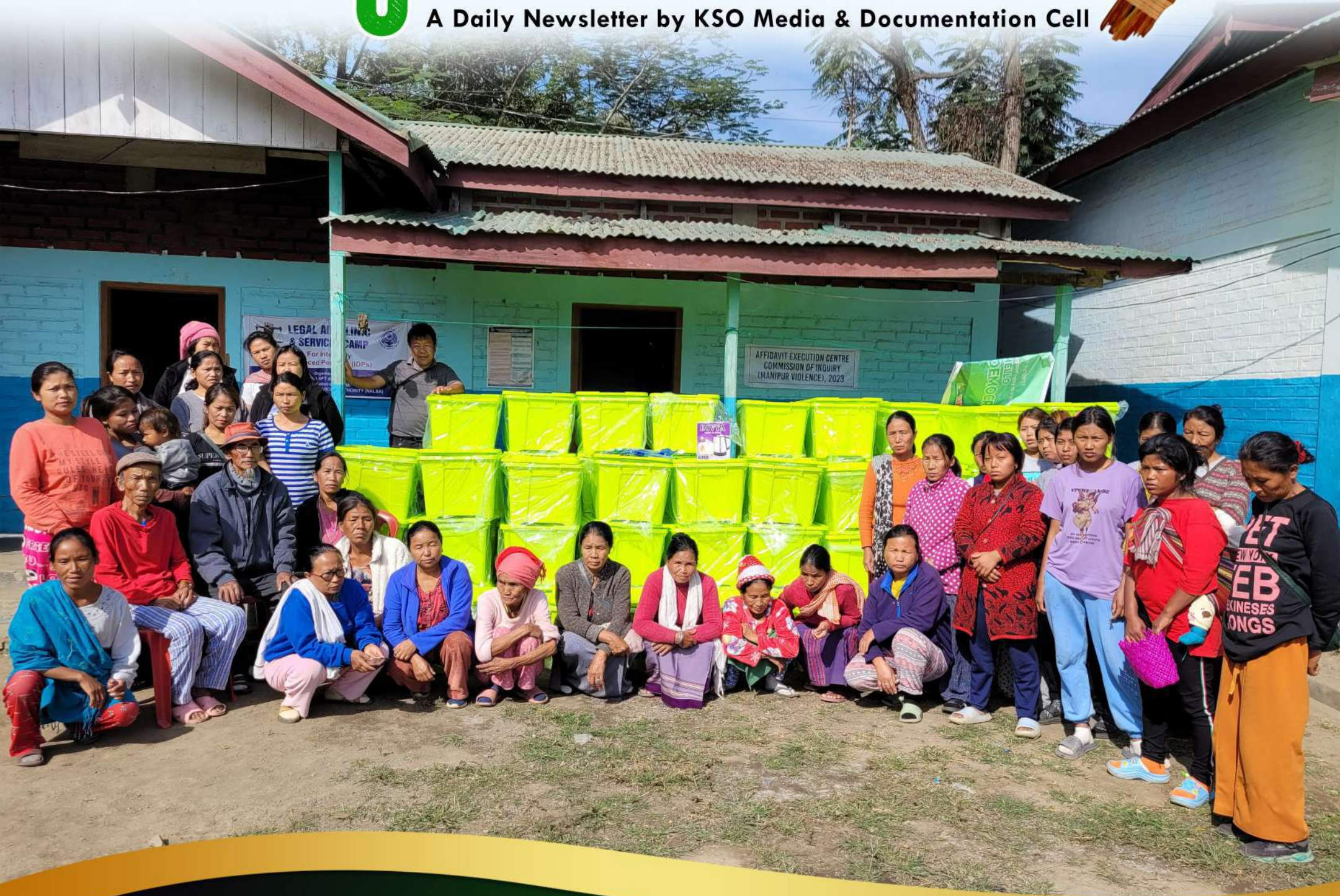


Thingkho Le Malcha

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Motbung Bethlehem Veng RELIEF CENTRE

Motbung Bethlehem Veng Community Hall, Sadar Hills
(Camp Code: KPI-4-01)

Managed by
District Administration &
Kuki CSOs Sadar Hills

Total Inmates Registered: 448



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13.02.2024



162
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.

ANGRY MOBS STORMED SP CHURACHANDPUR OFFICE OVER UNJUST SUSPENSION OF POLICE HEAD CONSTABLE; ARROGANCE OF SP ESCALATE VIOLENCE

Disgruntled with the unjust suspension of one Manipur Police Head Constable, Siamlal Paul of Churachandpur Police, an angry mobs numbering more than hundreds stormed the office of the District Superintendent of Police at Tuibong this evening.

The angry mobs also attacked the Mini-Secretariat situated at Tuibong and ransacked some of the infrastructures within the complex. One public transport bus was burned down during the melee.

The Rapid Action Forces (RAF) who are stationed at the Mini-Secretariat Complex retaliated by firing tear gas shells to dispersed the agitating mob. Till the filing of this report, atleast one died while more than 25 individuals sustained injuries.

It may be noted here that, the SP of Churachandpur on Thursday issued a suspension order for Head Constable Siamlalpaul for making video with armed miscreants.

The suspension order said, "Whereas, a Departmental Enquiry under Rule 66 Part-III of Assam Police Manual (APM) is being contemplated against Head Constable Siamlalpaul of Churachandpur District Police, as a video is viral on social media showing him making a video with armed miscreants was seen sitting together with Village Volunteers on 14-02-2024. This tantamount to very grave misconduct, being a member of disciplined police force."

Now, therefore, the undersigned as empowered under Rule 66 Part-III of APM do hereby place Head Constable Siamlalpaul Churachandpur District Police under suspension from his service with immediate effect and until further orders, it added.

During the period under which this order remains in force, the Headquarter of Head Constable Siamlalpaul shall be Reserve Line, DHQ-Churachandpur and he shall not leave the station without prior permission of the undersigned. His pay and allowances is restricted to the subsistence allowances admissible



as per the Rules, the order continued. The violence escalates when a video of SP Churachandpur Shivanand Surve went viral. In the video, the SP could be seen nonchalantly disregarding the public sentiments. Rather than quelling the violence, the SP Shivanand could be seen talking with the protestors in a way that publicly disregards the sentiments of the protestors.

A screenshot of Shivanand WhatsApp message went viral this evening, adding fuel to the violence. In the viral screenshot, Shivanand could be seen disregarding the public blockade call of Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) some few months back.

It may be noteworthy that Shivanand Surve has been in the wrong waters since his first posting as the SP of Churachandpur. When the protest was underway during Mark Haokip's arrest, the SP is viewed as someone who is anti against the people of Churachandpur.

His nonchalant attitude and wrong approach to the volatile situation that erupted this evening led to chaos and unnecessary killings. The SP Churachandpur should hold accountable for all the chaos unfolding this evening at Lamka.

INDIGENOUS TRIBAL LEADERS' FORUM ISSUES 24-HOUR ULTIMATUM TO CCPUR SP FOR DEPARTURE FROM DISTRICT

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) squarely points finger at the new Churachandpur Superintendent of Police, Shivanand Surve, for the tragic events unfolding in the district tonight. The incident resulted in the loss of one life due to police action, with at least 25 others sustaining injuries during protests against the mistreatment of a tribal official.

Recent months have seen a proliferation of social media content depicting Meitei police officers fraternizing with armed militants and, in some instances, firing upon tribal communities with automatic weapons. Despite this evidence, no disciplinary measures have been taken against these officers, ITLF alleged, adding that swift action was taken against a Kuki-Zo tribal policeman whose image circulated, showing him seated with village volunteers protecting their land.

As a senior law enforcement figure, the SP is fully cognizant of the ongoing conflict in Manipur and the delicate situation on the ground. However, his actions have not only failed to defuse tensions but have exacerbated them. Mr. Surve's transfer to Churachandpur, orchestrated by the communal Chief Minister, appears to be a deliberate move to stoke unrest in the hill areas, a task he has promptly undertaken, ITLF maintained.

Earlier this week, police personnel stationed at the 5th IRB in Imphal stood by as 200 weapons and 20,000 rounds of ammunition were looted without resistance. No individuals were held accountable for this egregious security breach. Numerous eyewitness accounts detail Meitei police officers leading attacks on tribal communities, yet no repercussions have followed.

The forum demands that the SP rectify the suspension of the tribal policeman and vacate the district within



Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)
Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

File No: ITLF-PR-202480

Thursday, 15 February 2024

PRESS CONDEMNATION

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) holds the new SP of Lamka, Shivanand Surve, entirely responsible for tonight's incident in the district, where one person was shot dead by security forces and at least 25 others were injured after civilians came out in the streets to protest the unjust treatment of a tribal official.

In the past few months, numerous video clips and photos have been circulating on social media showing Meitei police personnel openly fraternizing with armed militants, and in some cases shooting at tribal villages with automatic weapons. But no action has been taken against them.

On the other hand, a Kuki-Zo tribal policeman has been immediately suspended after one screengrab went viral showing him sitting with village volunteers guarding their lands.

As a high-ranking police official, the SP is fully aware of the nature of the conflict in Manipur and the sensitivities involved on the ground. But that did not stop him from acting in a manner that would lead to tension and violence. Mr. Surve was transferred to Lamka by the communal chief minister to create problems in the hill areas, and he did not waste any time carrying out his assignment.

On Tuesday, police personnel stationed at the 5th IRB in Imphal allowed the looting of 200 weapons and 20,000 ammunition without any resistance. No one was hauled up for the incident. There are numerous personal accounts of Meitei police personnel leading mobs in attacking tribal villages. No action has been taken against them. Commandos shot at civilians and burned houses and schools in Moreh. No action has been taken against them.

If the SP cannot act with fairness, we will not allow him to remain in any tribal area. He should immediately revoke the suspension of the policeman and leave the district within 24 hours. Otherwise, Mr. Surve will bear sole responsibility for any future incident.

We are also announcing a shutdown tomorrow to protest the killing of a civilian by security forces.



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24 hours. Failure to comply will render Mr. Surve solely responsible for any ensuing incidents.

Additionally, in protest against the civilian fatality caused by security forces, a shutdown is planned for tomorrow.

RETIRED COLONEL TURNED SENIOR POLICE OFFICER NECTAR SANJENBAM THREATENS FORMER KSO LEADER WITH DEATH THREATS

A retired Indian Army Colonel, Nectar Sanjenbam, who currently is serving the state as a Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP, Combat), a new post created by N Biren Singh's Government amid the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur, landed in trouble after he threatened to kill a former KSO leader.

Former President of KSO Tengnoupal, H. Thangtinlen Daniel Mate lodged a written complaint to the Officer-in-Charge of Tengnoupal Police Station requesting to register an FIR against the Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat) today.

In his written complaint, the former KSO leader stated that he received a call late in the evening of February 12, from a Mobile number +91 7085058808 which belongs to Mr. Nectar, a retired Colonel and the present SSP in the Manipur Police Department.

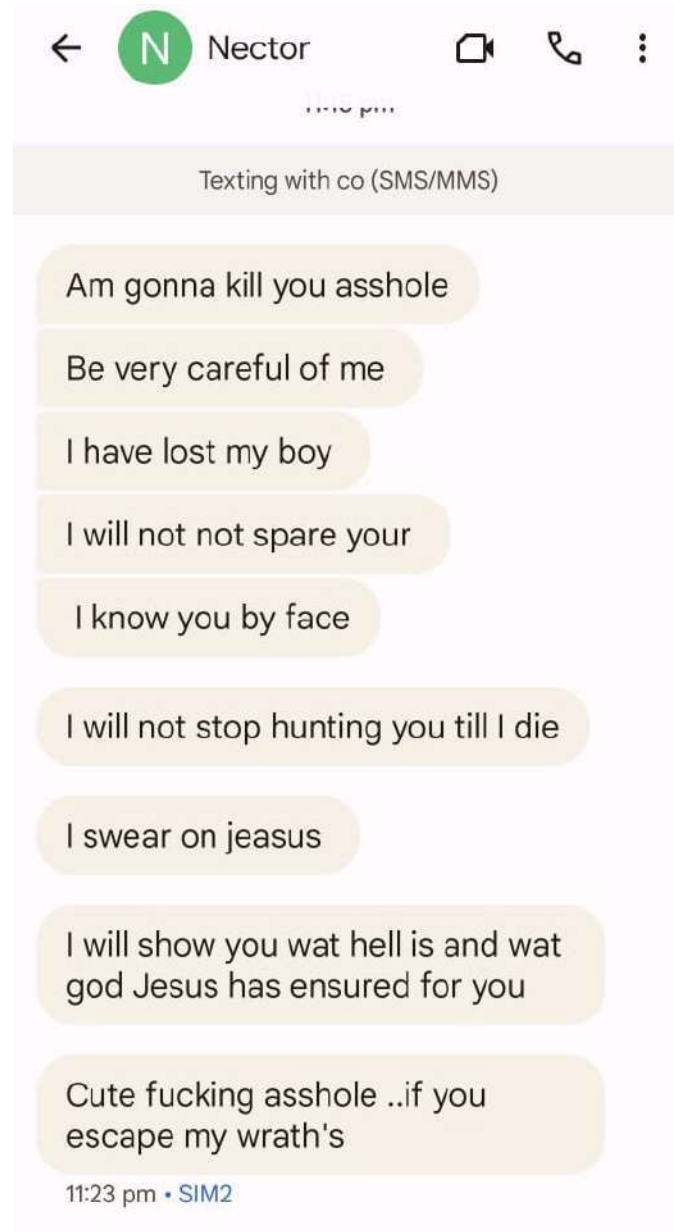
A resident of Tengnoupal village in Tengnoupal District, H. Thangtinlen Daniel Mate, known to many as Daniel Mate, stated that he did not answer the said call as it was already too late in the evening.

"However, after a few minutes from the unanswered call, I received several life - threatening text messages from the SSP", he stated in his complaint and produced a copy of the screenshot along with his written complaint to the Officer-in-Charge of Tengnoupal Police Station.

The former KSO leader appealed to the Officer-in-Charge of Tengnoupal Police Station to take up any and all necessary legal action to book the person who threatened to kill him as soon as possible.

He also stated in his complaint that he had done nothing against the SSP(Combat) or any other person to deserve such death threats.

The former KSO leader also stated in his complaint that unless the police authority take urgent measures to book the aforementioned SSP and take the necessary legal procedures and punishment at the earliest, he and his family face the constant threat of death at any moment.



The eight "life-threatening" messages received by the former KSO leader from the SSP (Combat) read, "Am gonna kill you asshole", "Be very careful of me", "I have lost my boy", "I will not spare your", "I know you by face", "I will not stop hunting you till I die", "I swear on jeasus", "I will show you wat hell is and wat god Jesus has ensured for you".

Once a decorated army officer, and an awardee of the Kirti Chakra, Nectar Sanjenbam became a controversial officer after he was appointed as the Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat), a post specially created for him by the Manipur Government led by Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

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The post was created by the state Home Department on 28 August, following a decision taken by the state cabinet on 12 June.

The retired Colonel of the Indian Army's elite 21st Para Special Forces (the Wagnakhs), who led the operation against Meitei militants in June 2015, days after the attack in Manipur's Chandel district which left 18 Army personnel dead, and personally killed at least six Meitei insurgents with his silenced Uzi rifle is now allegedly helping the same Meitei militants and radicalized groups in ongoing ethnic conflict and instigating violence contradictory to his appointment to address the violence situation.

The prematurely retired Colonel was appointed as the Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat) "in relaxation of all prevalent recruitment norms as a special case" for a five-year tenure.

Barely ten days after the appointment of Nectar Sanjenbam as the SSP(Combat), a heavy-firing incident occurred in Tengnoupal District where he was posted, as heavily armed Meitei militants attacked Pallel Kuki village where one Kuki Village Volunteer was killed and many houses in Pallel bazar were razed to the ground.

The Kuki apex body, KIM considered the appointment of Nectar Sanjenbam to the post of SSP (Combat) to be raising eyebrows on the Constitutional validity of the appointments beside the ulterior motive of the state Government to advance the ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kuki community.

The Committee on Tribal Unity, or the CoTU, Sadar Hills considered the attack on Pallel, Molnoi area by Meitei militants as a clear outcome of the appointment of a retired Meitei Army officer as the Senior Superintendent of Police (Combat) in the state police department.

The committee maintained that the rules of appointment of Nectar Sanjenbam are nowhere found in the Constitution of India or in any recruitment rules and even urged the Central Government to

intervene and revoke the appointment to maintain the sanctity and image of the Indian Army.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, or the ITLF also considered the appointment of Nectar Sanjenbam as a precursor to the attack on Pallel, just 10 days after his appointment.

On January 8, the Kuki women of Moreh hill town apprehended the SSP (Combat), Nectar Sanjenbam who disguised as an Army personnel when he was allegedly attempting to harm the Kuki community in Moreh morning bazar. The Kuki bodies of Moreh alleged that Nectar Sanjenbam went to the crowded morning market with automatic rifles during curfew relaxation hours by donning an Army uniform and disguised as an Army personnel, in an attempt to carry out a massacre upon the Kukis.

The local women who kept strict vigil in the area, fortunately, noticed the retired Colonel and caught him before he executed his sinister plan.

However, when the womenfolk despite his evil plan, escorted the SSP back to Moreh bazar, the Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol opened fire towards the innocent civilians resulting in further unrest in the border town of Moreh.

The Kuki bodies also raised questions on the sanctity of Assam Rifles owing to the slanted role and partisan efforts of Nectar Sanjenbam.

Nectar Sanjenbam has lost his decorated stature as a decorated Army Officer after his appointment as the SSP (Combat) in the Manipur Police Department.

Now, this controversial senior police officer threatening to kill a former KSO leader has obviously exposed his partisan attitude in the ongoing ethnic violence and clearly demonstrated to the world that his appointment as the SSP (Combat) is a threat to the lives of the Kuki people in the strife-torn Manipur.

PETROL PUMP RETAIL OUTLETS IN VALLEY TO CLOSE FROM FEBRUARY 16 TILL 18

All Manipur dealers of petrol pump has decided to close all retail outlets from February 16 till February 18.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the dealers held at Hotel Nirmala on February 15, 2024.

The dealers resolved that during these period, any untoward/unwanted pressure will result in further closure of the retail outlets.

Earlier on February 11, the dealers have declared that they have decided to cease operation of oil pumps in the valley in a few days over abduction of staff, loots and unbearable demands from different groups that they have been facing in the ongoing conflict.

It has been reported that miscreants often going away without paying anything to the outlet attendants

after refilling their vehicles to the full capacity has become a common phenomenon in the valley.

Since the miscreants looted the retail outlets or either collect donations and refilled their vehicles without paying anything, the retail outlets faced difficulties in purchasing fresh stock of fuel and in repaying debts and EMI to oil companies and banks.

Despite paying donations and incurring loss, outlets do not charge in excess from the consumers and that they sell the fuel at the rate fixed by the government. Extortion, loot, abduction of staff, free refilling and the likes have prompted the dealers to come to this conclusion with a stern warning that any untoward action against petrol stations, outlet owners and staff during the said period shall lead to further closure of operations.

SUSPECTED MEITEI GUNMEN ABDUCTS THREE INCLUDING TWO MEITEI PANGAL AT GUNPOINT

Unidentified gunmen believed to be from the valley abducted two Meitei Pangal and a Meitei on Thursday at Phubala Naranseina.

As per details available on social media, the individuals who had been abducted are identified as Alimdin, Md. Latip and Johnsan. The reasons behind their abduction could not be ascertain till the filing of this report.

Protesting against the abduction, locals of Kwata blocked the highway at Kwakta. The incident is not the first of its kind where the Meitei Pangals (manipur Muslims) have been at the receiving end since the start of the ethnic conflict.

Earlier, at least three persons from Kwakta were abducted and beaten black and blue by some unknown armed men on January. The three victims, all Meitei Pangals, were released later after looting them with

an amount of around Rs 11 lakh, said a source.

The victims were identified as Md Amir (37), Md Abdul Satar (38) and Md Shakir Ahmed (39) of Kwakta village, Bishnupur district. As informed by a source, the incident happened at around 8 pm near Ningthoukhong under Moirang police station when the three victims, all businessmen, were coming back from Lilong when some unidentified armed men stopped their vehicle and abducted them with no obvious reason. Later, they were brutally thrashed by the armed miscreants, it said.

Even a layman can come to a conclusion that the gunmen behind these abductions will be one of Arambai Tenggol, meitei militants or meitei "village" volunteers since there are no Kuki villages along the way from Kwakta to Imphal.

**NEWS ANALYSIS****In Biren's Manipur, Partiality is the New Norm Even for Public Employees, Carrot for Meitei but Stick for Kukis**

Is penalty on one but pardon on the other for the same offence just and fair? The suspension order of Mr. Siamlalpaal by the Churachandpur SP took everyone by surprise, as the government and the police department of Manipur have been continually sending out the message since 3rd May 2023 that it gave the green signal to public employees that they can take sides in ethnic violence because on multiple occasions there are evidences of Meitei police being enablers and participants to murder, arson, physical and verbal assault, rape and other crimes committed against the Kuki in the Meitei genocide pogrom to ethnically cleanse the Kukis but they are not held accountable. Why is then someone held accountable for believing rightly what the government has so far sent the signal to the public employees? Or is the message/green signal only for Meitei public employees?

Article 16 of the Indian constitution states there shall be equality of opportunity in matters of public employment. This constitutional provision serves as the bedrock for fair and non-discriminatory practices in matters of public employment. It guarantees that all citizens have an equal chance in employment matters, covering aspects like recruitment, promotions, suspension, termination, salary, and more. Why can't the state police force in Manipur be treated with the same yardstick? On what intelligible differentials are Meitei and Kuki-Zo employees differentiated, that one can commit genocide but the other can't protect Indians against

terrorists whose goal is to annihilate and oppress his community? Was it not the government that gave the green signal to the police forces that they could take sides in the ethnic violence by not holding the Meitei police forces accountable? Why carrot for Meitei but stick for the Kuki-Zo?

Where is the suspension and termination order for those police who arsoned schools and homes at Moreh? There, giving a clean cheat didn't whitewash their crime as there is CCTV footage evidence of their crime. Where is the termination/ suspension order for Mairembam Romesh Mangang, who after beheading David Theik later roamed around with the head? Ain't his viral photo enough to be evidence? Where is the investigation against commandos and police forces the victims of the genocide have filed complaints about? Ain't wearing their official uniform in their official vehicles enough proof to initiate an investigation? Why is no investigation initiated against police stations that surrender their vehicles and guns to Arambai Tenggol? Ain't videos of Arambai Tenggol leaders and cadres of them commuting freely in police vehicles with looted guns enough evidence? What amounts to enough evidence to prosecute and initiate an investigation and actions against Meitei public employees and the police force? And where is Article 16 or has it

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been murdered to protect Meitei public employees?

Who shall give an explanation for the evidence left behind in the form of the box of 10 cartridges of 7.62 mm with the serial number 31A-12-09 by attackers at Saibol in Chandel districts? Such precise numbering and packages are available only to the State government. Will the Biren government accept their involvement or still hide their involvement by citing it as being a part of the looted arms and ammunition? The fact however remains that the looting of such an enormous amount of government armoury cannot happen without government support. If the state government themselves are not held accountable by the central government, why the pro-activeness by Churachandpur SP? Aspiration for promotion or call from Imphal? Either way, his action is just immature and insensitive to the situation prevailing in the state. A civil servant who wants peace won't resort to such measures, for he/she knows it will be seen as another oppression by the oppressed citizens.

Partial fairness is simply unacceptable. It's rather discriminatory and an oppression. The more frightening threat is if public employees can be oppressed and discriminated against, what of the common citizens? If laws themselves are used as a tool for suppression and oppression against a particular community, then state involvement in the suppression and oppression pogrom is the naked truth. If the state's involvement in the oppression and suppression is the reality, then

ain't democracy and constitution under threat for a country that called itself the Mother of Democracy? If they are under threat, what stops the central government from declaring there is a constitutional breakdown in the state? Or does India itself surrender to the communal and secessionist element that spearheaded the pogrom? Or is the existence of the BJP government more important to Delhi than the injustice upon lakhs of its citizens?

Manipur presently is a sensitive state. If the same yardstick is not employable, turning a blind eye like the other side does is the mature way of dealing with it, else you are taking sides. Presently by their partial activism to bring law and order in the Kuki-dominated area while surrendering themselves to mobs and militia in the valley dominated by the Meitei, the government and its agencies are proving themselves to be a typical bully who fears the strong but bullies the weak. If India still fears Meitei in Manipur, are India's aspirations to become a global leader achievable, is the question?

Lastly, if the majority community's whims and fancies are the de facto Law of the Land, why does India call itself a constitutional democracy? Why does it prescribe laws and penalties that can't be enforced against the tyranny of the majority? To penalise, discriminate and oppress the minority is the only answer.



If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials become wicked.

– Proverb 29: 12

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



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They gave away state security arms and ammunition, none suspended: they lead mobs to burn down Kuki colonies in Imphal, no action. A police personnel appeared in a viral video of Kuki volunteers and he got suspended? Is this a just state? Whoever supports an unjust state...

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#Manipur police sets new morals. Rape and killings are ok and consensual dating is outlawed. Romeo squads of @manipur_police terrorising innocent youngsters on a simple date. While #MeiteiTerroristsArambaiTenggol have freedom to patrol streets of Imphal on LMG mounted vehicles.



MG @Justice4Kuki_Zo · 5h

Replying to @JangminTouthan1

Moral police @manipur_police on the event of Valentine day at Imphal, Manipur. The Arambai Tengol militia do the patrolling in the Imphal Valley and carry out attacks in #Kuki_Zo_Tribals..The cooperation



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SUSPENSION OF POLICE HEAD CONSTABLE





TRUTH ALWAYS TRIUMPHS

Many years hence, history will verify us,
Biren is a probable brother of Hitler, the evil
In terms of his characters as a sadist, megalomaniac, and tyrant
Only having lived in a different era and place,
For many, it's not so hard to believe
Biren is a reincarnation of Hitler.

Hitler was an anti-Semite; Biren is an anti-Kuki-Zo.
Hitler wrote 'Mein Kampf' to substantiate his 'anti-Semitism';
And Biren started 'Naharolgi Thoudang' to be influential in society.
To gain power, Hitler formed the SS Elite Corps;
Biren formed the Arambai Tenggols,
They both ruled with an iron fist, no one dares to mess with them.

Like the Western powers appeased Hitler to satisfy his desires;
India gifted a knife to Biren to do as he wills to the Kuki-Zo,
Like the vampire's first taste of blood,
they both strive for more power,
As Lord Acton said: '... Absolute power corrupts absolutely'.
Like Western powers, too late will India realize
what an evil Biren is.

The end is sure to come
as 'Truth always triumphs' or 'Satyameva Jayathi'.
Like Hitler, Biren will be exposed for his war crimes
against the Kuki-Zo ethnic group,
And his abuse of power by deploying state forces
and resources to annihilate them.
Will he then choose to kill himself like his mentor Hitler? or,
Will he be killed by his own people like Muammar Gaddafi?

- Hillsman J. Tearsworth

