

# Thingkho *Le* Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



WELCOME TO  
BUNGMUAL VILLAGE

STOP

NO JUSTIFICATION  
FOR DISCRIMINATION  
AND OPPRESSION

JUSTICE  
FOR ALL

NO  
DISCRIMINATION

# AWAITING JUSTICE



## KAMKHOGIN KIPGEN (19 YEARS)

S/O DEMMANG KIPGEN

ADDRESS: S. TUOLJANG, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS & COMMANDOS





## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.05.2024



**185**  
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.



# ARAMBAI TENGGOL MEMBERS ARRESTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN ABDUCTION, ASSAULT OF MANIPUR POLICE; CONDEMNATION MOUNTS AMID COTU SHUTDOWN

In a swift and major breakthrough, the Manipur police managed to crack down on Arambai Tenggol cadres allegedly involved in the brutal assault on Kangpokpi Police personnel at Koirengei on May 11.

More than 30 armed miscreants, suspected to be members of a radicalised armed group – Arambai Tenggol, were accused of assaulting four police personnel stationed at Kangpokpi Police Station, who belong to the Nepali and Muslim community. Among them, 2 person have been arrested in connection to the case.

Though complete details could not be ascertained, the arrested duos were identified as Taibanganba from Heingang and Bobo, a former resident of Thengra Leirak, Churachandpur in Manipur.

It may be mentioned that a zero FIR has been lodged at Kangpokpi Police Station and subsequently transferred to the concerned police station for further investigation.

The broad-daylight abduction and vicious physical assault on four police personnel from the Village Defence Force, or the VDF, posted at Kangpokpi Police Station by Arambai Tenggol, have sparked widespread condemnation from multiple organizations, including the Kangpokpi District VDF Welfare Association, and the Kuki Students' Organisation Sadar Hills.

The Kangpokpi District Village Defence Force Welfare Association has strongly condemned the physical assault and attempted murder of the four VDF personnel currently stationed at Kangpokpi police station.

It stated that the four VDF personnel were on an official duty in Imphal on May 11, 2024.



“Unfortunately, Arambai Tenggol intercepted and halted their vehicle at Koirengei while they were returning from Imphal to Kangpokpi after completing their assigned duty, given by a senior official around 12 pm”, it stated.

The association also alleged that the armed Arambai Tenggol members ruthlessly blindfolded the four VDF personnel, and dragged them into a nearby jungle where they were subjected to brutal assault.

The association expressed outrage at the targeting of neutral VDF personnel, who are not affiliated with any warring communities and were simply performing their official duties.

In the wake of the brutal physical assault on Kangpokpi Police personnel belonging to different communities, the Kuki Students' Organisation Sadar Hills issued a scathing rebuke against the Central Government's silence regarding the incident.

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Highlighting the deteriorating situation in Manipur, the student body pointed out the failure of state authorities to protect the Kuki populace and public servants, while emphasizing that pillars of governance in Manipur had collapsed since May 3, 2023, raising concerns about the safety and security of the people.

KSO Sadar Hills further stated that the incident underscored the urgent need for decisive actions against the armed militia groups operating in Manipur.

The student body's vocal criticism also highlighted the growing frustration over the government's perceived inaction in addressing the security challenges of the region.

Meanwhile, the 24-hours complete shutdown gripping Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District, imposed

by the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU), Sadar Hills following the vicious assault on Kangpokpi Police personnel, echoing deep-seated resentment, has crippled normal life in the district.

The Committee's stir has also intensified the clamor for the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) across all 19 police stations in Manipur's Imphal Valley.

The 24-hours total shutdown witnessed volunteers blocking the significant National Highway 2 from midnight on May 11, restricting the movement of any vehicles except those exempted from the purview of the shutdown, while all shops and business establishments in Kangpokpi Town and other parts of the district remained closed for the day.

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## KYKL CADRE INVOLVED IN EXTORTION CASE ARRESTED IN BISHNUPUR

A suspected cadre of the proscribed Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL) who was involved in various extortion cases in the southern Bishnupur district of Manipur was arrested.

Acting on specific intelligence inputs regarding extortion activities carried out by cadres of the banned KYKL near the Ningthoukhong bazaar in Bishnupur district, a joint operation was launched by Assam Rifles and Manipur Police on Sunday morning.

The search resulted in the apprehension of a KYKL cadre identified as Asem Netaji Singh alias Neta, 40.

From him, the team recovered several items including one complete set of Computers and, one mobile phone.

He was involved in various extortion cases from the general public, government employees, and business establishments in the past few months, the report said.



The apprehended individuals and recovered items have been handed over to the Police, the report added.

Source: [NE Now](#)



## NAGA BODY AGAINST PAYING OF RANSOM MONEY TO ARMED MISCREANTS

The Manipur Naga Youth Organisation (MNYO) has prohibited Naga individuals residing in Imphal and its periphery from paying any ransom money, in case of demands for any ransom made by any armed organization/unknown miscreants.

The decision was taken during an emergency meeting held on 12 May at Tarung Community Hall, Imphal along with Naga Youth Club leaders of Imphal Naga Villages on the matters of unabated threats, looting, physical tortures upon the Naga people living in and around Imphal and its peripheral areas, stated a release issued by MNYO on Sunday.

MNYO also informed the Naga populace to inform the local youth club or MNYO office in case of any intimidations perpetrated against any Naga individuals or business establishments.

MNYO claimed that they have received many complaints from among the Naga people living in Imphal area of threats and intimidations by unknown armed miscreants.

The release stated that the meeting coincided with the recent incidents that occurred in three different places in Imphal area on May 8.

The meeting resolved to form an MNYO Imphal Branch under the aegis of MNYO for strengthening and effective functioning, it added.

The MNYO is seriously observing and surveying the situation of the Naga people residing in Imphal and periphery in connection with the present ethnic clash, the release added.

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## ASSAM RIFLES RESCUES FOUR INDIVIDUALS ALLEGEDLY ABDUCTED IN CHARANGPAT

Assam Rifles, on May 12 informed that their team, in a joint operation with Manipur Police rescued four persons allegedly kidnapped by unknown persons in Charangpat, Thoubal district, in Manipur, on May 10.

Speaking to reporters, IGAR (South) stated that the rescue operation was launched after the team received credible information about four individuals being abducted from Nambol, Bishnupur.

The personnel, on reaching the location, safely rescued the victims and handed them over to the police for further investigation.

Taking to the microblogging site X, the Assam Rifles said, "Assam Rifles along with Manipur Police on 10 May 2024, rescued four kidnapped victims in Charangpat, Thoubal District in Manipur. All four kidnapped victims were safely rescued and handed over to the police."

The police teams intercepted the suspected vehicles in connection with the case and arrested the suspects.



The Assam Rifles team also told reporters that the abductors panicked and abandoned the individuals and fled from the location after being intercepted.

"All four victims were safely rescued and handed over to the police", said AR.

Source: [India Today NE](#)

# MEITEI MINISTERS' HAND IN SEX RACKET: PROSCRIBED MILITANT OUTFIT APPREHENDS TWO SEX WORKERS

The proscribed Meitei militant outfit, UNLF (Koireng), had apprehended two 'Madams' and produced them before the media late Saturday evening in Bishnupur district as a part of its move against 'pimp' and 'madam' in the state considering them as anti-social elements.

Koireng-led UNLF spokesperson Pibarel Angomcha told the media persons that the outfit has been working for the betterment of the society and that it would start taking necessary actions against sex rackets that could doom the society. The investigation by the outfit found some leads regarding the involvement of Ministers, MLAs and bureaucrats in the business, he said.

Pibarel said the two madams are identified as one Moirangthem Bebe, 40, wife of late M Bishorjit Singh presently staying at her maternal home located at Singjamei Chingamakha, Imphal West and other is identified as Chinnei, 24, of Tousem, Tamenglong district. He said the outfit would hand over Chinnei, who belonged to the Tangkhul community, to a Naga CSO while Bebe would be given appropriate punishment by the outfit as a warning and would then be released.

Moiranthen Bebe disclosed in front of the media that she has been in the business for the past 5-6 years and confessed that she had dragged many women and girls in to the business to work as prostitutes for her vested benefit.

She further disclosed that she got involved in the sex racket business after she was introduced by another woman from Nagamapal Singjubung Leirak, Imphal West, adding that a former MLA was her main customer. She further disclosed that she is presently providing girls to the customers in hotels located in North AOC and Khuman Lampak in Imphal.



Earlier, the All Manipur Women's Social Reformation and Development Samaj (Nupi Samaj) on Thursday disclosed that Ministers and bureaucrats in Manipur are found involved in sex rackets and cautioned that such activities must be stopped immediately.

Nupi Samaj, advisor Th Indu told the media at its head office located at Lamphel, Imphal West that seven girls and six men were brought to the office of Nupi Samaj by a team of Kadangband village Volunteers around 7.30 PM on Wednesday.

Indu was told that the men and girls were rounded up by village volunteers after learning their involvement in a sex racket. The village volunteers and Nupi Samaj deliberated about the incident, and the six men were later released after they gave their assurance that they would not repeat similar activities in the future.

She also stated that on further questioning, the girls revealed the active involvement of ministers and bureaucrats of Manipur in the sex racket. Indu said Nupi Samaj has all the details disclosed by the girls and warned the ministers and bureaucrats who are involved in such activities to stop immediately as this could bring an adverse impact on the society.



# MARRED BY VIOLENCE, KUKI SCHOOL IN IMPHAL LIES ABANDONED ON SILVER JUBILEE

Razed buildings and burnt furniture. These are what remain of St Peter's School in Manipur's Imphal after a year of violence in the state between Kuki and Meitei ethnic groups.

"We were preparing to celebrate its silver jubilee year in 2023. But then the clashes broke out. They burnt everything," said principal Khupkhoman, a Kuki who has since moved to Churachandpur from the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley region.

Now an abandoned structure, the Manipur Board-affiliated St Peter's School had more than 800 students till Class X pre-May 3, 2023, the day reports of incidents of clashes started pouring in from many parts of the northeastern state, prompting the closure of educational institutions, offices and businesses.

"It's one day at a time for us. The situation remains unpredictable and we don't plan anymore. The crisis continues, and there is nothing to look forward to or look back upon," said Khupkhoman, 62, who moved with her family to the hills of Churachandpur.

The school, built by Khupkhoman and her late husband over 25 years, also had her residence on its premises. She now lives with her family in a rented accommodation, displaced like more than 60,000 others from both communities. But Khupkhoman has not stopped calling families living around the school to take updates about her Meitei students even as the Kukis have moved out. "They have joined other schools, some have dropped out," she said.

Recalling the preparations for the silver jubilee year celebrations, Khupkhoman said practice for dance and singing performances was underway. There was a lot of activity but then, within a night, it was all over, she said with tears in her eyes. The institution was attacked



in the early hours of May 4 by a mob.

"The school was everything we had. Built brick by brick, it was where we lived for years... Over 800 students had their hopes attached with our vision and within a night, everything was gone. At first, I had thought that this will be over in a week and I was already making plans about what all needs to be done before we resume classes again," said Khupkhoman.

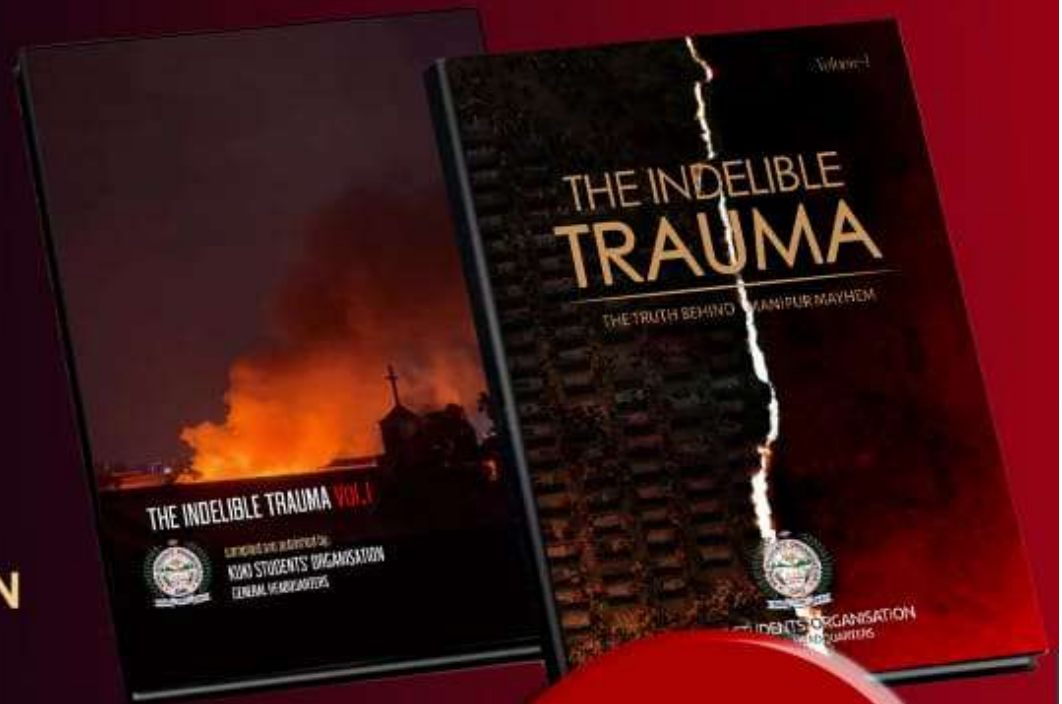
Source: [The Tribune](#)



# THE INDELIBLE TRAUMA

THE TRUTH BEHIND MANIPUR MAYHEM VOL. I

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**KUKI STUDENTS' ORGANISATION**  
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## ABOUT THE BOOK

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

The treatise also seeks to debunk the patently false canards, innuendoes and narratives that are being peddled as the gospel truth, and the aspersions that are being casted without any substance

And to put in perspective the historical misdeeds meted out to the tribal society by the extremely self-centered Meitei society with the clarion call to stand united and the urgent need for the convergence of our political position so as to collectively extricate ourselves from this oppressive dispensation

If we are to march forward like our tribal counterparts of Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh- SEPARATION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

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**Kuki Students' Organization- General Headquarters**







No one has been safe and secured in the “Valley of Death”, Imphal, the capital city of Meiteis’ Kangleipak and the hotspot of heinous crimes in the country.

In the absence of AFSPA, the Meiteis’ capital has been talibanized and all sorts of crimes take place every now and then. Intimidation, threats, abuses, rampant extortions, torturing, bomb/gun culture, etc., all have become the ‘new normal’ without any hope of respite in the near future.

The proscribed Meitei militants and the radical militia groups of Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun run the show, overpowering the law enforcement agencies. They have become the de-facto rulers of the Imphal valley. They beat up, tortured or thrashed anyone belonging to non-Manipuri randomly, be it Nagas, Nepalis, Biharis, etc.

Yesterday, a mainland Indian was thrashed and tortured without any reason by suspected members of the Arambai Tenggol. This latest attack against the non-local by the Meitei radicals occurred at Ngari Galli, Kasturi bridge, Thangal Bazar, Imphal, a CCTV footage of which went viral on social media platforms. This is reportedly the third instance in the last 15 days.

Not only the Kukis and the mainland Indians (non-locals), the Naga communities also often face the

brunt of the Meitei militants’ atrocities. Rampant extortions with threats are often served to the Naga communities living in the capital city of crimes, Imphal.

On Sunday, the Manipur Naga Youth Organisation (MNYO) took a resolution not to pay any ransom demand made by the Meitei armed groups in Imphal valley.

In the aftermath of receiving many complaints from among the Naga people living in the Imphal area of threats and intimidation by the Meitei armed miscreants, The MNYO reportedly convened an emergency meeting on 12th May 2024 at Tarung Community Hall, Imphal, along with Naga youth club leaders of Imphal Naga Villages on the matter of unabated threat, looting, physical torture upon the Naga people living in an area around Imphal and peripheries.

The Meeting was presided over by MNYO President Mr. Athot Keitang and Co-chaired by Momo Tantanga, Vice President of MNYO. The meeting coincided with recent crime incidents against the

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
Imphal, the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

The Manipur Naga Youth Organisation (MNYO) received many complaints from among the Naga people living in Imphal area of threats and intimidations by unknown armed miscreants. Therefore, the MNYO convened an emergency meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Tarung Community Hall, Imphal along with Naga youth club leaders of Imphal Naga Villages on the matter of unabated threat, looting, physical torture upon the Naga people living in an area around Imphal and peripheries. The Meeting was presided by MNYO president Mr. Athot Keitang and co-chaired by Momo Tantanga, Vice President of MNYO, meeting proceedings were recorded by Mr. Poudin Riamei, General Secretary MNYO.

The meeting was coincided with recent incidents occurred in three different places in Imphal area on 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.

In the light of the above facts and circumstances, the meeting resolved that any Naga individual residing in Imphal and periphery are strictly prohibited to pay any ransom money, in case demands of any ransom made by any armed organization/unknown miscreants and any intimidations perpetrated against any Naga individual or business establishment should inform to the local Youth Club and MNYO Office.

In another resolution, the meeting resolved to form MNYO Imphal Branch under the aegis of MNYO for strengthening and functioning effectively.

The MNYO is seriously observing and surveying the situation of the Naga people residing in Imphal and periphery in connection with present ethnics clash.

Information & Media Cell, MNYO

Nagas that occurred in three different places in the Imphal area on 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.

The meeting resolved that any Naga individuals residing in Imphal and periphery should not henceforth pay any ransom money made to the Naga individuals or business establishments by the Meitei armed miscreants or armed organisations.

“In case of any ransom demands made by any armed organizations/unknown miscreants and any intimidations perpetrated against any Naga individual or business establishment, they should inform to the local Youth Club and MNYO Office,” it said.

In a clear sign of complete breakdown of law and order, a 40-year-old widow, belonging to the Meitei community, was shot and injured by the Meitei militants at a place on the Phadibi road under Nambol police station in Manipur’s Bishnupur district on Saturday night.

Officials reportedly said that the victim was abducted and later shot and injured in her left calf by the militants in the Nambol area.

The injured widow was identified as Moirangthem Baby, 40, wife of (late) M Biswajit, a resident of Tentha Khunu village in Thoubal district. She was abducted from her rented house located at Lamphel in Imphal West district on Saturday at around 7:30 pm.

Following a report, a team from the Nambol police station picked up the injured widow and was rushed to the Primary Health Centre at Nambol. Later, she was shifted to the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, for further treatment.



**Freedom is the power to say no.**

*- James Clear*





FEATURED ARTICLE

## Charred Memories of Manipur's Ethnic Conflict

Archita Raghu

Dots, dashes, demarcations. These arbitrary thin lines that crisscross ocean and land, arguably teach us our first idea of global boundaries, during dreary geography classes. Dots, dashes, 'us' vs 'them'. Boundaries leak beyond maps, and spill into the world, brewing hateful divides.

Hurtling past the boundaries of a map, Thangboilal Vaiphei and Andrew, like many citizens from Manipur, cross through National Highway 102B, to reach Churachandpur.

"The wobbly road of 102B is the only way for the Kuki-Zomi to enter Manipur, as the ethnic conflict between two communities — Meitei and Kukis-Zomi continues... this journey includes a 20 hours road journey and a few hours in a flight," writes Manisha Mondal, a journalist, whose work was among the 100-odd images exhibited in ICSA on Saturday.

Visuals of the two students in a shaky Tata Sumo braving the path, Andrew checking maps on his phone, and Vaiphei slurping up noodles are scattered across the walls. Capturing a burning, conflict-ridden Manipur, the exhibition features works by Manisha, journalists Rokibuz Zaman and Greeshma Kuthar, and

photojournalist Aakash Hassan.

A year after the ethnic conflict began, organisations in Tamil Nadu, including the Indian Christian Women's Movement, Dravidar Kazhagam, Poovulangun Nanbargal, All India Democratic Women's Association, and Neelam Cultural Centre stand in solidarity with Manipur and call for an end to the conflict.

"Official record says 223 people died, more than 60,000 people have been displaced, both internally and in other states whether Assam or Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, or Delhi or Calcutta," says Makepeace Sitlhou, journalist.

According to writer-journalist Jeyarani, "The country is divided into pieces based on caste and religion. The constitution that holds us together, should be the basis of all the decisions we make. Dr BR Ambedkar gave us the constitution but we are entering a situation where democracy lives on in the pages but not in society. The violence that Manipur is feeling should disturb the whole society."

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As Dr Aiswarya Rao, organiser, says, each visual in the exhibition delves into different themes, following the conditions of women, displacement, death, grief, and violence. As the war continues, she underscores the importance of solidarity.

A woman praying with her hands clenched, another weaving her way through the forest to provide supplies, hundreds of women on the street in Imphal protesting the killing of two Meitei students — each shot is a chilling glimpse of a state wreaked by violence, “Protestors, agitators, instigators — their role in this conflict is defined by who you ask – their loved ones or the police,” the exhibition reminds.

In the US last year, Makepeace worked on an article delving into illegal migrants, crossing borders, and dangerous dunki routes. One interview lingered in her mind about a Punjabi man and his brothers who relocated to America after the Sikh massacre. “After the 9/11 attacks, one of the man’s brothers was first to be killed in a hate crime. A white man shot him at a gas station and said ‘death to towel heads’. It is so hard to

digest to leaving your land and state-sponsored violence and then come to a land where you are targeted: What sense of security would you carry? Until we have a government that is willing to take accountability, we can only dream of a land that is safe and secure.”

On internal displacement, Greeshma shares her experience of reporting on the ground in Manipur and speaking to displaced communities in Chennai, “We have to speak about this (issue) now because we don’t know what will happen post the election. Because we have not spoken about this issue, it has dragged on for so long. In May (2023), it was a riot, how did it become a civil war? We need to think about how this happened. If we don’t question anything, this will happen.”

Suganthi from AIDWA, A Arulmozhi, and Mathivadhani from Dravidar Kazhagam, advocate Papa Mohan, Rev Jacqueline Jothi from Church of South India and Vetriselvan, Poovulagin Nanbargal, were present. According to a release, the organisations call for “the government to ensure that the ideologically and politically motivated violence is stopped and that the laws of the land are upheld. We ask that all victims and their families, be it Kuki or Meitei, be adequately compensated and cared for. We call for perpetrators of all crimes committed during the violence to be brought to book.”

From the rap by Sollisai Sistahs, and notes from Dhamma the Band to a satirical play, each performance echoed the thoughts of solidarity. The air was filled with the yearning for change, beyond dots, dashes, and demarcations.

Source: [The New Indian Express](#)



## THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ

**Sushant Singh**  
@SushantSin

Four policemen stationed at Kangpokpi Police Station were abducted along NH 2 at Koirengai in Imphal East in Manipur and brutally assaulted

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The armed men accused the policemen of supporting Kukis and subjected them to various forms of torture.



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**Sushma Sharma**  
@SushmaSh22

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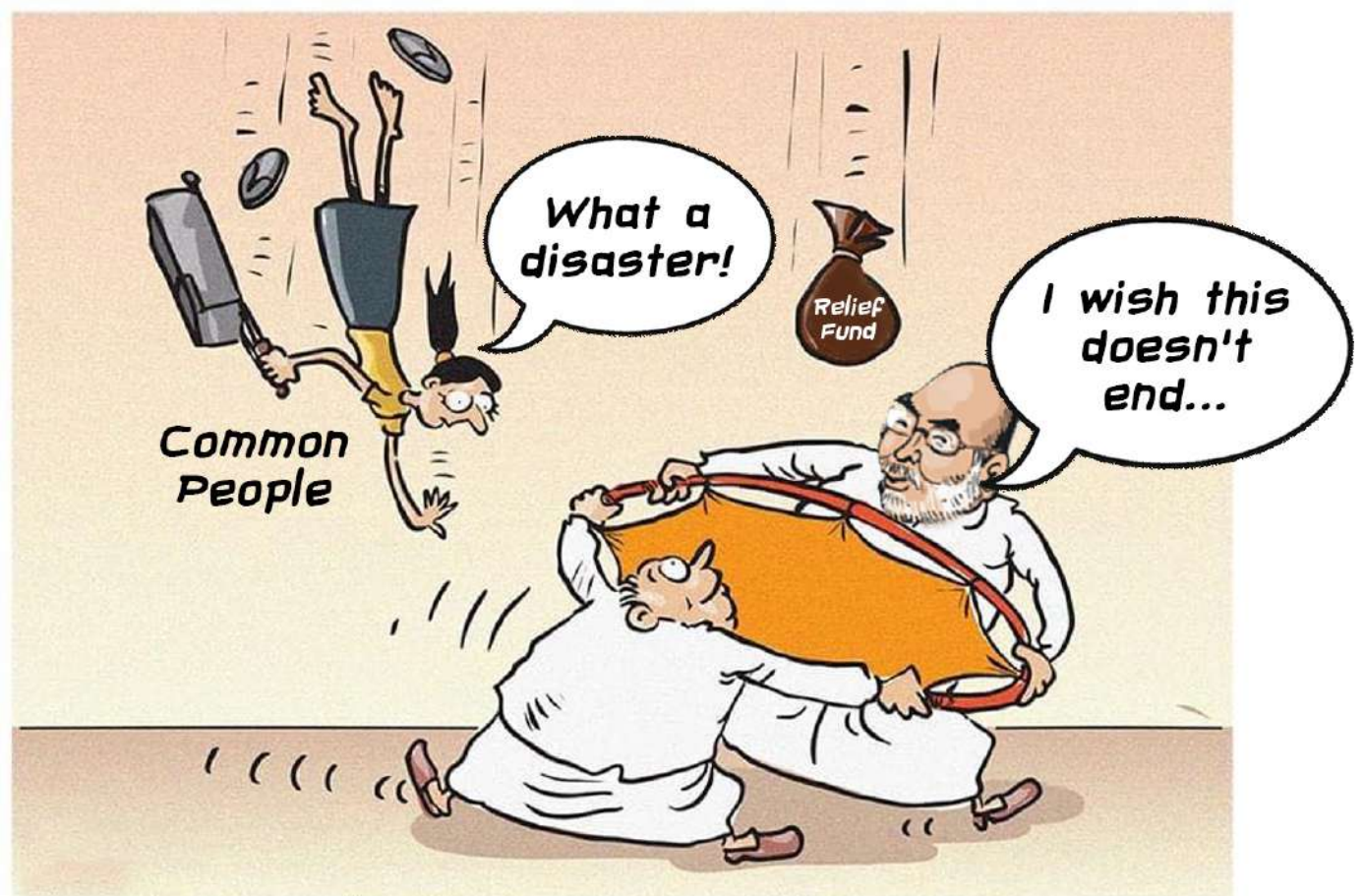
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### THE PROLONGED VIOLENCE







# Unforgettable Month

O 3rd MAY how will I forget you.  
Oh how can I erase you from me  
How can I stop remembering??

Time comes and goes like a flowing rivers that  
never reversed back again  
May the 3rd May will be UNFORGETTABLE MONTH till the  
universe is there

Let's arise, awake and March for our nation(Kuki-Zo)  
Let's March to protect our land that God gave to our  
forefathers and to us.

Now it is not the time to discriminate each other  
Now is the right time to stand as one and fight for our  
future generations.

The innocent blood of ours brothers and sisters who have  
gave their life seek for justice.  
Let's not delayed and let's fight back before it is to late.

*-Haotinmang Sitlhou*