

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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TONGKHOJANG KHONGTHANG (26 YEARS)

S/O LUNKHOHAO KHONGTHANG

ADDRESS: DONGSUM, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 7TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: YAINGANGPOKPI, IMPHAL EAST

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 BODIES ADVOCATE FOR NEUTRAL OFFICERS IN FRINGE AREAS, URGE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT KUKI-ZO LIVES IN JIRIBAM

Highlighting the deep-seated ethnic tensions in Jiribam, Kuki Inpi Manipur urgently called for intervention from the Central Government to protect the rights and lives of vulnerable Kuki-Zo communities.

The Kuki's apex body vehemently condemned the alleged state-sponsored attack on Sejang and Mongbung villages in Jiribam this morning at around 9:40 a.m. by a combined force of Meitei State Forces and Valley Based Insurgent Groups, including the Arambai Tenggol. The body denounced the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) for failing to maintain neutrality and instead colluding with Meitei militants under the command of Huidrom Premjit, which led to the death of a CRPF jawan.

The Kuki Inpi claimed that the attacks were part of a broader campaign of ethnic persecution against the Kuki-Zo people by the Manipur state government and radical Meitei leadership, resulting in significant displacement and suffering for the Kuki-Zo community. It mentioned that over 45,000 Kuki-Zo people have already been displaced from their homes, with the Jiribam Campaign exacerbating the distress as hundreds of villagers have been compelled to flee their homes in Jiribam due to ongoing oppression by Meitei armed groups, with many now displaced in relief camps.

Urging the Government of India to ensure the safety, security, peace, and stability of the Kuki-Zo people, the Kuki Inpi specifically called for the withdrawal of Meitei central armed forces from Kuki-Zo areas and to prohibit Meitei state forces from operating in these areas while strongly advocated for neutral officers to be deployed in the fringe regions.

The Kuki's apex body maintained the continued presence of individuals such as Huidrom Premjit, and DIG (Ops.) CRPF, and Nectar Sanjembam, SSP (Ops.),



Manipur Police in Kuki-Zo regions, who have been reported for gross misuse of their forces to target Kuki-Zo civilians, exacerbated tensions and further deepened the conflict, hampering efforts to restore peace in the region. It argued that the current administrative framework is failing to protect the Kuki-Zo people and called for the establishment of a distinct administrative region for them to ensure their security, representation, and autonomy.

Meanwhile, the Kuki Inpi Jiribam, Tamenglong and Noney (KUTN), Kuki Chief Association (KCA) Tousem Block, Kuki Students Organization Jiri and Tamenglong (KSOJ&T), and Kuki Inpi Women Wing have expressed their shock and condemnation over the continued attacks on Mongbung and Sejang Villages, highlighting that despite the presence of Assam Rifles (AR) in these villages, the assaults by Meitei terrorists (UNLF), Arambai Tenggol, and the Manipur Police Commando persist.

The joint bodies stated that this morning's attack was the third attack carried out by the state-sponsored Meitei insurgents and Arambai tenggol on these two villages, highlighting that the same

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forces who had carried out the attack today had conducted a Security Search Operation in the same villages this week in the most unprofessional way by ransacking food items of the villagers.

In addition to condemning the attack by Meitei insurgents and their associates, the Kuki bodies have expressed outrage over allegations of CRPF involvement in a recent, this morning's attack.

According to their statement, the CRPF's actions were reportedly guided by DIG Premjit Meetei, despite their mandate to remain neutral and ensure the safety of all citizens while extending heartfelt condolences to the family of a CRPF personnel who succumbed to injuries while attempting to calm the situation amidst the attack by police commandos.

While vehemently condemning the attacks on innocent villagers by the Meitei insurgents, Arambai Tenggol, and security forces, the Kuki organizations have called upon the central government to urgently intervene and protect their lives and property. They emphasize that state security forces, tasked with ensuring safety, are instead posing severe threats to their communities' security. The Kuki bodies urge immediate action to uphold their rights and safeguard against ongoing hostilities.

They also question the biased nature of the security forces, raising concerns about how Meitei insurgents and Arambai Tenggol have been able to freely operate despite the presence of security personnel. They highlight the repeated attacks on Kuki-Zo villages like Mongbung and Sejang, occurring at the convenience of these groups over an extended period. The Kuki organizations demand that the central government take legal action against security personnel involved in attacking innocent villagers and village volunteers, underscoring the need for accountability and justice in safeguarding their communities.

They further emphasized that it is alarming to consistently see the involvement of Arambai Tenggol and UNLF in the attacks on Mongbung and Sejang

villages, yet the district authorities continue to authorize operations that target these villages. This situation has raised serious concerns about fairness and justice in the application of a law, where it appears that victims are being implicated while the perpetrators go unchecked. The Kuki organizations have expressed deep concern over this apparent imbalance and have called for a thorough reassessment of security operations. They stress the urgent need for equitable treatment and enhanced protection for the communities affected by these attacks.

"The blame game played by the Meiteis is no longer a secret. However, the Central Forces and the authorities turn a blind eye to these crimes," alleged the Kuki organizations.

"We have been observing the precarious situation and the apparent bias of the central government, where we feel marginalized as if the Meiteis and their associates are above the law. It would be a disservice to the ideals of the Indian Government if it fails to protect the lives and rights of minorities in the largest democracy in the world. Despite facing numerous dire situations where our lives are at stake, we maintain our faith in the Central Government and its agencies to ensure justice.

"The only viable solution to this ongoing conflict is the establishment of a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo. The survival and existence of Indian Kuki-Zo communities depend on this measure. We urge the Central Government to expedite this process, as it is crucial for achieving lasting peace between our communities", they further stated.

Furthermore, the Kuki bodies have declared that they will no longer tolerate any form of atrocities, whether committed by the Meitei government or central security agencies intending harm. They asserted their rights as loyal citizens of the country to self-protection and vow to resist all injustices perpetrated against them.

WHEN WILL GOVERNMENT, PM MODI WAKE UP: PRIYANKA AFTER CRPF JAWAN KILLED IN MANIPUR

Attacking the Centre after a CRPF jawan was killed in Manipur, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Sunday said the state has completely fallen apart and asked when the central government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will “wake up from their sleep”.

In a post in Hindi on X, Priyanka Gandhi said, “The news of the martyrdom of a soldier in the attack on a CRPF convoy in Manipur is extremely saddening. May God grant peace to the departed soul. Deepest condolences to the bereaved family.”

“The violence that started on May 3 last year continues till today. A state has completely fallen apart. After all, when will the central government and the Prime Minister wake up from their sleep?” she said.

A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawan was killed at Mongbung village in Manipur’s Jiribam district on Sunday morning, police said.



A policeman also suffered injuries and he has been admitted to a hospital, they said.

The deceased has been identified as Ajay Kumar Jha, 43, a resident of Bihar.

He suffered bullet injuries in the head and was declared dead in hospital. The injured policeman is undergoing treatment and he is out of danger, a police officer said. (India Today NE)

FIVE SUSPECTED KCP-N CADRES NABBED IN KAKCHING

A joint team of the central and state forces foiled kidnapping and extortion attempts by arresting five suspected cadres of the proscribed Kangleipak Communist Party – Nongdrenkhomba (KCP-N) in Manipur.

Two pistols and a vehicle were recovered from them, the police said on Monday.

The arrested cadres of KCP (Nongdrenkhomba) were later identified as Soibam Lanchanba Meitei (25), Soibam Manoj Singh (27), Heisnam Dipak Meitei (39), Nameirakpam Nelson Singh (20) and Nongthombam Leishemba (23), the police said.

Along with them, the police also seized two pistols, with one magazine each loaded with 05 (five) live rounds,



three mobile phones, three three camouflage outfits and one vehicle without number plates.

The arrested persons, seized items and the impounded vehicle are now in the custody of the police.

A case has been registered for further investigation, the police added.

MANIPUR GOVERNOR SUMMONS 6TH SESSION OF 12TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON JULY 31

Manipur governor, Anusuiya Uikey, has officially summoned the 6th session of the 12th Manipur legislative assembly to convene on July 31.

This announcement was made in a notification issued by K Meghajit Singh, secretary of the Manipur legislative assembly.

In accordance with Clause (1) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, the Manipur governor has called the session to meet at 11:00 AM in the assembly hall, Imphal.

This decision aligns with the recommendation made by the Manipur cabinet, led by chief minister N Biren



Singh, who decided on Friday (July 12) to convene the assembly session on the specified date.

The number of sittings for the session will be determined by the business advisory committee of the Manipur legislative assembly.

TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENTS RECALLED: JULY 14 & 15, 2023

A RECAP OF THE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ON JULY 14 & 15, 2023 AS A RESULT OF PRE-PLANNED STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST KUKI-ZO

14th July, 2023:

Meiteis militants accompanied by IRB and Police Commandos attacked the Thingsat-Phaileng area of Kangpokpi at around 6:00 PM. No casualty was reported.

15th July, 2023:

Three trucks belonging to Misao Gas Agency, a Kuki-Zo entrepreneur, carrying Gas Cylinders to Kangpokpi were burned down by Meira Paibis at around Noon.



MISCREANTS THROW BOMBS AT RESIDENCE OF MD OF SALAI HOLDINGS IN IMPHAL

Unknown miscreants came in a car and threw bombs at the residential gate of a Managing Director of a private firm located at Tera Loukrakpam Leikai under the Lamphel police station in Imphal West district on Sunday late night.

The perpetrators who came in a white colour car lobbed two bombs at the main gate of the residential complex of N Samarjit, the Managing Director of Salai Holdings Private Limited, a non-government company.

One bomb exploded causing damage to the residential gate while another remained unexploded.

There was no casualty in the blast being the late night. Teams of Manipur Police's Bomb Detective and Disposal Squad (MPBDS) were called in immediately.

The MPBDS collected the explosive material, cordoned it off, and defused it at a dumping site in the Imphal West district at around 2 am on Monday, the police said.

The police registered a case in this regard and the motive behind the incident is suspected to be a monetary matter.

Official reports stated that the company could not pay back the investors' money as it could not function



properly because its bank accounts and their assets being frozen by the State Government.

Incorporated on 15 Oct 2014 and classified as a 'company limited by shares' the firm's authorized capital stands at Rs 200.0 lakh and has five per cent paid-up capital of Rs 10.0 lakhs.

Salai Holdings Private Limited's last annual general meeting (AGM) happened on 30 Sept 2017.

The company last updated its financials on 31 March 2017 as per the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).

Source: [NE Now News](#)



**If you're not part of the solution,
you're part of the problem.**

- African Proverb

**ANALYSIS**

Why Kukis Don't Trust Meitei Manipur Police and Their Military Officials?

Testimony and horrific accounts of Kukis in Imphal valley and villagers who are forced to flee by Arambai Tenggol, on and after 3rd of May 2023, by default let the Kukis come to the conclusion that the Meitei Manipur police were no less an ISI for Arambai Tenggol as ISI are for terrorists operating in J&K. Thus, if today Arambai Tenggol is the symbol of Oppression and terror for the Kukis, the Meitei Manipur police represents the enabler of their existence. The Meitei Manipur police's roles in the unfortunate tragedy happening today in Manipur are supportive of the allegations made against them by the Kukis.

The strength of manpower in Manipur police is never the issue, the looted arms and ammunition from the state armoury suggests there was no shortage of the necessary weapons to ensure LAW and ORDER in Manipur if they wished to. Rampant extortion and violence is the reality today in Manipur where Arambai Tenggol and Militants like UNLF(P) capture the power of police in the capital and districts inhabited by Meitei communities, But they choose to be a toothless tiger towards the culprits there. The surrendering of state armoury and law and order to a terrorist-like militia with no strong resistance from a State police force indeed is a worrying and dangerous threat that needs an immediate intervention by the central government unless we want a miniature of Taliban Afghanistan in India. India must remember it is these looted weapons

that terrorise and murder its own citizens today as it landed in the wrong hands.

Arambai Tenggol became a household name amongst the Kukis only after the narration by their victims of the whole trauma and tragedy they underwent during the attacks on their villages or for the roles the Arambai Tenggol played in the massacre and atrocities in Imphal. The victims necessarily named Manipur police/commandos along with Arambai Tenggol as cohorts in waging the terror act in their villages. Victims accounts testified that those attacking the villages were accompanied by Manipur police in their vehicles and they also testified that they paved the way for Arambai Tenggol both in the attacks and in the arson of their villages, while victims from Imphal accused them of being bystanders even if they were present when atrocities were committed against them. The Manipur police thus became a Meitei police force for the Kukis. Their proactiveness in Kuki dominated areas today while the complete failure of law and order in their own courtyard further strengthens their belief.

It is utopian thinking if the Manipur police today think the Kukis would welcome and respect them

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like they used to, when what they rather owe is an apology. They must remember they were the same police force that turned blind and deaf to the cries and screams when helpless Kukis asked for their help. They were the same police forces that stood there as bystanders when their relatives were mobbed, lynched and murdered in front of their eyes. Imagine the shock and horror the innocent villagers have undergone as men suited in police uniforms coming in police vehicles, whom they considered must have been sent by the government for their protection, attacked and arsoned their villages. Imagine the vulnerability the Kukis must have felt when a policeman flaunted the head he butchered off publicly. Worst of all, the state government neither made any investigation into their involvement despite the victims' complaint nor persecuted them even when there are evidences of their direct involvement. Any Indian undergoing what Kukis today have gone through in the hands of their own state police forces will have the same deficiency in trust like Kukis do today.

Their failure to perform their duties as long as the jurisdiction of crimes happen in areas dominated by Meiteis does not stop with their inability to protect Kukis in Imphal or them giving away girls to be paraded naked and gang-raped later, they continue to be the bystander in the capital and valley districts even today. From an agency that can't protect the people holding constitutional positions like Ministers, MLAs and MPs from the clutches of Arambai Tenggol at Kangla Forte, when the plight of violence and extortion is the reality even in the capital, their proactiveness in the hills is just questionable and their intention dubious. The presence of Arambai Tenggol in their so-called combing operations, whose presence is known from the videos posted by themselves on social media, reaffirmed the victims' account in the initial stages of the conflict. Their vehicles and uniforms which once commanded respect and authority are downgraded beyond repair in the eyes of Kukis today. They have become a symbol of agents of the Arambai Tenggol and you can't blame them, as Arambai Tenggols flaunt themselves on social media with their uniforms while travelling in their vehicles. Thus, if today they lose

respect, it's their own actions that are responsible for the loss.

The Government of India must also take cognisance of the fact that, the deployment of any Meitei officers in the central para military forces in sensitive and bordering areas of the Kukis and Meiteis, necessarily is followed by displacement of Kuki villagers from their villages as a result of increase in attacks from Meitei militia/terrorist outfits like the Arambai Tenggol . The removal of the concerned Meitei military officers from Sugnu and Saikul areas immediately resulted in stoppage of attacks and confrontations between the two communities in the region. It can't be a mere coincidence when it follows repeated patterns. Thus these military officials need to be thoroughly investigated and they should be held accountable if they misuse their power and authority, by deploying the central armed forces for their vested interests, by putting the lives of our jawans at risk and for misusing the tax payers' money to wage their own war if found guilty . Their actions are sending out a wrong signal and message which is extremely dangerous in a diverse country like ours, thus they need to be suspended until proper investigations are done against them.

In the state that retired its DGP before his retirement as he was a Kuki, the same state where IPS officers belonging to the Kukis no longer hold the office they held prior to the conflict, the state government however created a new post called SSP for a Meitei retired military officer by bypassing all rules. A man who if remembered for anything, would be his role in worsening attacks and atrocities against the Kukis in Moreh and Pallen. Deny he can hundreds of times but Biren's own actions and policies will always stand tall as evidence for his involvement in the genocide pogrom implemented against the Kukis today. He made no attempt to discretely implement the discriminatory policies towards the Kukis. The chief minister and his government are

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doing it openly without any fear or shame. There exists a concern of conflict of interest only if one is an officer belonging to the Kuki community in Manipur while full confidence and control is given to Meitei officials. If equality before law is murdered for officials like them, the plight of ordinary Kukis in the state needs no explanation. The recruitment spree for government jobs is another example of their discriminatory and partisan policies.

In the state capital that accommodated a rally which called for annihilation of Kukis from the state and the capture of constitutional authorities by Militia or terror outfits like Arambai Tenggol. Where a Chief Minister who comes to rescue Arambai Tenggol members as youth village volunteers despite the atrocities, heinous crimes and violence they committed, where the same state Government risks and threatens the lives of Kukis in their attempt to forcefully control over Kukis who no longer see their safety and security due to their terrifying experiences as a result of the state's failure. When the discrimination and partisan politics against the Kukis are so courageously carried out, its not surprising they are adamant on their demands to keep the integrity of Manipur intact as the government actions, policies and tone of language for the past few years is telling of their thoughts that Kukis lives matter the least for them. No one called the people he/she shared a history together an illegal immigrant out of love and care.

If today our jawans are sent to battle in an unnecessary war in Jiribam or any other place, it is the greed of Manipur Government representing the voice of only the majority community that should be held responsible. Once the government and the majority community sees Manipur as the land of all stakeholders and not Meiteis alone and once they learn to respect the rights and wishes of people other than their own, Manipur by default will be conflict free. However, it is an impossible task for them, as they think they have the divine right over Manipur. Democracy and the Constitution of India are thrown in the bin. So much so that, they don't shy away from using our jawans as shields for Manipur police forces and Arambai Tenggol to capture Kuki villages. Since the decision

for the future of Manipur is already laid in the table of the central government, it is only wise for the state government to stop their proactiveness now, as their failure is what landed Manipur to what it is today. Their selective proactiveness is nothing but an OPPRESSION.

The central government must also necessarily take cognisance of the fact that aside from adults, even students who are the future of their society called for an annihilation of Kukis from the state of Manipur, in the rally organised by COCOMI in Imphal. Thus the hatred and enmity against the Kukis in the state of Manipur is not a problem only for the present generation but will be a problem in the future too, which the central government must keep in mind before deciding the fate of Manipur and the Kukis. A state government that does not take actions to organisers of such rally or educational institutions where they study, doesn't have the moral right to claim they are a government that represents the people of all sections of the state, and thus the state police force which is basically under their control should not be given any authority or responsibility - not on their own capacity nor in collaboration with any para military forces - in the districts that have Kuki populace. The responsibility should be kept with the central forces freed from partisan officials alone for the safety of all the citizens.

It must have also been crystal clear for the central government by now that, be it those holding constitutional positions or those wearing the legally recognised uniform, Meitei officials and their leaders have placed enough evidence on their plate that their community interests come first for them than their constitutional and legal responsibilities. Thus, the central government should take cognisance of the fact that peace is a far cry as long as partisan individuals are placed in their position and responsibilities. The longer they delay, the further will the citizens of this country bleed and suffer.

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It's heartbreaking to see the #Kuki_Zo and #Hmar communities again forced into the forests. We must raise awareness and call for immediate intervention to protect these vulnerable groups. Peace & safety for all should be our top priority. #Meitei #Manipur



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We need police to do their duty sincerely which is not happening because. If someone tries to put his efforts for justice he has been labeled as 'anti national' or in #Manipur case, a #Kuki or someone who has a deal with them. The other condition is meitei has double or triple roles. Here is one 'disguise' #Meitei Militants dressed in Police uniform who came to attack #Kuki villages in #Jiribam #Manipur

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MY IDENTITY AND ASPIRATION

I am what the spiritual teachings convey
And what my ancestors believe in
An ideal way of life - "Khankho Nunkho.
Their ethics runs through my veins in loop!
I am a warrior: shaped by injustice
Never will I quit till I reach the end!

They took home and my church away;
I ramble around homeless and lost.
I am beheaded and slaughtered,
My hands are chopped and hanged,
I am stripped naked and molested and assaulted!
Countless bullets on by body weights a thousand kilos.

Still my voice rise; in call for justice
For the lost and innumerable suffering souls!
With the rough passage of each day, I scream louder.
No solace until I'm HOME!
Home where my limbs will heal
And this broken body will find shelter.

- Jangneiching Khongsai

