

Thingkho Le Malcha

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House of Yahweh RELIEF CENTRE

D. Phailien, Lamka

Managed by
Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi
General Headquarters(KKL-GHQ)

Total Inmates Registered: 74*

■ Male: 41

■ Female: 33

*As on 11th August, 2023



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 10.01.2024



158
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.

'FOR MODI, MANIPUR NOT A PART OF INDIA': RAHUL GANDHI AT BHARAT JODO NYAY YATRA

The Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra began from Manipur's Thoubal district on Sunday, 14 January.

Addressing the public, Gandhi said that the "Congress party understands the pain that the people of Manipur have gone through in the last many months."

"You have lost what you valued but we will find what you have valued once again and bring it back to you. We understand the pain the people of Manipur have been through. We understand the hurt, the loss and the sadness you have been through. We promise you that we will bring back what you valued, we will bring back the harmony, the peace, the affection that this state has always been known for," said Gandhi.

Gandhi also criticised PM Modi for not visiting Manipur since the start of the conflict last year.

"People lost their loved ones in front of their eyes. But PM Modi has not come here to wipe your tears and hold your hands. Maybe for Narendra Modi ji, for the BJP and the RSS, Manipur is not a part of the country," Gandhi further added.

The leader said that he decided to start the yatra from Manipur to listen to, and understand the plight of the people of Manipur.

Several Congress leaders, including Gandhi, had boarded the flight from Delhi to Manipur Sunday morning, chanting slogans of, 'Nyay Ka Haq, Milne Taq!'

Top leaders including Salman Khurshid, Digvijaya Singh, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Karti Chidambaram, and others, departed from Delhi on the same flight, along with Gandhi.

"The yatra is not just essential for the Congress party but also transformative for the political landscape of the country. There was a renewed vigour in our cadre after the Bharat Jodo Yatra, and now we have rekindled the same yatra. Starting today, Rahul Gandhi will lead this yatra from Manipur all the way to Mumbai,



traveling through several kilometres," said Jairam Ramesh, General Secretary (Communications) of the Congress.

Yatra To Travel Through 15 States

The Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra is set to begin at 2:30 pm, with Rahul Gandhi leading the march, on foot. The yatra is expected to cover 100 Lok Sabha constituencies across 15 states.

The yatra was announced on 4 January, at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) meet, where it was also decided at leaders from INDIA parties will be invited to join the yatra.

The Congress had conducted the Bharat Jodo Yatra, led by Rahul Gandhi, which began late 2022 and ended in January 2023. Unlike the last time though, the Yatra will not be entirely on foot. For parts of the journey, the party will use buses. The party has said that the Yatra, led by Rahul Gandhi, is being taken out keeping in mind "political, economic and social injustices committed in the last 10 years".

Danish Ali To Join Yatra, First Non-Congress Politician To Do So

Lok Sabha MP and suspended BSP member Danish Ali is also set to join the yatra. In a statement on Sunday, Ali said he took this decision "after much soul searching."

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“Today, I have decided to join Shri Rahul Gandhi’s Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra. This is a very important moment for me. I have arrived here after much soul searching. In the atmosphere prevailing in the country, I had two options. Either to accept the status quo and ignore the exploitation of Dalits, backwards, tribals, minorities and other marginalised and poor sections, or to launch an all-out campaign against this atmosphere of fear, hate, exploitation and the deepening divide in the country. My conscience pushed me to take the second option,” Danish Ali said.

“Taking this decision came naturally to me as I was myself at the receiving end of a similar attack in

Parliament, where swear words were used by a member of the ruling party against me and my religion,” he added.

Ali was abused by BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri last year with Islamophobic slurs in the parliament. Since then, Ali has been protesting against Bidhuri, demanding that he be expelled from the Lok Sabha.

Last month, Bidhuri was suspended by the BSP, after he spoke in support of TMC’s Mahua Moitra, in the context of the alleged ‘cash for query’ scam.

Source: [The Quint](#)

NAGA AMBULANCE DRIVER ASSAULTED, ALLEGEDLY FOR TRANSPORTING MEDICINE INTENDED FOR KUKIS

The Haochong Students Organisation (HSO) and Haochang Youth Club (HYC) have reported that an attack took place on January 13 at Kangchup Chingkhong, where a driver associated with the 102 Ambulance service linked to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) of Haochong was assaulted by armed individuals. In a joint release issued on Sunday, both organizations strongly condemned the physical assault on the driver, Michael Inka, around 5:45 pm on January 13.

Michael Inka, who serves as a driver for the 102 Ambulance Service connected to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) of Haochong, was en route to deliver essential medicines and supplies for the Haochong area when the incident occurred, as stated in the release. The armed miscreants falsely accused an Inpui (Kabui) Naga, a resident of Haochong, of transporting medicine intended for the Kukis.

Expressing concern, the press release noted that this incident has created fear and apprehension among the local population. If such actions are not promptly addressed, there is a potential for escalation, leading to conflicts. The HYC and HSO are urging the government to take immediate action against the culprits and enhance security measures along the route situated in an active conflict zone.



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Joint Press Statement
14 January 2024

Haochong Youth Club (HYC) and Haochong Students Organization (HSO) Condemn Physical Assault and Obstruction of Medical Supplies

We, the Haochong Youth Club (HYC) and Haochong Student Organization (HSO), are deeply concerned by the current crisis in the state and are actively working with government agencies and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to facilitate normalcy in the state. However, we strongly condemn the physical assault carried out by armed Meitei miscreants on Michael Inka on January 13, 2024, at Kangchup Chingkhong around 5:45 PM. Michael Inka, a driver affiliated with the 102 Ambulance Service attached to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) of Haochong. He was in the process of transporting essential medicines and supplies for the Haochong area when the incident occurred.

The armed Meitei miscreants falsely accused the driver, an Inpui (Kabui) Naga who is a resident of Haochong, of transporting medicine for the Kukis. The incident has instilled fear and apprehension among the populace, and if such incidents are left unaddressed, they have the latent potential to escalate, potentially resulting in conflicts. We urge the government to take immediate action against those culprits and to enhance security measures along the route which is situated in an active conflict zone. The government must ensure the safety of civilians and individuals engaged in essential services, prevent further untoward incidents, and uphold peace in the state.

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Haochong Youth Club (HYC) and Haochong Student's Organization (HSO)

Emphasizing the government’s responsibility, both organizations stress the need to ensure the safety of civilians and individuals engaged in essential services, prevent further untoward incidents, and uphold peace in the state.



ENTIRE LAMKA DISTRICT TOTALLY BLACKED OUT SUSPICIOUSLY BY MEMBERS OF MAJORITY COMMUNITY

The entire Lamka district has been intentionally or accidentally plunged into darkness suspiciously by members of the Meitei community. Over the past 24 hours, the populace of Lamka (Churachandpur) has been without electricity, and there has been no official communication from the relevant department regarding the outage duration.

According to information circulating on social media platforms, a problem, possibly a malfunctioning disc, occurred in the 132 KV line connecting the Meitei-dominated locality of Ningthoukhong to the Kuki-Zo district of Churachandpur (Lamka), near the Meitei village of Phubala, situated in the buffer zone between the two conflicting communities.

Reports suggest that a team from the Manipur State Power Corporation Limited (MSPCL) in Imphal was denied entry by Border Security Forces and State forces today. The restoration of the power line is contingent on adequate security clearance. If these reports hold true, it raises serious questions about the role of security forces and the negligence of the concerned department, subjecting the entire Lamka district to immense hardship and potential human rights violations.

This blackout of Lamka residents is not an isolated incident since the outbreak of violence on May 3. Numerous instances of power supply disruptions by the majority Meiteis had been reported. The ill-treatment of the Kuki-Zo community by the Meitei community continues unabated and in this current situation, the deliberate disruption of power cannot be ruled out, potentially orchestrated by the communal Meiteis in collaboration with the power corporation.

As a consequence of the complete power outage, mobile network towers in Lamka district are severely impacted, leading to network problems and the disruption of information flow. Such inhuman treatment of the Kukis, by denying basic electricity, is totally against



all norms of the civilised conduct. If such denial of facilities were to happen to Meiteis, the Meitei government would have done everything in its power to restore the same, but unfortunately for the Meiteis, the Kukis are lesser humans, and are always treated as second class citizens of India.

The fundamental and legal rights of the Kuki-Zos have been repeatedly violated by the State government under the leadership of N. Biren Singh. Beyond dehumanizing minority communities, their rights have been curtailed, prompting demands for a separate administration from Manipur. It is imperative for the Centre to recognize the distinct ethnic communities who are completely separated, and formalize political and administrative separation without delay.

RISING CRIME RATES GRIP IMPHAL VALLEY: ARMED MISCREANTS SHOOT JEWELLERY SHOP OWNER, STEAL ORNAMENTS WORTH RS 20 LAKHS

The Imphal Valley is currently grappling with a surge in crime rates, raising significant concerns among residents and authorities. Instances of criminal activities, including violent incidents, have seen an alarming increase in recent times. A notable incident involves the shooting of a jewellery shop owner by armed miscreants yesterday, who subsequently looted ornaments with an estimated value of Rs 20 lakhs.

As per sources, the man identified as Naorem Krishnadas (36), son of N Muhindro of Kakching Ningthou Leikai is the owner of Muhindro Jewellery located at Wahengbam Leikai. He reportedly sustained a bullet injury on his left thigh. The injured person was first admitted at RIMS before rushing to Shija Hospital for further treatment. Reportedly, Krishnadas and three others were on their way to Kakching after closing the jewellery shop at Wahengbam Leikai. The three others who were accompanying Krishnadas have been identified as Naorem Ramdas (28), Naorem Sanjoy (35) and Naorem Robindas (34).

Sources stated that some unknown masked men allegedly overtook their vehicle when they reached Waithou Chingon and stopped their vehicle by allegedly

flashing small arms. The armed men forcefully took control of their vehicle and drove it towards Canchipur. The armed miscreants looted gold worth around Rs 20 lakh and fired two rounds of bullets, one of which hit Krishnadas on his left foot.

Authorities are facing mounting pressure to address the root causes of this escalation and implement effective measures to curb criminal activities. Nevertheless, the fundamental issue may stem from the lapse of Law and Order enforcement agencies, which relinquished their authority to the Meitei radicalized groups. Meitei radicalized factions like the Arambai Tenggol and the Meitei Leepun have frequently assumed the role of the moral police, admonishing, injuring, and tormenting civilians at their discretion when situations deviate from their preferences. Exploiting this radicalization, certain individuals have engaged in criminal activities at an escalated magnitude. The incident involving the jewellery shop adds to a series of criminal events that underscore the pressing need for comprehensive strategies to address and mitigate the growing crime rates in Imphal Valley.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN FOLLOWING FUEL SPILL AT LEIMAKHONG POWER PLANT: MEITEI OFFICIAL SUSPENDED FOR NEGLIGENCE BY MSPCL

In connection with the recent fuel spill incident from the Heavy Fuel Based Power Plant at Leimakhong, the Managing Director of Manipur State Power Company Limited has taken disciplinary action by suspending a Meitei official for negligence in her duties. The suspended individual is identified as Th. Tina Devi, DGM of the Generation Division at MSPCL. According to a statement released by MSPCL, Th. Tina Devi was found to be irresponsible in handling the recent fuel spill incident, leading to the contemplation of disciplinary proceedings against her. She is placed under immediate suspension until further orders.

This incident highlights a preconceived tendency among the Meiteis to unjustly blame the Kukis for various issues. On the day of the incident, many

Meitei social media users falsely accused the Kukis of intentionally pouring heavy fuel to contaminate water, alleging an attempt to disrupt the Meiteis from accessing clean drinking water.

The Meiteis' inclination to point fingers before verifying facts and figures is evident. They have a history of blaming others for their own mistakes, showcasing a consistent pattern of avoiding accountability and responsibility. This behavior is often rooted in a fear of facing consequences, a desire to maintain a positive image, or a lack of self-awareness. Additionally, it reflects their persistent efforts to discredit the Kukis. The Meiteis often find it difficult to admit fault or take ownership of their mistakes, opting instead to shift the blame onto others.

GOVT. ANSWERABLE TO PEOPLE ON MANIPUR VIOLENCE, SAYS ARCHBISHOP

It is immaterial whether one participated in the Prime Minister's banquet to raise the question what State and Union governments did to quell atrocities against Christian minorities in Manipur because even the strongest of political leadership will one day be held to account by people, Varappuzha Archbishop Joseph Kalathiparambil said here on Saturday.

It is a matter of great regret that democratic traditions, constitutional values, and citizens' rights are being violated at the State and Union levels. Social life is marred and made murkier by corruption and nepotism even in the face of serious financial distress, he said inaugurating the 42nd general council of the Kerala Region Latin Catholic Council (KRLCC) here.

The two-day council is being attended by representatives, including lay leadership, from 12 Latin Catholic dioceses in the State.

The archbishop said a lack of political values, breakdown in law and order, and exploitation of the poor in the name of development were widespread. The powers that be often turn their back on the sufferings of people in coastal areas. Those who protest are dubbed anti-nationals, he added.

KRLCC president Varghese Chakkalakkal presided over the inauguration of the general convention. He said the questions raised by the community in Vizhinjam and Muthalappozhi had not been addressed



by the government. Police cases against bishops and priests had not been withdrawn yet. The rights of Anglo Indian and Dalit communities are being violated, he said and reiterated the community's demand to implement the J.B. Koshy Committee recommendations immediately.

Bishop designate of Kottappuram Ambrose Puthenveetil was felicitated on the occasion. KRLCC office-bearers for the next three years will be elected on Sunday



We cannot enter into alliances until we are acquainted with the designs of our neighbors.

— Sun Tzu



In a significant development, over 3000 Indian Christians from various walks of life, including politicians, retired bureaucrats, and religious leaders, came together to express their disapproval of the government's treatment of the minorities, especially Christian community in the country. In a petition titled "Not In Our Name," sent to the President, Prime minister, Chief Justice of India and other dignitaries, the community members vehemently dissent the ongoing attacks and harassment faced by Christians since 2014, especially in BJP-ruled states.

The petition has been initiated by renowned Human rights and Christian activists Dr John Dayal, Dr. Prakash Louis SJ and Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ.

Prominent signatories include Derek O'Brien (MP, All India Trinamool Congress), M.G. Devashayam (Retired IAS), John Shilsi (Retired IPS), and various religious leaders, activists, and professionals from diverse fields.

It is noteworthy that on December 25, in a special Christmas gathering, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted members of the Christian community at his official residence, where he engaged in an interactive session, expressing warm wishes for Christmas and acknowledging the significance of the occasion. He reminisced about his longstanding relations with the Christian community, dating back to his tenure as

the Chief Minister of Gujarat. He highlighted the frequent meetings he had held with Christian leaders, emphasizing the importance of dialogue and collaboration.

While the Christian representatives expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister during the event, the joint statement clarifies that their thanks were not representative of the entire Christian community. It alleges that the government has consistently disregarded its constitutional mandate, affecting minorities, Adivasis, Dalits, backward castes, farmers, laborers, migrants, and others.

The statement emphasizes the significant contributions made by Christians to the nation, citing their roles in the freedom struggle, the Constituent Assembly, and various sectors such as education, healthcare, social work, culture, and politics. However, it also points out a disturbing trend of attacks, vilification, and denial of basic rights to Christians in recent years.

Continuous Attacks in Manipur: Signatories Express

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Alarm Over Unabated Violence Against Christians

The signatories who endorsed the petition, express dissenting opinion stating that, since May 3, the Christians of Manipur have been subject to constant attacks which still continues unabated and with apparent approval from the BJP Governments both in the State and at the Centre. “In the wake of all this, it is ironic that the Prime Minister hosted around 100 Christian representatives of different denominations on Christmas morning for a celebration. While it is certainly within his right as Prime Minister to host a reception for whomsoever he wishes one naturally would question the intention of this reception when he has not condemned a single attack on the Christians, under his Prime Ministership. Interestingly, while he praised Jesus Christ and waxed eloquent about the services of the Christian community, he did not share remorse or empathy for the situation of the Christians in the country today Those invited to the Christmas reception were a select group of Christians. While the invitation was from the Prime Minister, here was an opportunity for them to courteously decline the invite in the light of what has been happening to the Christians in Manipur and elsewhere.” read the statement.

The petition asserts the commitment of Indian Christians, along with conscious and committed citizens, to protect and promote the Constitution, Country, and Citizens of India. It criticizes the silence of the Christian representatives for not upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

The Mooknayak spoke to Dr John Dayal, a renowned human rights and Christian political activist. He is a member of the National Integration Council of India, Secretary-General of the All India Christian Council and a past president of the All India Catholic Union.

The activist highlighted the grim start to the year, where the Christian community faced adversity with

the burning of churches and loss of lives in the valley of Imphal, Manipur. Throughout the year, the Christian community, including Bishops and clergy, had been urging the Prime Minister to visit Manipur—a region marred by what Dayal described as the most significant communal crimes and human tragedy since Gujarat 2002 and Kandhamal, Orissa 2008.

Expressing disappointment, Dayal noted the absence of the Prime Minister’s visit to Manipur, leaving the responsibility to the Home Minister and the state’s Chief Minister. He raised concerns about the handling of the situation, accusing the Chief Minister of being casual in addressing what some allege to be a genocide, and possibly complicit by allegedly patronizing criminal private militias.

He said “it is not about Manipur alone. The persecution of the community is rampant, hate towards it from the highest quarters of nationalist religious leadership as deep as it can be. The government seems keen to starve it out of existence by withdrawing the FCRA (permits for receiving international donations) of a vast number of churches and its NGOs, and using the investigating agencies against Cardinals and Bishops, Pastors and lay people. In UP for instance, nearly 100 pastors and even ordinary men and women are in jail under charges of illegal conversions when all they were doing was celebrating birthdays or conducting Sunday prayers.

“The United Christian forum has in its annual report said there are two incidents of persecution a day in the country” he said. Apart from persecution, including arrests, the crisis of schools and other institutions, the massive social issue of the Dalit Christians remains.



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The #BharatJodoNyayYatra will show that within the borders of one state two communities cannot move freely now. It will show the failure of law and order. The @INCIndia needs to promise to the desperate people of Manipur that they can maintain law and order.

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The current Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi didn't visit the riot and violence hit Manipur and didn't even spell the word 'Manipur' for months.

But the Next Prime Minister, @RahulGandhi Ji is starting his Nyay Yatra from Manipur. It's his 2nd visit to the state in the last 6 months.

We don't know what's going to happen to us, we are like fish out of water. Rahul Gandhi Ji is our hope, said women of the state.

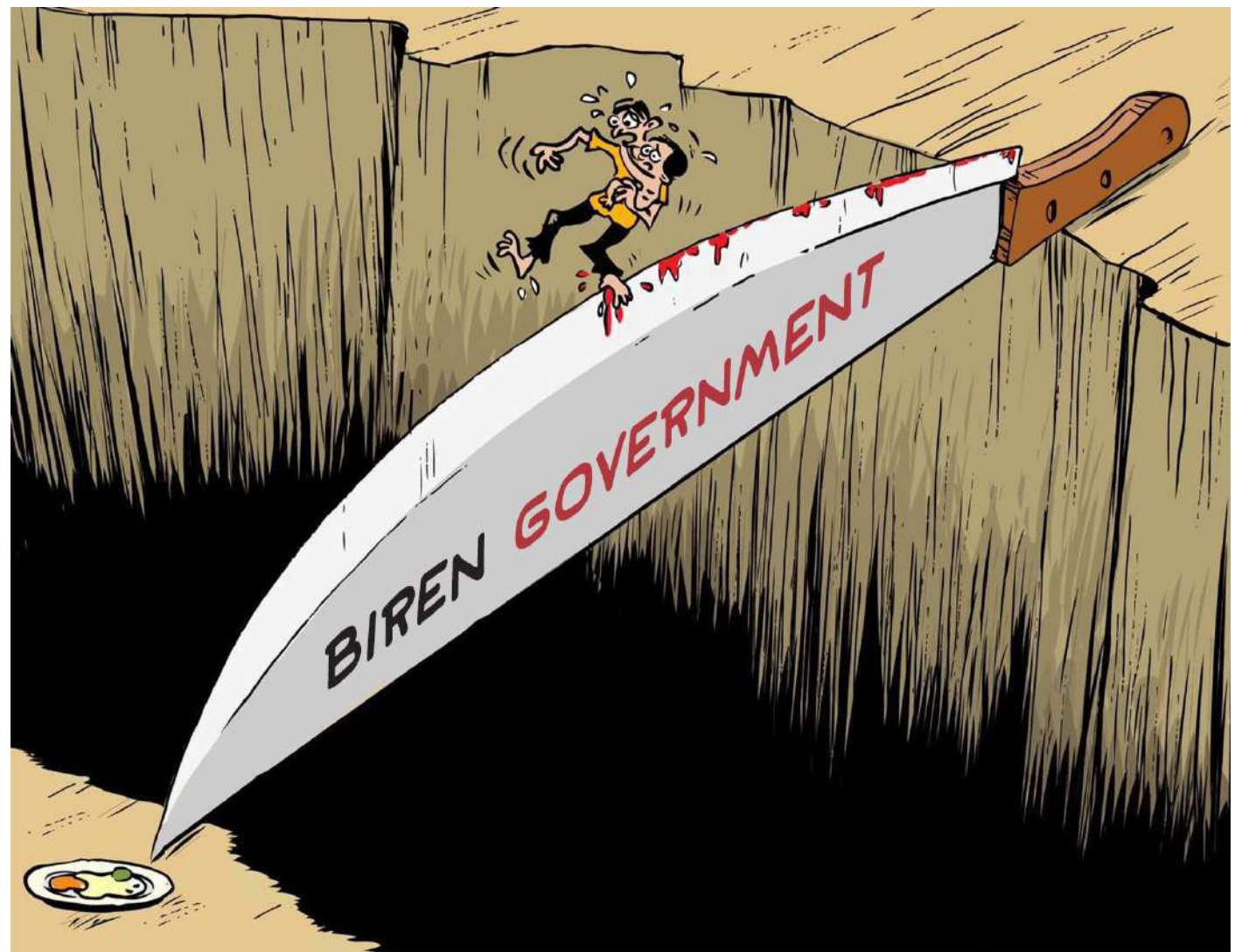
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THE SHARP-EDGED SARKAAR





The Sharp Venom

Who were the pickpockets?
Those who devalue our votes.
Pre-empt the state ally from wealth.
Cozen to pretend alliance with the state,
So pesky how they handle money.

Who were the crime-takers?
Those who lead our tribes.
Peg our life to the state.
Barrels and cartridges beget freaky aghast,
So pesky how they lead our lives.

The former and latter were The Sharp Venom.
The pickpockets and the crime-takers.
No pedestal deep on Calvary's cross.
Their minds drift away by the lust for wealth.
Their tongues never tune out righteousness.
God didn't find their names,
Written in the Book of records in heaven.

-K² Singson

