

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



GINLALZUI GANGTE (25 YEARS)

S/O THANGTINLEN GANGTE
ADDRESS: HQ VENG, LAMKA
DATE OF DEATH: 7TH MAY, 2023
PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA
CAUSE OF DEATH: MURDERED BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 10.07.2024



186
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360+
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425+
DISPLACED
PERSONS

Thingkho Le Malcha (charred wood tied with chilli): A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.

KUKI-ZO BODY REQUESTS MHA TO EXPEDITE THEIR DEMAND FOR POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR PEACE; EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY FORCES' ONE-SIDED ACTION

Asserting that military operations would not bring peace in Manipur, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), a Kuki-Zo civil body in Lamka, has earnestly requested the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to expedite their demand for a political solution: a Union Territory with legislature for the Kuki-Zo community under Article 239A of the Constitution.

In an Open Letter to Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, Government of India, ITLF said, "The nature of the conflict - the death, destruction, and radicalisation of the Meitei community - means that the Kuki-Zo community will not be able to live a safe and dignified life in Manipur even if some semblance of peace is enforced by the military."

Expressing serious concerns over the rising cases of central agencies' high-handedness shown towards Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers who are facing the brunt of violence in the ongoing ethnic conflict, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, a conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur, stated that a number of cases warranted condemnation, especially those that occurred in Jiribam's Phaitol village and Mongbung village.

"Seven Kuki women were beaten up by central security forces, and two village boys were taken into custody. Furthermore, three Kuki village volunteers were arrested after an arson attack on the home of L. Hengjol village chief, and five Kuki women beaten up by security forces had to be rushed to Noney Hospital for treatment. Additionally, security forces set fire to



the home of the general secretary of Kuki Inpi (Jiribam, Noney, and Tamenglong)," it mentioned.

Meanwhile, ITLF stated, the majority community, which controls all the state's resources, is still carrying out its ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki-Zos. "Even to this day, we are still witnessing the burning of Kuki-Zo houses in Jiribam by Arambai Tenggol militants, while central security forces seem to have been ordered to concentrate on rounding up Kuki-Zo village defenders," ITLF said, adding that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) was also arresting people on terror charges for simply trying to protect their community.

"NIA should not be used as a tool for suppression. Genuine cases can be taken up after a political solution is in place," it said.

The tribals said that time and again, they have been witnessing the Meitei terrorists from UNLF and Arambai Tenggol crossing the so-called buffer

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zones to attack tribal settlements which necessitates the deployment of armed village volunteers to protect their homes and families, a fundamental right in every country. The recent instances of security forces arresting tribal volunteers and confiscating their weapons are not only blatantly unfair but also increase the vulnerability of Kuki-Zo villages along the foothills, it stated.

“While combing operations are in full swing in Kuki-Zo areas, Meitei militias with automatic weapons are freely operating in the state capital and surrounding valley. State police and central security forces have become mere spectators as these militants travel freely in vehicles, brandishing guns and openly calling for the genocide of the Kuki-Zo tribes,” ITLF said.

The Forum alleged that around 6,000 weapons and lakhs of ammunition looted from state armouries were still being held by the Meitei militants, but no sincere effort has been taken to retrieve these stolen weapons, and none of the militant leaders, including Arambai Tenggol chief Kourunganba Khuman, have been arrested.

It warned that the Kuki-Zo people would not cooperate with the security forces if they continue to act in a biased manner. Action cannot be one-sided, it stated.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders’ Forum also said that if the central government was sincere about disarming everyone in the interest of peace, it could introduce the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) immediately in Imphal and other valley areas where most of the looted weapons are circulating, and that should be followed by an operation to retrieve all stolen weapons.

To address the bogey of “illegal immigration,” ITLF said the government should document all the people who have fled to Manipur due to the crisis in Myanmar, issue

ID cards, and house the refugees in designated camps. “We are tired of being repeatedly referred to as “illegal” in our own land to justify the agenda of a majoritarian government and the actions of militant Meitei groups,” it stated.

On issue of the Chief Minister of Manipur and the Meitei people who have been frequently referring to the Kuki-Zo people as narco-terrorists, the Forum asserted that while some people may have engaged in poppy cultivation, this does not mean that the whole community supported or took part in the practice. On the contrary, they consistently backed the government’s efforts to combat the state’s drug problem.

It should be mentioned that other tribes in Manipur, including Meiteis, also engage in the practice of poppy farming. Meitei propagandists created the myth of the “narco-terrorist” to malign the Kuki-Zo community.

Regarding Chief Minister Biren Singh’s recent remarks in which he said peace talks have started, the Open Letter said that ITLF’s leadership and leaders of other tribal CSOs were not aware of any talks. The CM should stop spreading rumours to gain public support. If some people have taken part in any meeting, they are doing so in their personal capacity, it added.

ITLF further said that there were reports of a military camp being constructed along the Churachandpur-Bishnupur (Torbung Bangla) border. In this regard, the Forum has requested authorities to relocate the camp somewhere in the middle of Bishnupur and away from Churachandpur so that no necessary tension is created.

KUKI INPI REBUTS NORTHEAST NOW'S MISLEADING REPORT ON JIRIBAM INCIDENT

The Kuki Inpi Jiribam, Tamenglong, and Noney have issued a strong rebuttal to a recent news report by Northeast Now, a digital news platform based in Guwahati, Assam, which they claim misrepresented an incident in Jiribam district.

Northeast Now published an article on July 12 titled "Manipur Violence: Non-locals forced to flee Tamenglong and Jiribam amid armed attacks." The Kuki Inpi has called the report "false and unfounded," providing a detailed rebuttal to counter the claims made by the news outlet.

In a point-by-point rebuttal, the Kuki Inpi highlighted the following inaccuracies in the report:

False Allegations of Hostility: The report alleged that Kuki miscreants ordered non-locals to vacate their villages. The Kuki Inpi clarified that the Kuki people of Jiribam have had no issues or hostility with any community. They asserted that it is the Meitei community, supported by the district administration, that has been encroaching on the lands of various communities in Jiribam, including the Kuki, Rongmei-Nagas, Bengalees, and Hmars.

Misinformation on Gunfire Incident: Northeast Now reported gunfire on the night of July 11. The Kuki Inpi corrected this by stating that the gunfire occurred on July 9 in Mongbung and Sejang villages, both Kuki villages, and was an attack by the Arambai Tenggol and UNLF cadres, Meitei separatist militant groups. The attack was repelled by the 39th Assam Rifles.

Geographical Inaccuracies: The report incorrectly placed Mongbung village under Tamenglong District and



Sejang village under Jiribam District. The Kuki Inpi clarified that both villages are located in Jiribam District.

Incorrect Timeline of Violence: The news report stated that peace was disrupted on June 6, 2024, following the death of a Meitei farmer. The Kuki Inpi clarified that violence began on May 14, 2024, when a young Kuki boy, Seigoulen Singson, went missing from a police checkpoint. His body was found in the Jiri River on May 17, 2024, sparking unrest.

The Kuki Inpi expressed their dismay that an established news outlet like Northeast Now would disseminate misinformation, potentially harming community relations. They have demanded that Northeast Now rectify the misleading report and issue a written apology. Failure to comply may result in further actions by the Kuki Inpi.

MEITEIS' ACT OF AGGRESSION CONTINUES IN JIRIBAM'S MONGBUNG; ASSAM RIFLES RETALIATE MILITANTS' INDISCRIMINATE FIRING

In continuation of their aggressive action towards the Kuki ancestral land, the Meiteis' militants along with the communal Police Commandos and Arambai Tenggol opened indiscriminate gun firings towards the Kuki village of Mongbung, Jiribam district, on Saturday.

The firing began at around 8:30 PM using automatic weapons and powerful bombs, which lasted for about half an hour. The Kuki Village Volunteers did not retaliate against the Meiteis' onslaught but, the central security forces responded with equal force. The Assam Rifles fired flare lights to control the tense situation and repelled the Meiteis militants from further attack. The situation is tense but under control.

It may be mentioned that the ethnic violence escalated in Manipur's Jiribam district, bordering Assam, since June 6 after a mob of the Meitei militants torched several Kuki houses and subsequently kidnapped a man whose whereabouts is still unknown.

Hundreds of people from Mongbung and surrounding villages fled their homes and are currently taking refuge in relief camps at the Jiribam district headquarters.

The violent incidents showed that the Meitei Police Commandos along with the militants and Arambai



Tenggol were deeply involved, all under the supervision of SSP, Colonel (Retd) Nectar Sanjenbam. Violence has been escalating since the controversial SSP Nectar took charge of the Police Commandos in Jiribam.

With the deep divide between the Kukis and Meiteis as a result of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis, separate administration for the Kukis is now the only solution.

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**Alone we can do so little; together
we can do so much.**

- Helen Keller

BISHOPS' ANGUISH TO PM MODI: RISING ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANS, MANIPUR CRISIS

The top leadership of the Catholic Church in India met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Friday and complained about the “growing attacks” on Christians while urging him to “intervene earnestly” to restore peace in Manipur.

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They added: “However, it is with a heavy heart that we express our anguish over the growing attacks on Christians and their institutions by antisocial elements in different parts of India. There have been several instances of harassment and attacks under false allegations of forced conversions and the misuse of the anti-conversion laws. We wish to clarify that the Church firmly opposes forced conversions.

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The letter underlined the absence of Christians from the National Commission for Minorities and the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions.

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It said: "Furthermore, we would like to inform you that many Christian NGOs are facing undue challenges during the renewal of their FCRA registration (which allows them to receive foreign donations)... Finally, in solidarity with the people of Manipur we urge you to intervene earnestly to bring peace and harmony in that state."

The letter was signed by the CBCI president and Archbishop of Trichur, Andrews Thazhath; the CBCI vice-president and Bathery Bishop, Joseph Mar Thomas; and the CBCI secretary-general and Delhi Archbishop, Anil Couto. They were all part of the delegation that met Modi at his residence.

Thazhath clarified that they did not go into specifics such as Rajasthan's recent anti-conversion law.

Asked how the Prime Minister had responded, he replied: "Our anxieties were heard in a way that he expressed solidarity but he said every time (that) some

fringe groups or somebody else is doing it. (That) it's not the political party or government."

Thazhath added that Modi did not give clear answers on the demands of Dalit Christians (for reservation), or the campaign to deny Scheduled Tribe status to Christians.

He added: "(On Manipur) the PM repeated that the government is determined to bring peace and harmony... He said it is more a matter of ethnic violence (rather than inter-religious violence)."

The CBCI leaders urged the Prime Minister to speed up the Pope's visit to India, and added that they would approach the pontiff as well.

Modi had met the Pope during the G7 summit in Italy last month and invited him to India.

Source: [Telegraph India](#)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE IN 18TH LS ELECTION RAJKUMAR KAIKU'S RESIDENCE ATTACKED BY ARMED ASSAILANTS

Unknown armed men allegedly attacked the residence of renowned Manipuri film actor Rajkumar Kaiku alias Somendro in the wee hours on Saturday, a police report said.

The armed miscreants attacked the house of Kaiku located at Thangmeiband in Imphal West district at around 2 am on Saturday. One bullet hit the residential gate and another at the wall of his house.

After getting the information a team from the Lamphel police station rushed to the spot and collected the empty caches and a case has been registered in this regard.

The motive behind the attack is now under investigation, the police said.

Meanwhile, RK Kaiku appealed to the perpetrator(s)

regarding the cause of the attacks on his residence. He also stated that he has not so far any animosity with any individual or organization. If there arises any doubtful nature on any issue related to him, anything can be settled through dialogues, Kaiku said.

Meanwhile, the locals of the Thangmeiband areas strongly condemned the acts of the attackers on the residence of Kaiku stating that the firing of gunshots at the crowded places is the work of irresponsible fellows. However, no individual or outfit has claimed responsibility for the attacks so far.

Additionally, Kaiku fought in the 18th Lok Sabha elections in the Inner Manipur Parliamentary constituency as an independent candidate.



**ANALYSIS****Why is Manipur's Jiribam on Edge? Exposing SSP Colonel Nectar's Deep Involvement in Major Violent Incidents**

Jiribam district, located along National Highway-37 on the Assam and Manipur border, is the latest target of violence in the northeastern State. A region with a mixed demography, Jiribam district had been relatively peaceful and largely unaffected by the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against Kukis.

The situation, however, changed when the Meitei Senior Superintendent of Police, Colonel (Retd) Nectar Sanjenbam was given the responsibility for supervising the Jiribam Police jurisdiction in the month of June 2024.

On 14 May, 2024, a young Kuki boy Seigoulen Singson @ Bosco, S/o Seikholet of Phaitol village, Tousem Sub-division, Tamenglong District, was murdered by the Meitei militants, and his decomposed and mutilated body was later retrieved from Jiri River on 17th of May near Molzawl village. Tension ran high but instead of violent reaction, the Kukis had entrusted the district administration for justice.

In contrast, spontaneous violence erupted on June 6 when Soibam Saratkumar Singh, a 59-year-old Meitei farmer, went missing and his dead body was found later that day. He was killed by unknown miscreants but the Meiteis reacted sharply against the Kukis by burning down Kuki houses, resulting in the forced displacement of about 2,000 people belonging to both communities.

The violent incident showed that the Meitei Police Commandos along with the militants and Arambai Tenggol were deeply involved, all under the supervision of SSP, Colonel (Retd) Nectar Sanjenbam. He is the main culprit for this escalating violence and is responsible for almost all major ethnic-strifes which have been taking place in various parts of the state.

Twist of mayhem after Colonel (Retd) Nectar's appointment as SSP:

The twist in the saga of Manipur, reeling under ethnic violence, was the special appointment of Colonel Nectar Sanjenbam (Retd) as Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat) to "strengthen and supervise" the Manipur Commandos. Bypassing the rules, the Meitei Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh had created the new post of SSP (Combat) and appointed a retired Colonel Nectar of the Indian Army's elite 21 Para SF to fill it. The post was created on 28 August, 2023, citing a decision taken by the state cabinet on 12 June 2023. His appointment was strongly criticised by Kuki groups and activists.

Notably, even a senior police officer had said that the appointment was made after bypassing the rules. "How can a retired officer be given a

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sanctioned post of an SSP, when so many other offices are awaiting posting? This appointment has been made by bypassing rules for reasons best known to the government,” he had said. Another police source said that the commandos are picked by the CM office, but unofficially. It is like a “private army for the state,” the source said.

Nectar’s Stoking of the Violence at Pallen:

After his arbitrary appointment as SSP (Combat), Colonel (Retd) Nectar was given in-charge of supervising the communal Police Commandos in Kakching district. Shortly after his induction, devastating violence followed in the Kukis’ Pallen region, a small town lying between Tengnoupal and Kakching districts.

On 8 September, 2023, many of the Kuki-Zo homes and shops in Pallen—an ethnically mixed town that had not seen major violence over the past four months of ethnic conflict in the state—were burned by Meitei mobs as Manipur Police officers under Colonel (Retd) Nectar watched. More worryingly, the police acted to protect several Meiteis, dressed in the uniforms of the Manipur Police Commandoes, who had opened fire at Kuki-Zo-majority villages near Pallel, even firing mortars at churches in the town. At least three people were reportedly killed in the attack and over fifty injured.

The attackers, fully loaded in two Tata 407 trucks, passed through the Kuki village, all dressed in khaki camouflage uniforms. The men were wielding several guns, including sniper rifles, light machine guns, self-loading rifles and AK assault rifles. Logistic support with impunity was given to the attackers under the guidance of the war mongering Colonel (Retd) Nectar, and were given safe passage under his watch.

Nectar’s Stoking of the Violence at Moreh:

After Pallen violence had subsided to some extent, the controversial SSP was then transferred to supervise the Police Commandos deployed in Moreh, a border hill town dominated by the Kukis. With his devilish design

of targeting the Kukis, Curfew was re-imposed in December 2023. Intermittent gunfights thus began between the Kuki Village Volunteers and Police commandos following the arbitrary arrest of Kuki civilians.

From December 2023 to January 2024, the hill town of Moreh was broiled with devastating violence until the situation was somehow mediated under the higher command of Eastern Command, Indian Army. Kuki houses were burnt down by the Police Commandos and at least three Meitei Commandos lost their lives as a result of Colonel (Retd) Nectar’s stoking tension between the two warring communities.

After his flare-up violence in Moreh, the controversial SSP Colonel (Retd) Nectar was again sent to Jiribam; after which, violence followed.

Conclusion:

It is clear that narcissists N. Biren Singh, in connivance with Colonel (Retd) Nectar, and his political cohorts are stoking conflict after conflict in their pursuit of annihilating the Kukis from their ancestral homeland. The pattern of escalating violence which had been witnessed in Pallen, Moreh and now in Jiribam shows that “wherever Colonel (Retd) Nectar goes, violence follows.” His action is disgraceful for the entire Indian Armed Forces. A gallantry awardee like Colonel Nectar’s deep involvement in various atrocities against his fellow Indian citizens is shameful.

Receiving awards like Kirti Chakra or Shourya Chakra during service and stoking communal violence or inhumane action against a particular ethnic group after retirement is an ill-repute of the service he had served and unprecedented. The Indian Army or Defence Ministry must relook on this matter and consider to forfeit the gallantry awards Nectar had received during his service.

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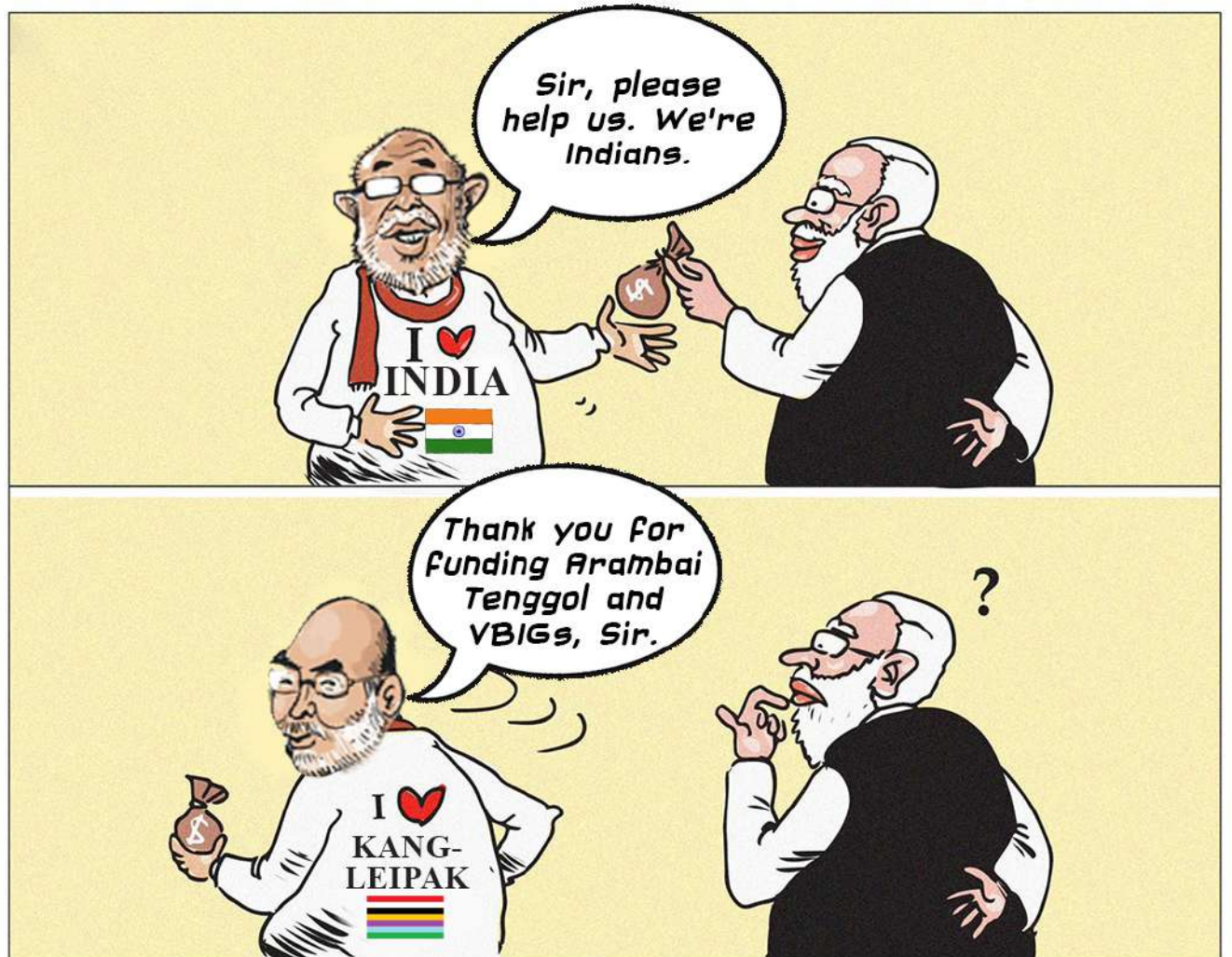


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That if not attained would be a big miss.

Easy not always to accomplish our goals
Bad are days and sometimes even worse
Often hopeless and weak our strongholds
And we don't know what the future holds.

Many a time tough the journey we take
Often seems like the road taken a mistake
Complaints and fusses we usually make
Come what may have to walk wide awake.

Jordans and thirsts and foes on the way
Tooth and nail withstand the battle today
Ye shall sing the song of victory someday
And live a life of dignity and utterly okay.