful by the MHA under the anti-terror Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

KUKI INPI TENGNOUNPAL DENIES ACCUSATIONS OF MILITANT INVOLVEMENT IN KWATHA KHUNOU HOUSE FIRES

The Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal (KIT) has refuted the allegations by the Meiteis and the valley based media that the two houses in Kwatha Khunou was burnt down by Kuki militants.

In a release issued on Wednesday, the Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal informed all concerned, especially the Meiteis not to irritate the Kuki-Zo communities with such cheap, fake propaganda and advice not to bother the Kuki-Zo communities or else face consequences.

The release stated that, "The KIT has learnt that the Meitei media houses in Imphal and other social media platforms are flooded with the latest version of new Meitei lies and fake propaganda which is again orchestrated by Meitei Chief Minister loyalist i.e. Meitei Police Commando impersonated by a mixture of Meitei secessionist VBIGS (India/Burma), Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun etc. who are all Meitei by blood using the noble name of Manipur State forces".

Stating that the latest fake propaganda claims that "two houses in Kwatha/Kwatha Khunou are burnt down by Kuki Militants", KIT clarified that the said incident was staged by the Meitei terrorists to malign the image of Kuki-Zo communities.



Such type of lies and fake propaganda is the favorite nature of the shameless Meiteis in their ongoing genocidal crusade against Kuki-Zo indigenous community as a veil to hide their wrongful utilizations of state machinery which is at their own disposal against its own citizens since 3 May, 2023 till date against the indigenous tribals in a war footing manner, it added.

This so-called orchestrated incident has nothing to do with the Kuki-Zo communities whatsoever but is a drama to take adverse advantage by the Meiteis in the Tribal areas which will not be tolerated by the Kuki Inpi Tegnoupal in any manner, stated the release.

IMPHAL PHARMACY FORCED TO SHUT DOWN AFTER ATTACK BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS

An alarming surge in extortion, threats, and monetary demands has gripped the Imphal valley, raising concerns among residents and authorities alike.

The escalation in such activities has sparked fear and anxiety among the local population, prompting many to express their concerns about the deteriorating security situation in the valley. Some residents have resorted to closing their shops and businesses early as a precautionary measure, further disrupting daily life in the area.

The latest cases involved attack on a pharmacy in the heart of Imphal city. Two unknown persons riding a two-wheeler vehicle fired two rounds at a pharmacy located at Thangal Bazar under City police station on Tuesday around 6 pm. The pharmacy named Mahalakshmi Pharmacy is owned by one Ram Nath of Telipati, Imphal East that has been attack. Fortunately, no one was injured in the firing.

A case has been registered at City police station and investigation is underway to nab the culprits, police report said.

Meanwhile, condemning the firing incident, pharmacies in Imphal have shutdown since early morning. Pharmacists in Manipur demanded the state government to arrest the culprits involved and appeal not to repeat such act to the pharmacies in the future. Reports indicate a tremendous increase in incidents involving extortion demands made by various groups and individuals operating in the region. Business owners, shopkeepers, and residents have reported receiving threatening messages and demands for money, with consequences promised for non-compliance.



Since the onset of violence in the state of Manipur on the 3rd May, 2023, Imphal valley has witnessed numerous cases of extortion, threats and monetary demands by various Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) and Meitei radical groups. The Meitei womenfolks – the Meira Paibis, too have resorted to unauthorized public donations along the main roads. Many in the past have raised their concerns regarding unauthorized roadside donation that have caused huge nuisance to commuters. Now, as the Kukis have avoided travelling to Imphal, it is the Naga tribals who bear the brunt of Meitei women's unauthorized donations along routes leading to Naga areas from Imphal valley. This has also caused a series of violent incidents resulting from the roadside donations.

The Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has also announced that it will take action against illegal donation along the main roads. However, no visible action has been initiated by the law enforcement agencies to tackle the nuisance of roadside donation in Imphal valley.

INC MAY FIELD ALFRED IN OUTER, FOUR VIE FOR CONG TICKET IN INNER

Indian National Congress (INC) may field ex-MLA Alfred Kangam Arthur in the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency and either JNU Associate Professor Angomcha Bimol Akoijam or MPCC vice-president Hareshwar Goswami in the Inner Constituency.

Although the MPCC has forwarded names of four aspiring candidates to fight the Lok Sabha election in Inner Manipur PC, sources said that Dr Bimol Akoijam and Hareshwar Goswami are the frontrunners for the party ticket.

MPCC president K Meghachandra said that four individuals applied for Congress ticket to contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha election in Inner Manipur PC.

MPCC vice president Hareshwar Goswami, JNU Associate Professor Dr Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, retired IAS officer Abujam Tombikanta and MPCC senior spokesman and AICC member Ningombam Bhupenda have applied for Congress ticket, Meghachandra said.

He said that the Manipur Pradesh Congress Election Committee has forwarded the names of all the four applicants to the AICC.

Who gets the Congress ticket in Inner Manipur PC would be known only after AICC brings out the list of candidates, Meghachandra said.

AICC is expected to name the Congress party's candidate in Inner Manipur PC in the next couple of days. All the aspiring candidates are qualified, popular and well-

known personalities. MPCC would welcome when AICC allots a party ticket to any one of them, said the MPCC president.

MPCC has also reached a consensus to support the candidate selected by the AICC, he said.

With K Meghachandra in the chair, leaders of MPCC frontal organisations held a meeting on the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections at Congress Bhavan today.

In Outer Manipur PC, MPCC has forwarded the name of Alfred Kangam Arthur to the AICC.

Notably, Alfred Kangam Arthur was elected to the 11th Manipur Legislative Assembly from Ukhrul AC.

As no other individual is seeking Congress ticket in Outer Manipur PC, Alfred Kangam Arthur would certainly get the Congress ticket, Meghachandra said.

However, another source informed that apart from Alfred Kangam Arthur, ex-MLA (Phungyar AC) Victor Keishing too applied for Congress ticket.

The name of Alfred Kangam Arthur was forwarded to the AICC after a consensus was reached within MPCC, said the source.

Source: TSE



Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men.

– George S. Patton



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ANALYSIS

NDTV's Manipur Expert: A Bias Meitei 'Fake' Journalist Mr. Debanish Achom Meitei

Various media outlets have been regularly reporting on the current violence in Manipur, and most of the journalists reporting on Manipur have highlighted the cause behind the violence, and the issues that continue to plague and flare the current violence, in a balanced ethical manner of journalism. One glaring exception to this fair & ethical journalism has been the NDTV's reporting on Manipur violence. NDTV's report on Manipur has always been one-sided in favour of the majority Meiteis, and it does not waste any ink to point fingers at the Kukis for any of the ills happening in Manipur.

The main reason behind this bias reporting of NDTV is its main reporter Mr. Debanish Achom, who belongs to the Meitei community. Other reporters of other media outlet reporting on Manipur are clearly chosen by the Chief Editors from neutral communities so as to have a value-neutral ground reporting. Even when the NDTV news on Manipur has been reported by other journalists, the concerned news is finally edited by Mr. Achom, so that he can still inject his bias views in the final version of the said news. Some of the sample of the editing by Mr. Achom Meitei, the Manipur expert recruited by NDTV.

"Myanmar Nationals Who Entered India Illegally Deported Today": Manipur Chief Minister

India News | Reported by Ratnadip Choudhury, Edited by Debanish Achom | Friday March 8, 2024

Army Officer Kidnapped From Manipur Home In 4th Such Incident

India News | Reported by Ratnadip Choudhury, Edited by Debanish Achom | Friday March 8, 2024

Manipur Commandos' "Arms Down" Protest Over "Restrain" Order On Action Against Armed Group

India News | Reported by Ratnadip Choudhury, Edited by Debanish Achom | Wednesday February 28, 2024

Fierce Gunfight Near Senior Cop's House In Manipur's Imphal, Army Called In

India News | Reported by Ratnadip Choudhury, Edited by Debanish Achom | Tuesday February 27, 2024

Below are only some of the bias reporting of the Meitei journalist Mr. Debanish Achom, whose specific targeting of the Kuki community, has made NDTV news on Manipur appear like paid news.

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Sl.	Date of Publication	News Title	Specific Example of Biased Reporting
1.	March 12, 2024	How Women Lead By Example In Manipur Relief Camp That's Also A School	<div data-bbox="1175 451 2037 685" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Over 180 have died in the ethnic clashes between the hill-majority Kuki-Zo tribes and the valley-majority Meiteis, and thousands have been internally displaced. The state bordering Myanmar - the junta nation that's struggling for its own survival - is yet to see peace 10 months since the first clashes happened, primarily over serious disagreements on sharing land, resources, political representation, and affirmative action policies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Post a comment</p> </div> <p>The news was about Meitei Women in Relief Camp. The Meitei journalist Mr. Achom has been trying hard to create space in the news to propagate the issue as majority (valley) versus majority (hills), in order to downplay the atrocities of the majority on the minorities. Further, the news in no way has any relation to Myanmar, but Mr. Achom will inject a line or two on Myanmar to indirectly support the stand adopted by the Meitei CM that the violence was “initiated by the armed groups from Myanmar”</p>
2.	March 11, 2024	Blog: In Manipur, To SoO Or Not	<div data-bbox="1175 1142 2037 1276" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>These groups have also publicly instigated communities in Manipur to hate each other, when the net result of the SoO agreement should have been development and peace.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1175 1303 2037 1397" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>To cut a long horror story short, since 2008, when the SoO agreement was formally signed, crores of rupees have been spent on stipends; the public</p> </div> <p>In this article, Mr. Achom has clearly brought out his hatred for the Kukis, and has blatantly accused the Kukis of instigating communities, when he does not have any iota of proof. Rather, a bias journalist with an agenda to demonise the Kukis is the one instigating one community against another through the active support of NDTV. He even termed the SoO agreement with the Kukis as “a horror story” much against the wisdom of the Union Government.</p>
3.	February 17, 2024	"No Such Thing As Buffer Zone, Forces Can Go Anywhere": Manipur Chief Minister	<div data-bbox="1175 1814 2037 1908" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>The head constable, Siamiaipaul, was suspended over allegations that he had been training an armed group, who call themselves "village defence volunteers".</p> </div> <p>The Head Constable was suspended by the SP, Churachandpur over various charges, and the suspension order was also available in the public domain, but training an armed group was never a part of those charges. Mr. Achom Meitei made up those non-existent charges, and even published it in NDTV as ‘truths’ only to further his agenda of demonising the suspended Kuki Policeman.</p>

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4.	February 27, 2024	Fierce Gunfight Near Senior Cop's House In Manipur's Imphal, Army Called In	<p>Imphal/Guwahati: A fierce gunbattle broke out between the security guards of a senior police officer and an armed group in Manipur's capital Imphal today.</p> <p>Even when the Manipur Police has publicly acknowledged in Media outlets and even in social media that the gunfight was against Arambai Tenggol (AT), Mr. Achom Meitei has been reluctant to name the outlawed AT, as it does not suit his fake agenda of "meiteis as peace loving".</p>

A thorough analysis of the articles written or edited by Mr. Achom Meitei shows that he has no hesitation in naming Kuki groups or village volunteers, but he has preferred to use the terms "armed group", "village defence volunteers", "unknown people", "unidentified armed group", while describing the Meitei armed miscreants. Even when the Arambai Tenggol was facing

huge criticism from the media, and groups across all spectrum, for its attack on a Manipur Police officer, Mr. Achom Meitei tried his best to valorize the unlawful organization by calling them "village defence volunteers" and "a layer of defence in the foothills".

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



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Why are you refusing to acknowledge the civil war in Manipur?



Narendra Modi @narendramodi · 1d

I look forward to being in Pokhran later today. This place has an emotional attachment with every Indian. In Pokhran, I will have the opportunity to witness a demonstration of indigenous defence capabilities in a Tri-Services Live Fire and Manoeuvre Exercise. I am glad...

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Sushma Sharma @SushmaSh22 · 5h

Sometimes i wonder, why not #Manipur police be called as #Meitei police. All they serves is Meitei & not the general public including minorities #Kuki Although they are hired to serve people without cast or religion. This is totally wrong. #CBBUK #Oscars2024 #stockmarketcrash

MEITEI MILITANTS' ATTEMPT TO ATTACK KUKI AREAS FOILED BY CENTRAL FORCES IN JIRIBAM

In the bid to continue to annihilate the Kuki community by the majority Meiteis in connivance with the Meitei State government led by communal Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, the Meitei militants tried to intrude the Kuki areas of Jiribam on Monday with full military gear.

Around 50 suspected members of the valley based militant outfit- United National Liberation Front (UNLF, Pambel faction) moved towards a Kuki village of Mongbung in Jiribam tonight at around 8:00 PM, carrying sophisticated weapons and with full military gear. The advancing Meitei militants were intercepted and halted at Lalpani bazaar, around 1km away from Mongbung village, by Assam Rifles and were forced to return.

As per sources, there had been several incidents of UNLF (P) cadres openly roaming around Jiribam areas and carrying out provocative firing towards the Kuki inhabited areas of Jiribam after the group had peace talks with the Government of India with the help of the Manipur government.

Notably, three months after the Union government and the Manipur government signed a peace agreement with one of the factions of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), the oldest valley-based armed insurgent group, officials said the terms of the pact—which include monitoring of the armed cadres—are not available to the central security agencies.

A senior government official had told The Hindu newspaper that there has been a sharp rise in cases of extortion in the valley areas of the state in the name of UNLF.

Neither has a camp been designated for holding the armed cadres nor has the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) or the State Police been nominated to monitor the movement of the cadres, a second government



official said. The total number of cadres and the monthly stipend to be allocated to the cadres is also not known.

"The military wing of the UNLF has been roaming around in vehicles brandishing weapons. Their involvement in looting of a police armoury has also been found. Post the signing of the peace pact, the cadres were observed indulging in violence against security forces," the official said.

In the wake of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom, the Meitei government led by communal Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has been using the Meitei militants and his private militia groups of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun to annihilate the Kukis from their ancestral land. Even after ten months of the pogrom, the Meiteis still continue their aggression of the Kukis, and peace and normalcy still remain a far cry.

**ANALYSIS****Justice for Persecuted Minorities In the Neighbouring Countries
But What of for the Persecuted Indian Kuki Minority?**

The Home Minister of India Amit Shah while speaking at the social media warriors' meet in Hyderabad's Secunderabad praised the PM. He said "PM Modi honoured Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain refugees through CAA...to save their faith and honour, lakhs and crores of people from Pakistan and Bangladesh came to India but were not granted citizenship...They felt insulted in their own country when they were not granted citizenship."

The concept of citizenship is basically a ROMANCE between a state and the citizens. It is a symbiotic relationship between the state and citizens, where the state confers certain Rights, privileges and benefits to its citizens, citizens also have obligations and duties towards the state. Thus, citizenship ensures the right to Live with dignity in a law-based society.

The implementation of CAA would ensure the right to live with dignity under the full protection of the Indian government for lakhs of minorities from the three countries who fled to India due to persecution in their home country. As a victim of minority persecution based on religion and ethnicity by a majority community, the Kukis understand their plight and suffering, thus share their happiness on their independence day from the clutches of suffering borne out from daily subjugation of majority atrocities and the humiliation from being treated as undeserving one and as a second class human beings in the place they reside.

The question however remains, why can't the government of India empathize it's own citizens - the minority Kukis who are persecuted based on their religion and ethnicity presently In the state of Manipur as they empathize and understand those minorities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan? Why can't they ensure the right to live with dignity for the Kukis too like they did to the minorities in these countries? Why are THEY left alone to be butchered at the hands of Meiteis, the majority community in Manipur? ARE THEY MORE INDIAN AS THEY ARE MORE IN NUMBERS? Why are Indian Kuki's interests insignificant as compared to those when they are victims of the same cruelty? Why are they called Illegal immigrant in their own country?

The Meitei community in the state of Manipur punishes the humanity the Kukis have for victims of oppression under the dictatorship of the Junta in Myanmar. Humanity is made a crime for the Kuki. The state government and central government both have data on the influx of illegal immigrants from Myanmar to Manipur, but it did not stop the oppressor from defaming and discriminating against the Kuki by calling them illegal immigrants rather than punishing the chief minister of Manipur

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who himself added fuel to the fire. Does their number prevent them from securing the protection of the government?

The irony is while other state governments and communities can protest against the implementation of CAA/NRC in their states stating it as discriminatory, an infringement of their rights and on other grounds, the minority Kukis could not exercise their democratic right against the demand for implementation of NRC in the state of Manipur although it is demanded by the Meitei government and the Meitei community with malicious intention to defame and oppress the Kuki, although the Kuki themselves are not against its implementation. It is the intention for the demands they got a problem with and they could not exercise their democratic right to protest it for it shall be utilized to further defame by the meters to convince people wrongly that the Kukis are illegal immigrants. If a layman can understand the trap, the government is bound to understand it as well. The attitude of the central government so far has shown that its powers and authority are ineffective in Meitei's atrocities and its persecution towards the Kukis.

The Meiteis today claim themselves as Hindu, but do they have the solidarity feelings for non-Meitei Hindus? Will they implement CAA in the valley district of Manipur to express their solidarity? They will terribly fail the litmus test. Be it Hindus or Indians, they will be one as long as it serves Meitei Interests. Be it democratic rights or laws, they will only abide by and accept them as long as they can suppress and oppress the Kuki. Any laws and rights in their favour are void in the state of Manipur. Kukis are thus victims of the Meiteis' fight for Meitei supremacy and interest, their fight for their own cause and interest results in the persecution of Kukis based on their ethnicity and religion.

Thus, the Kukis of India need the healing touch of the country's PM and his government to save the faith and honour, and to protect them from the insult, atrocities and persecution from the hand of Meiteis like persecuted minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Will the central government have the same empathy and understanding as they have for the Kuki?



THE WASTED CM AND THE TROUBLED ARREST



Reverbating *Educational* SORROW

- Diana Phiamphu



In Kuki's hills, once serene,
Now echoes a sorrow, a tragic scene,
Where children yearn for knowledge's light,
But violence shrouds their days in blight.

In classrooms empty, desks lie bare,
Silenced by fear, by despair,
The laughter silenced, the silence loud,
As dreams are shattered, hopes are cowed.

Oh, lament the neglect, the pain,
Of education lost to violence's reign,
In Manipur's land, where hearts still weep,
For a future stolen, a promise to keep.

But in the shadows, a flicker remains,
A spark of hope, amidst the chains,
For in the darkest hour, courage will rise,
To defy the darkness, to reach for the skies.

Let voices ring, let actions speak,
To mend the wounds, the future seek,
For in the heart of Kuki hill's strife,
Lies the strength to rebuild a brighter life.

So stand together, hand in hand,
To heal the scars, to reclaim the land,
Where education blooms, like a flower untamed,
In Kuki hill's story, resilience proclaimed.