

# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



## THE FORGOTTEN POGROM





## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13.04.2024



**173**  
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.



# BLOODSHED IN MANIPUR AHEAD OF POLLS AFTER MEITEI MILITANTS' BRUTAL ASSAULT ON KUKIS, CLAIMING TWO KUKI VOLUNTEERS; CoTU CALLS 24-HOUR TOTAL SHUTDOWN

In a shocking prelude to the impending India's largest festival of democracy, a group of Meitei militants the Arambai Tenggol, allegedly aided by the Meitei Police Commandos, unleashed a coordinated assault in the Phailengmol region of Kangpokpi District, claiming the lives of two Kuki volunteers.

The ruthless act of violence has sent shockwaves across the nation, especially to the Kuki community, prompting widespread condemnation.

In the aftermath of the heinous act, concerns about escalating tensions in the region loom large, casting a shadow over the upcoming electoral process.

In a chilling act of barbarity, armed Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol group ruthlessly desecrated the bodies of the fallen Kuki volunteers, mercilessly firing upon them multiple times even after death, utterly devoid of any shred of humanity or reverence for the dead. The dead corpses were dragged down the hill slope and later mutilated into pieces.

The outbreak of fresh violence, fueled by the aggression of armed Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol has now spread to Kangpokpi District after their brutal assault on Peljang Haikot Kuki villages in Tengnoupal District yesterday.

Amidst the lingering tension in Peljang-Haikot after Friday's heinous attack, armed Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol struck again. This time, their target was the Kuki populace in Kamu-Saichang, Bongjang, and Monglham villages of the Phailengmol region in Kangpokpi District.



According to the Phailengmol Defence Committee, the tranquillity of Kamu-Saichang, Bongjang and Monglham villages was shattered at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning as they were besieged from multiple fronts in a meticulously coordinated attack by Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol.

The Committee also said that Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol backed by Meitei Police Commandos in cutting-edge bulletproof vehicles (Mine Protected Vehicles), recently acquired by the Government of Manipur, launched a devastating assault on the Kuki at Bongjang old village, triggering a fierce exchange of gunfire.

Another group of Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol along with the state Meitei police commandos attacked Monglham village near Karong, sparking intense gunfight across multiple fronts.

Brandishing sophisticated weapons including snipers, Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol

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were sighted maneuvering through the hills, evidently gearing up for another impactful assault.

Two Kuki volunteers were brutally killed in the second attack by Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol, aided by the Meitei Police Commandos. The fallen heroes are identified as Kamminlal Lupheng (23) S/o Paolet Lupheng of K.Sajal Village, Kangpokpi District, and Kamlengsat Lunkim (22) S/o Thangkhomang Lunkim of Bongjang Village, Kangpokpi District.

Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol combatants were also witnessed atop the hill, from several viral videos, jubilantly cheering and fervently chanting slogans such as “Arambai Tenggol na Yaiphare” and “Meitei na Yaiphare” after the attack.

Meanwhile, the Committee on Tribal Unity, Sadar Hills Kangpokpi called an emergency meeting following the Phailengmol region’s incident.

It is widely acknowledged that all the gun battles in the ongoing Manipur violence occurred within the Kuki dominated hills, indicating that the attacks were carried out by armed Arambai Tenggol and Meitei militants.

However, since the eruption of Manipur Mayhem, which delineated the separation between the Kuki and the Meitei, the Meitei-owned media houses based in Imphal and some other hills based Media houses have repeatedly reported otherwise, never failing to portray the Kuki as the attacker, building narratives and vilifying the Kuki as opposed to the factual occurrence where Meitei militants have always been the aggressor.

Following the brutal killing of two Kuki volunteers and the shooting of a labourer belonging to the Kuki community at Gamgiphai by armed Meitei Militants, the Committee on Tribal Unity, or the CoTU, Sadar Hills imposed a 24-hour total shutdown in the entire Sadar

Hills Kangpokpi District from midnight of April 13 till midnight of April 14.

While condemning the alleged state-sponsored clandestine attacks to the Phailengmol region this morning by secessionist armed Meitei Militants in which two Kuki volunteers sacrificed their lives to defend the area, CoTU also condemned the shooting of a labourer belonging to the Kuki community at Kuki dominated area of Gamgiphai on April 12 by armed Meitei militants.

The Kuki top body stated that illegal quarrying and pilferage of villages at L. Songphel, Saichang, Bongjang, Kamu-Saichang, and Bongbal Khullen by the Meiteis were precursors to the recent incident of Phailengmol region.

“The insatiable appetite to wage war and aggression by the majoritarian Meitei community against the minority Kuki community is a clear indication to exert political dominance over the minority”, stated CoTU.

The Committee also expressed dismay over the alleged state Election Commission’s indifferent attitude towards the rampant movement of secessionist Meitei Militants in the valley districts stating that it is a disservice to the democratic set-up of the country.

The Committee then stated that a 24-hour Total Shutdown would be imposed in the entire Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District with effect from midnight of April 13 till midnight of April 14 as a mark of protest against the inhuman and barbaric act of the secessionist Meitei militants and their willful disregard of the Modal Code of Conduct of the Election Commission of India.

# KUKI INPI SOUTH-WEST SADAR HILLS OPPOSES DEPLOYMENT OF STATE FORCES AS ESCORTS FOR VEHICLES ALONG NH-37

The Kuki Inpi South West Sadar Hills (KISWSH) has opposed the arrangement for deployment of state forces as escorts for vehicles along the National Highway 37, while recommending the continued engagement of central forces, if deemed necessary.

In a press statement released on Saturday, the Kuki Inpi South West Sadar Hills expressed its apprehension that there has been a specific arrangement of state forces other than the already engaged Central Forces along National Highway-37, Imphal-Jiribam Road, to escort the plying vehicles. It mentioned that NH 37 has been effectively safeguarded by central security forces since the outbreak of the ethnic violence in the state, and such measures have contributed to the absence of unwanted incidents along this crucial highway till today.

The Kuki Inpi, however said, "It has recently come to our attention that there has been a deviation from this established security protocol. Reports indicated that the state government has suggested the engagement of state forces to escort vehicles along NH-37, also known as the Imphal-Jiribam Road". It strongly condemned such proposal of security arrangement and its departure from the established practice of deploying the central forces.

The organisation viewed this proposal with suspicion, as it has the potential to exacerbate tensions and negatively impact the current situation.

The Kuki Inpi maintained a firm stance that the proposed engagement of state forces as convoys along NH-37 should be immediately rescinded to maintain the status quo and peace along the area.

"Any actions taken against the principles outlined in the press statement will absolve Kuki Inpi of responsibility



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### PRESS STATEMENT

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

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The Kuki Inpi South West Sadar Hills (KI-SWSH) wishes to address the public and concerned authorities regarding the security situation along National Highway 37 (NH 37) in Manipur.

It has been observed that NH 37 has been effectively safeguarded by central forces since the onset of violence in the region. These measures have contributed to the absence of reported incidents along this crucial roadway.

However, it has recently come to our attention that there has been a deviation from this established security protocol. Reports indicate that the state government has suggested the engagement of state forces to escort vehicles along NH-37, also known as the Imphal-Jiribam Road.

The Kuki Inpi South West Sadar Hills strongly condemns this proposed security arrangement and its departure from the established practice of deploying central forces. The organisation view this proposal with suspicion, as it has the potential to exacerbate tensions and negatively impact the current situation.

It is our firm stance that the proposed engagement of state forces as convoys along NH-37 should be immediately rescinded to maintain the status quo and peace in the area. Instead, we recommend the continued engagement of central forces, if deemed necessary.

We wish to emphasize that any actions taken against the principles outlined in this press statement will absolve our organization of responsibility for any untoward incidents that may occur as a result. The responsibility for such actions will solely lie with the concerned state authority that implements them.

We urge all parties involved to carefully consider the implications of their actions on the peace and stability of the region. It is crucial to adhere to already established security protocols for the well-being of all citizens.

Information & Publicity  
Kuki Inpi South West Sadar Hills

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for any untoward incidents that may occur as a result", it said, adding that the responsibility for such actions would solely lie with the concerned state authority that implements the proposal.

The Kuki Inpi further urged all parties involved, to carefully consider and reconsider the implications of their actions, for peace and stability of the region. It is crucial to adhere to the already established security protocols for the well-being of all citizens, it added.





# KSO CHURACHANDPUR CONDEMNS BRUTAL MUTILATION OF DEAD BODIES, SECURITY FORCES INACTION

The Kuki Students' Organization Churachandpur has stated that the failure of the security forces to prevent tragic incidents on Saturday resulting in loss of two Kuki lives is deeply troubling and warrants serious scrutiny.

The KSO Churachandpur issued a release on Saturday, stating that they vehemently condemned the recent 'barbaric attack' carried out by Meitei militants in Kuki areas, resulting in the tragic loss of two precious lives on Saturday at Phailengmol area under Saikul Sub-Division in Kangpokpi district.

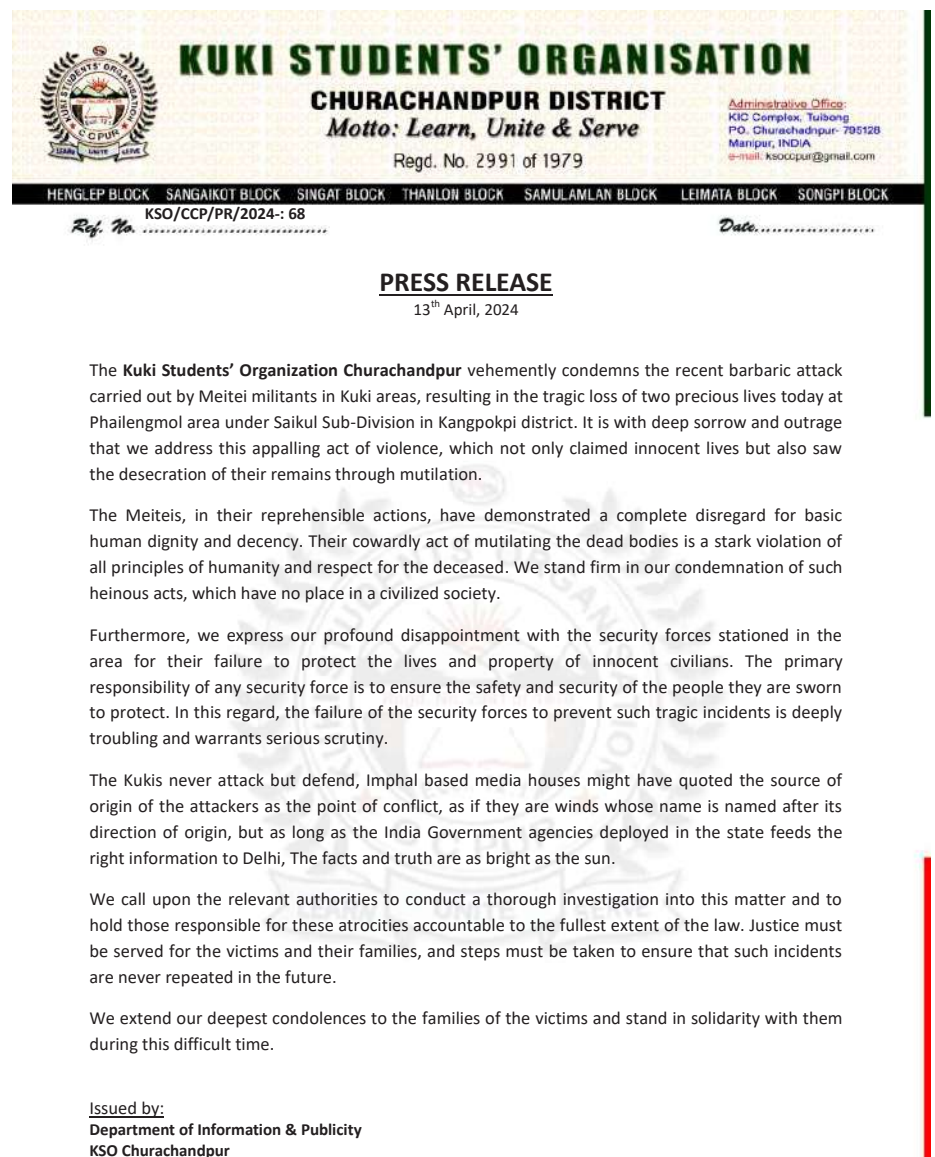
The KSO Churachandpur also expressed profound disappointment with the security forces stationed in the area for their failure to protect the lives and property of innocent civilians. The primary responsibility of any security force is to ensure the safety and security of the people they are sworn to protect, stated the release.

KSO stated that the incident not only claimed innocent lives but also saw the desecration of their remains through mutilation.

The Meiteis, in their reprehensible actions, have demonstrated a complete disregard for basic human dignity and decency. Their cowardly act of mutilating the dead bodies is a stark violation of all principles of humanity and respect for the deceased, KSO said.

The KSO Churachandpur stands firm in its condemnation of such heinous acts, which have no place in a civilized society.

KSO further stated that the Kukis never attack but defend and added that Imphal based media houses might have quoted the source of origin of the attackers as the point of conflict, as if they are winds whose name is named after its direction of origin. However, as long as the Indian government agencies deployed in the state feed the right information to Delhi, the facts and truth are as bright as the sun, KSO argued.



The KSO called upon the relevant authorities to conduct a thorough investigation into this matter and to hold those responsible for such atrocities accountable to the fullest extent of the law. Justice must be served for the victims and their families, and steps must be taken to ensure that such incidents are never repeated in the future, urged KSO.

The student body also extended its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and stands in solidarity with them during this difficult time.

# CONTRADICTION UNVEILED: MANIPUR CM ASSERTS NORMALCY, REALITY PAINTS A DIFFERENT PICTURE

Meitei Chief Minister Mr. Biren Singh is a pathological liar best known for making unsubstantiated statements nonchalantly, fooling himself and his political bosses in Delhi with many baseless statements on media platforms.

The chief orchestrator of violence, Biren Singh said that normalcy has been restored in Manipur in the last 4-5 months. In an interview to Bikash Singh of the Economic Times, he claimed the Centre had taken efforts to protect the indigenous people.

“Normalcy has been restored in Manipur in the last 4-5 months. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in his Independence Day speech emphasised on the need to restore peace in Manipur and Union home minister Amit Shah has been monitoring the law and order 24x7 since. That is why normalcy has been restored. People are in election mode and we have started campaigning. People support BJP.”

On the day when Biren proclaimed that normalcy has been restored in the state, two Kuki village volunteers have lost their lives in a premeditated attack carried out by the Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol, aided by the State Police Commandos in Phailengmol areas of Saikul Sub-Division under Kangpokpi district. Yesterday, there were coordinated attacks by the Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol on Kuki villages of Tengnoupal district, bordering with Thoubal district.

It is widely acknowledged that all the gun battles in the ongoing Manipur violence occurred within the Kuki-Zo-dominated hills, indicating that the attacks were carried out by the armed Arambai Tenggol, and the Meitei militants.



However, since the eruption of Manipur Mayhem, which delineated the separation between the Kuki and the Meitei, the Meitei-owned media houses based in Imphal, and some other hills based Media have reported otherwise, portraying the Kuki as attacking the Meitei. Any sane mind in this world will know that if gun battle occurs in Kuki areas, the attackers for sure will be the Meiteis, the attackers ventured out of their area, and the defenders will stand valiantly guarding their borders.

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# NSCN IM IS NO MORE WORKING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WHOLE NAGA, SAYS ZELIANGRONG UNITED FRONT

The Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF) has said, “The NSCN IM is no longer working for the welfare of the whole Naga people but busy making business of profits and positions with the electioneering game”.

In a press release issued on Saturday, the Zeliangrong insurgent outfit condemned the recent incident in Noney wherein an independent candidate for Outer Manipur parliamentary constituency, Alyson Abonmai and his team were allegedly detained, harassed and banned from conducting election campaign in Noney and Tamenglong by NSCN (IM) cadres and UNC volunteers.

The incident was widely circulated on social media platforms wherein Alyson Abonmai and his team were humiliated and threatened with dire consequences and were not even allowed to buy vegetables from local vendors.

ZUF stated that a person who claimed to be a town commander of NSCN (IM) forcefully snatched/removed the flag of the independent candidate from the vehicles at Noney Bazar. Similar incidents had also been witnessed in some parts of Ukhrul District, wherein the public meeting of INC candidate for Outer Manipur parliamentary constituency, Alfred K Arthur, was disrupted with gunfire, in more than one occasion.

ZUF, in its previous press release on March 23, 2024, had called for “Free and Fair election” in all Zeliangrong inhabited areas in particular and the Naga areas in general.

The Zeliangrong United Front said, “It is very unthought-of and shameful that the NSCN (IM) are interested in Indian electoral politics and openly working for NPF candidate with ulterior motive of treating Zeliangrong people as a second-class Naga”.

“When our own son of the soil is being treated like this, where is our secure stand and political ethics of

Zeliangrong people if such challenges are let free in our society?”.

The outfit also asked how long the people would remain mute spectators under the dictatorial rule of NSCN (IM) taking the pretext of Naga Nationalism and over powering them with the hands of tyranny. “It is the social ethic of every Indian society to practice free and fair elections in a democratic process”, it said, asserting that voters should be enabled to make their free choice to cast their votes for the candidates of their choice without fear or control from any quarter.

ZUF went on to state that every candidate and political party shall have an equal opportunity of access to mass communications in order to put forth their political views and interests.

“While ZUF is advocating for free and fair elections, the NSCN IM goes on detecting and hunting to kill anyone who stands in the way”, it said while mentioning the Joint Secretary of ZUF, Alur Seikho, who was dragged out of a house and killed in open public space.

“The nature of aggressiveness by the NSCN (IM) should be put to an end once for all”, it said, and warned that if NSCN (IM), UNC and affiliating units continue the act of forcefully threatening and intimidating the public to support NPF, the ZUF would deal with their iron hands and the people indulging in such activities should bear the responsibility of any consequences that transpired from their actions.

The insurgent group also urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to take the necessary measures for free and fair elections, thereby ensuring various political parties and candidates to enjoy a reasonable opportunity and platform to present their electoral interests in all the areas.



# MANIPUR CONGRESS LODGES COMPLAINT WITH CEO OVER FIRING AT PARTY ELECTION MEETING

The Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) has raised concerns over the safety of electoral proceedings following an alarming incident during an election meeting held in Bishnupur district. The MPCC has urged the Chief Electoral Officer of Manipur to take decisive action against the perpetrators responsible for the gunfire that disrupted the event.


According to the MPCC, the incident occurred on Friday afternoon during an election-related public interaction programme for Congress Inner Manipur Lok Sabha candidate Angomcha Bimol Akoijam. Approximately 400 to 500 attendees had gathered at Phairembam in Bishnupur district when the tranquility of the gathering was shattered by the sudden sound of gunshots, allegedly fired by unidentified individuals.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Electoral Officer, the MPCC detailed the harrowing events, stating that the



gunfire was followed by threats from unidentified gunmen who ordered the organizers and attendees to disperse immediately, thereby disrupting the democratic process.

Source: [India Today](#)



**LAUNCHING SOON**

This treatise is being prepared and published to unravel the lies and perfidy of our adversaries and put in perspective the authentic truth so that it stands as a testimony of the genocide that is being perpetrated on us and our people. With the hope and expectation that the perpetrators of these reprehensible crimes are brought to justice; and ignite a glimmer of solace and consolation to our indignant souls.



## MANIPUR IED BLAST: NIA FILES CHARGESHEET AGAINST TWO

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday filed a chargesheet against two accused, including the main conspirator, involved in the IED blast in Manipur in June last year that injured three people.

The explosion that took place inside a vehicle at Kwakta in Bishnupur district also caused damage to several public and private properties.

The accused identified as Seiminlun Gangte alias Minlun and Mohammed Noor Hussain alias Tomba alias Mohammed Nur Hasan were found involved in the blast that took place on a bridge, adjoining Phougakchao Ikhai Awang Leikai and Kwakta at 7.10 pm on June 21, 2023.

They have been charged under various sections of Indian Penal Code, Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Explosive Substances Act 1908, and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984.

The explosion, triggered by a bomb-fitted Mahindra Scorpio SUV, damaged the bridge, electric pole, electrical assets and surrounding houses.

On June 24, the Manipur government transferred the Kwakta blast to the NIA citing the alleged involvement of insurgents operating in the state and across the border.

The agency stated that after his arrest on October 16, 2023, Noor Hussain, revealed that he had driven the



IED-borne Mahindra Scorpio and parked it over the Kwakta bridge, while his co-passenger initiated the detonating mechanism of the IED. Seiminlun Gangte, was arrested on November 2 and was later identified as the key conspirator.

As per NIA investigations, Gangte was said to have conspired with his accomplices to blow off the bridge with the intent to strike terror and to cut off the movement of security forces, people and supply of commodities. Hence, Gangte had recruited his associates for reconnaissance of the targeted area and to execute the actual explosion, the sleuths said.

Investigations are on to trace other accused involved in the case, the agency said.

Source: [Indian Express](#)



**Terrorism works better as a tactic for dictatorships, or for would-be dictators, than for revolutionaries.**

— Christopher Hitchens



# EULOGY TO OUR FALLEN HEROES



## OUR FALLEN HEROES IN DEFENCE OF OUR ANCESTRAL LAND & FREEDOM



**KAMLENGSAT LUNKIM**  
s/o Pu Thangkhomang Lunkim  
Bongjang Village  
Island Block, Sadar Hills



**KAMMINLAL LUPHENG**  
s/o Pu Paokholet Lupheng  
Nongdam Kuki Village  
Kasom Khullen Subdivision, Kamjong



13.04.2024  
Saturday

Desecrated your bodies lay, at the hands of cowards whose day shall yet come. But your souls must have found peace giving your all and laying down your lives in defence of our ancestral land and freedom. Your fight now over, may you find joy and comfort in the company of good men and women who've gone before us to pray for us and watch over us from above.

Your sacrifices shall not be in vain. In our hearts, we bear unspeakable gratitude to you and deepest condolences for the loved ones you leave behind. And in our minds, a new reckoning.

May you rest in eternal peace in the loving arms of the Father.

**KSO Media & Documentation Cell**  
13.04.2024 (Saturday)







FEATURED ARTICLE

# The Prime Minister Has a Habit of Making Tall Claims. Manipur Has Not Been Saved

Patricia Mukhim

For the Kuki-Zo people of Manipur who have been restricted to the hills, as if under house arrest, time drags on and they see no light at the end of the tunnel. On 3 May, which is just three weeks away from today, the violence that killed and maimed over two hundred people, with women subjected to the vilest forms of atrocities including being mercilessly raped in broad daylight and hundreds of homes going up in flames, would touch the one year mark.

In no other state would the Modi government have allowed this level of violence to continue, and for thousands of people to be living in relief camps because their homes have been razed to the ground. In no other state in this country is there an embargo for the people of one part of the state to travel to the other.

The Kuki-Zo people working in various institutions in Imphal have not been able to return to their places of work due to fear of being attacked. What is crystal clear is that the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) government in Manipur and the central government have turned a blind eye to all that has befallen the Kuki-Zo tribes of Manipur.

What is equally scandalous is Prime Minister Modi's recent claims that his government had sent some of

the best bureaucrats and police officials to bring down the violence in the state, and that "timely intervention" saved Manipur. The prime minister has a habit of making tall claims, most of which are not supported by ground realities.

## Modi Government Refuses to Pay Heed to Ground Realities

Let's put aside Manipur for a minute.

Inflation has raised the cost of living to sky-high levels in the northeastern states where the cost of transportation adds to that of essential commodities. Add to this the rent-seeking economy where sundry groups collect their hafta from these goods-carrying trucks, and you have a situation where the poor can barely afford a square meal. 15 kg of free rice a month for a family of five or six does not take them too far.

Most families cannot afford lentils (dal), much less meat, because of the prohibitive prices. Can the prime minister claim that Indians are much better off now than they were before 2014?

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In 2023, India was ranked 111th out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index. India scored 28.7 indicating a serious level of hunger. India's ranking was worse than that of Pakistan (102), Bangladesh (81), Nepal (69) and Sri Lanka (60). As expected, the Modi Government pooh-poohed the statistics, calling them malafide.

Undernourishment or Malnourishment among children is also a huge problem in the rural areas of this country, particularly the northeastern region, where child wasting, which stands at 18.7 per cent in India, tells us the sordid story of acute malnutrition. But the Modi government is casting aside all these ground realities as if they have been crafted to denigrate his government.

### **Is the Prime Minister Aware of the Harsh Realities of a Fractured Manipur?**

Regarding Manipur, the prime minister has remained a silent spectator. He refused to utter the 'M' word for months after the violence occurred and had to be literally dragged to parliament by an uncompromising Opposition, where in a speech lasting over an hour, he only uttered the word "Manipur" only once. What sort of a leader is this who has left a section of his own people to suffer in silence, that too because they are too weak to put up any resistance, having been deprived of all their physical resources and their willpower eroded to the point of complete helplessness.

In normal circumstances, no matter how callous a central government, the state's chief minister presiding over such a reign of terror would have been asked to step down, but none of that happened. To date, the Kuki-Zo people are unable to travel to places outside the state via Imphal airport. They either have to take the Aizawl or Dimapur route. What would it take for the prime minister to even acknowledge that the government has failed Manipur and its people?

Prime Minister Modi's claims that Home Minister Amit Shah spent three days in the state to calm tempers are simply not enough. The problems of Manipur are

complex and Amit Shah cannot decipher the deeply entrenched differences between the hill tribes and those residing in the valley (a difference that has been exacerbated by the politics of division) in three days.

The three major ethnic communities residing in Manipur have their own claims over the state. The Kuki-Zo people have been demanding a separate administration on the plea that they will suffer from a development deficit as they have done since the state of Manipur was created. The state government of Manipur will not bow down to that demand and has convinced the central government that the demand for a separate administration is untenable.

So, what's the way forward for the Kuki-Zo people? Is the prime minister, who has stubbornly refused to visit the state and the relief camps, aware of the predicament of a people under siege? Why is he in denial about the harsh realities of a fractured Manipur? Is the prime minister so beholden to Biren Singh for delivering Manipur to the BJP for two successive terms that he does not want to upset the apple cart?

Above all, what sort of election can be held in a state that is wracked by violence that has wrecked thousands of young lives and their educational endeavours, who are now living hopeless lives, uncertain as to what the future holds for them? Does the prime minister care about the plight of these young desperados? Perhaps he cannot even relate to them because they don't resemble the normal "Indian." That is the tragedy of being a northeasterner, nay a hill tribal, in this country.

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# THE BUZZ

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The Arambai Tenggol Militia is brazenly engaged in militant training, arming themselves with illegal weapons. They have reignited their vicious assaults on the Kuki Village Volunteers, mercilessly slaughtering them in their own villages. Furthermore, there have been numerous sightings of the Arambai Tenggol Militia in the company of Manipur's CM Biren Singh, raising serious questions about his alleged complicity in these heinous acts. 🇮🇳



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Heart wrenching videos are coming from Manipur

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Our PM Modi is as usual doing Election  
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## THE BRAIN BEHIND



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# Two Brave Hearts Lost in the Fray

Today, I awoke to a day filled with promise,  
Only to witness the sorrow of my kin,  
Two valiant souls, full of daring and strength,  
Who fell while defending their beloved ancestral land.

They stood tall, guarding the land they cherish,  
Their bravery and fortitude etched in our souls,  
Countless tears shed, the pain lingers on,  
Yet my courageous brothers met a tragic fate,  
Their bodies tossed about by the enemy's cruelty.

The barbaric acts and cruelties must not be forgotten,  
The authorities must address and heal the wounds of the people,  
To secure the well-being and honor of the population.

But within their sacrificial offering, they live on,  
Residing in the hearts of those who mourn their absence,  
Their spirit sparks a fervent flame within us,  
Their legacy kindles a fire in our souls.

O, Divine Protector, stand with your people,  
We beseech you, bring justice for our brothers,  
For their spirits seek tranquility and solace,  
Watch over us, lead us through this tumult.

Dear brethren, your sacrifice is eternally etched in our hearts.

- Nengneilam Lhouwum