

Thingkho *Le* Malecha

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PAOLALMUON HAOKIP (18 YEARS)

S/O THANGKHOSIEM HAOKIP

ADDRESS: THENZOL, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: BLUDGEON TO DEATH



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.05.2024



185
DEATHS



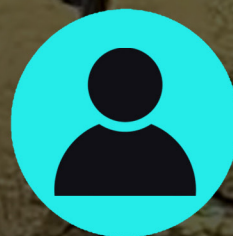
200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360+
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425+
DISPLACED
PERSONS

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

KUKI INPI AGAINST MANIPUR GOVERNMENT'S RECKLESS BID TO INFILTRATE MEITEI PLA MILITANTS FROM MYANMAR INTO MANIPUR

Taking a serious note over the reckless bid to infiltrate the proscribed PLA cadres into Manipur from Myanmar, the Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), the apex body of Kuki Tribes, has termed the issue as “unacceptable and must be vehemently condemned”. It called upon the central government to appropriately address the matter immediately as it heightened National security concerns.

“The Kuki Inpi is grievously appalled by the Manipur government’s brazen attempt to infiltrate cadres of People’s Liberation Army (PLA), a Myanmar-based Meitei militant group, to exploit the ongoing ethnic unrest in Manipur which have heightened national security concerns,” said a statement issued by the Kuki apex body on Thursday.

Janghaolun Haokip, Secretary, Information and Publicity, KIM, said the Meitei militants, notorious for their ruthless attacks that have claimed the lives of hundreds of Indian armed forces personnel, besides engaging in molestation and rape of women, extortion and forceful collection of taxes from civilians, and grave violation of Human Rights pose an imminent threat to regional security and stability. He recalled the ambush and attack on November 13, 2021, resulting in the deaths of Colonel Viplav Tripathi, his wife, their nine-year-old son, and four paramilitary forces jawans, and the ruthless attack on 6th Dogra Regiment that claimed the lives of 20 security force personnel in Chandel district in 2015, among others.

In the ongoing ethnic strife in Manipur, the Kuki Inpi alleged that the Meitei militants, working in tandem with PLA and UNLF have engaged in brutal killings, mutilation; including beheading and burning of people.

“This ill-advised maneuver to infiltrate PLA cadres into Manipur will exacerbate the current law and order



situation in the region and endanger the lives of innocent civilians while also posing a serious threat to the safety and security of the Kuki people amidst the ongoing ethnic persecution by the Manipur state government against the Kukis,” KIM said, adding that the Manipur government’s misguided priorities, favoring the interests of violent extremists is a show of an utter disrespect for the lives of soldiers and policemen lost to bring normalcy in the region.

Subsequently, the Kuki Inpi called on the central government to immediately intervene and end such ill-conceived plan of the N.Biren Singh led Manipur state government and incompetent security officials in the Manipur government whose principle aim is to carry out further aggressions against the Kuki people.

The Kuki apex body also said it is crucial for the central government to bring about a permanent political solution to safeguard the Kuki people from incessant exploitation and persecution as equal citizens of the country, thereby upholding the integrity of the nation.

MIZORAM PROTESTS BORDER FENCING, SCRAPPING OF FREE MOVEMENT REGIME WITH MYANMAR

Thousands of people joined rallies across Mizoram to voice their opposition to the Centre's decision to fence the Indo-Myanmar border and scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) with Myanmar.

Organized by the Zo Re-Unification Organization (ZORO), peaceful demonstrations took place in Zokhawthar and Vaphai villages in Champhai district of Mizoram, situated along the India-Myanmar border. Notably, participants from Myanmar also joined the rallies across the international border.

ZORO, representing the Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi tribes across India, Bangladesh and Myanmar, spearheaded the rallies. Commencing at 7 AM in Vaphai and continuing until 10 AM, the procession witnessed significant participation.

Subsequently, the rally in Zokhawthar, where the India-Myanmar Friendship Gate stands, commenced at 11 AM. Participants on both sides of the Friendship Gate engaged in gestures of solidarity, waving and chanting slogans against the Indian government's decision to dismantle the Free Movement Regime and fence the international border.

Brandishing placards and banners, demonstrators emphasized the enduring ties within the Zo ethnic group and their historical coexistence.

The Free Movement Regime (FMR) allowed for travels up to 16 km on either side of the border without visa.



Mizoram shares a 510-km-long border with Myanmar's Chin state, with the Mizos sharing ethnic affinities with the Chin community.

Mizoram currently shelters over 34,000 individuals from Myanmar's Chin state who fled following the military coup in February 2021.

The Mizoram government, along with civil society organizations and student bodies, vehemently opposed the Centre's actions, fearing disruptions to the close ties between ethnic communities across the borders.

The Mizoram assembly passed a resolution on February 28 opposing the Centre's decision to fence the Indo-Myanmar border and scrap the Free Movement Regime. (NE Now)



Power can be taken, but not given. The process of the taking is empowerment in itself.

- Gloria Steinem

TENGNOUPAL DISTRICT PROTESTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT'S FMR SCRAPPING AND BORDER FENCING PLAN

In coordination with the Zo-Unification Organisation (ZORO) and Nagaland Indigenous People's Forum (NIPF), the Kuki Inpi Tengenoupal District (KIT) and the Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) Tengenoupal District organized a colossal rally today, denouncing the government's decision to annul the Free Movement Regime (FMR) and erect border fencing between India and Myanmar.

The rally, which began at 10:00 AM from St. Peter's Church, swelled in size as it progressed towards the office of the Deputy Commissioner Tengenoupal District, with hundreds of Kuki population across Tengenoupal District joining the protest rally. The streets echoed with chants and slogans as participants voiced their dissent.

Following the rally, a public meeting convened at the Tengenoupal Community Hall, where prominent figures such as Hollal Zou, Vice President of KIT, Kaikhohal Haokip, President of HTC, and Thangboi Lhungdim, President of KSO Tengenoupal District, addressed the gathering, rallying support for the cause.



Leaders representing various civil society organizations, village chiefs, tribal leaders, church authorities, and students joined forces in solidarity during the demonstration.

As the Kuki populace of Tengenoupal District demonstrated the widespread concern and opposition to the government's proposed actions, the voices of dissent in the district echoed louder, challenging the authorities' decisions concerning the region's border policies.

MANIPUR SECURITY ADVISOR KULDIEP SINGH BRIEFS GOVERNOR ON STATE'S LAW AND ORDER SITUATION

Kuldiep Singh, the Security Advisor, met with the Governor of Manipur, Miss Anusuiya Uikey, at Raj Bhavan this evening to discuss the prevailing security situation in the state.

During the briefing, Singh highlighted the deployment of central forces in fringe areas to prevent any potential incidents.

Singh informed Governor Uikey that some central forces would temporarily withdraw to assist with the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He assured that these forces would return post-elections for redeployment.

Currently, central forces are involved in securing state armories and escorting vehicles on two key national highways, NH-2 (Imphal-Dimapur road) and NH-37 (Imphal-Jiribam road).

Governor Uikey emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and security across the state.

She urged the Security Advisor to implement all necessary measures to prevent any untoward incidents and ensure the safety of the populace.

Source: [India Today NE](#)

FOUR KCP CADRES NABBED IN EXTORTION STING AMID MOUNTING PROTESTS OVER EXTORTION EPIDEMIC IN IMPHAL VALLEY

In a successful joint operation by the troops of Thoubal Police and the 33 Assam Rifles (AR), four active members of the proscribed outfit KCP(People War Group) were apprehended from the Yairipok Bazar area. The operation, driven by intelligence inputs and spearheaded by OC/CDO Thoubal, unfolded under the vigilant supervision of ASP (Ops) Thoubal.

The arrested individuals were identified as Sinam Bijen alias Mangang Meetei (38) hailing from Ingourok Awang Leikai, Thoubal; Angom Ingo alias Apa Singh (53) from Nongpok Sekmai Ward No. 3, Thoubal; Warepam Jayenta Singh (36) from Khamaran Makha Leikai, Imphal West District; and Oinam Naocha alias Max Singh (24) from Modangpok Khunjao Awang Leikai, Imphal West. All suspects were found to be actively involved with the insurgent group KCP(PWG).

During the operation, law enforcement authorities seized a cache of incriminating evidence, including five mobile handsets, two 9mm pistols with 15 live rounds, five demand letters, as well as 20 rounds of 5.56mm and four rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. Additionally, a white coloured A-Star car was also impounded.

The confiscated materials and the arrested individuals have been processed in accordance with relevant legal provisions. A case has been registered under pertinent sections, further strengthening the crackdown on unlawful activities in the region.

Meanwhile, amidst a wave of frustration and solidarity, the All Yairipok Dukandar Association, in collaboration with pharmacists and other business stakeholders, organized a massive sit-in protest against the relentless extortion plaguing Manipur's valley by multiple groups.



The protest drew a substantial crowd, amplifying the community's shared anger towards the continuous pressure imposed by various organizations, deeming the situation intolerable.

Protestors stressed their compliance with extortion demands since the eruption of violence on May 3, 2023. However, escalating demands beyond their means have pushed them to a breaking point.

Their outcry reflected concerns about the detrimental effects of extortion on their livelihoods and to the local economy.

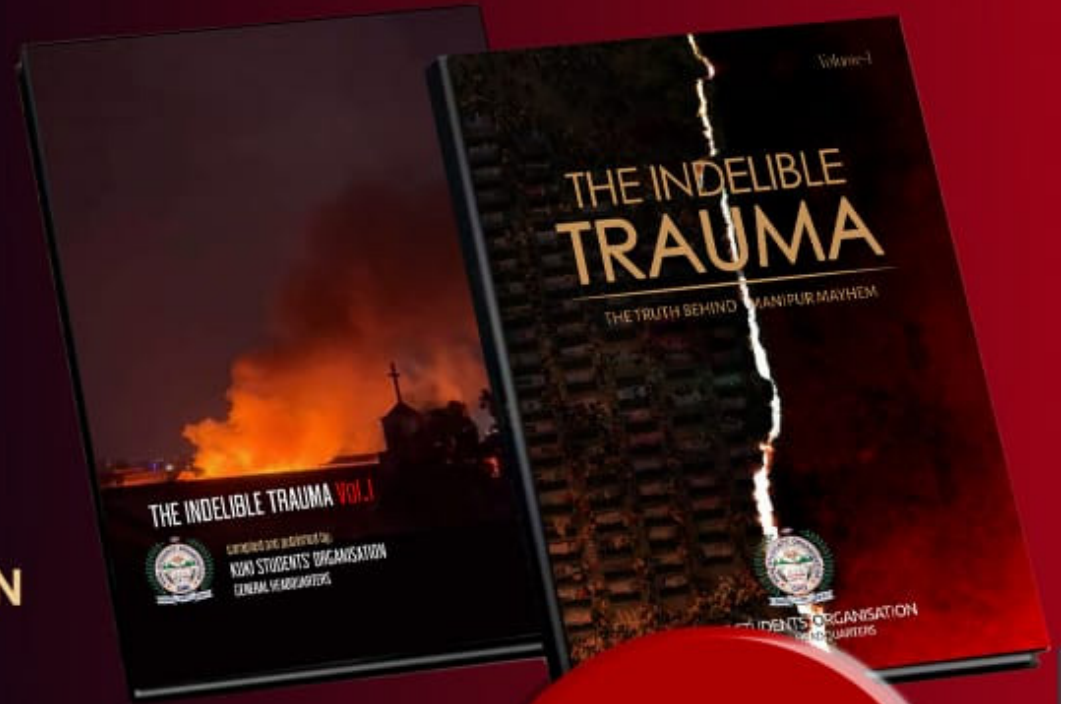
The sit-in protest resonated as a unified voice, conveying a clear message: "Enough is enough."

Led by the Yairipok Dukandar Association, the protest shed light on the valley's lawlessness, exacerbated by the rampant mushrooming of extortion.

THE INDELIBLE TRAUMA

THE TRUTH BEHIND MANIPUR MAYHEM **VOL. I**

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This treatise is being prepared and published to unravel the lies and perfidy of our adversaries and put in perspective the authentic truth so that it stands as a testimony of the genocide that is being perpetrated on us and our people
With the hope and expectation that the perpetrators of these reprehensible crimes are brought to justice; and ignite a glimmer of solace and consolation to our indignant souls
The treatise also seeks to debunk the patently false canards, innuendoes and narratives that are being peddled as the gospel truth, and the aspersions that are being casted without any substance
And to put in perspective the historical misdeeds meted out to the tribal society by the extremely self-centered Meitei society with the clarion call to stand united and the urgent need for the convergence of our political position so as to collectively extricate ourselves from this oppressive dispensation
If we are to march forward like our tribal counterparts of Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh- SEPARATION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

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**FEATURED ARTICLE**

After 1-yr Unrest, Manipur in Need of a Healing Touch

M.P. Nathanael

The eerie silence that pervaded the area around Nayanseina village near the Churachandpur-Bishnupur border in Manipur stood shattered a little past midnight on April 27, 2024, when a bomb exploded in the India Reserve Battalion camp harbouring a company of CRPF's 128 Battalion. Four CRPF personnel were seriously injured, two of whom succumbed to the injuries later. Though Kuki militants were suspected to be the culprits, the security adviser, Kuldeip Singh, a former director-general of the CRPF, wisely chose to refrain from naming any group.

The northeastern state has been roiled by clashes between the Imphal Valley-based Meitei community and the Kuki-Zo tribes, who inhabit the hills largely towards Churachandpur and Kongpokpi for the past one year. After a brief lull for a month, the violence returned when extremists from the two communities exchanged fire in the Tengnoupal-Kakching area on April 12. Two men were injured. While the Kuki-Zo tribals are Christians, the Meiteis are largely Vaishvanite Hindus, with a fair sprinkling of Christians and Muslims among them.

Two Kukis guarding their village were killed and their bodies brutally mutilated in Kamu Saichang village on Imphal East-Kangpokpi border on April 13 by the "Arambai Tenggol", a radical outfit that claims to protect the interests of Meiteis with a call to return to their erstwhile religion Sanamahi. The video of brutal killing

and dragging of the two slain Kukis went viral, leading to tensions between the two communities.

The withdrawal of 50 companies of the BSF and CRPF from Manipur for deployment in West Bengal added to the consternation of both communities. They blocked the roads to prevent the departure of the Central forces, which speaks volumes for the confidence they repose in these forces. Despite the Assam Rifles playing a significant role in containing the violence, there was a clamour among the Meiteis for the withdrawal of this oldest paramilitary force in the country. According to the Reporter's Collective, a report prepared by the Assam Rifles blames Manipur chief minister N. Biren Singh's "political authoritarianism for the conflict", though the authorities deny having prepared the report.

With over 5,600 weapons looted from police armouries along with about 6,50,000 rounds of ammunition, of which just about 1,500 weapons and 20,000 rounds have been recovered, the fear looms large that these weapons are being used to attack the Kukis. The arms looted include sophisticated weapons like AK assault rifles, light machine-guns and explosives.

If the weapons are in the possession of militant outfits like the People's Liberation Army, People's

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Republic of Kangleipak, United National Liberation Front (now surrendered without weapons) and Arambai Tenggol -- though not declared a militant outfit -- the return of normalcy cannot be expected. Despite appeals to deposit the looted weapons, the response has been poor. Of late, weapon drop boxes have been placed at vantage points with the message that the looted weapons be dropped in these boxes. The response needs to be monitored.

As the Arambai Tenggol enjoys the patronage of the erstwhile maharaja and parliamentarian Leishemba Sanajaoba, and even the incumbent CM, this outfit, with a strength of over 50,000, calls the shots. No one dares to disobey its diktats. On January 24 this year, 37 MLAs and two MPs were directed to take an oath to convey their demands to the Centre. Among its demands are the abrogation of the "Suspension of Operation", better known as SoO Agreement, with the Kuki-Zo, border fencing along the Indo-Myanmar border, the Assam Rifles' withdrawal from Manipur, the relocation of Myanmar refugees from Manipur to Mizoram and the removal of illegal migrants from the Scheduled Tribes list.

The SoO, that was signed in 2008 by the Kuki National Organisation and United People's Front combine, a conglomeration of 24 surrendered Kuki outfits, the Centre and the Manipur government, which was extended on a yearly basis till February 29, 2024 has not been extended further. The state withdrew from the agreement in March last year and failed to send its representative to the meeting convened to extend the agreement this year. The agreement is now in a limbo. The death toll since the ethnic conflict began on May 3, 2023 has risen to 230, with over 65,000 displaced people languishing in 320 relief camps. Over 1,100 people from both communities have sustained serious injuries in the unabated violence that continues to rock the state.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that "because of the timely intervention of the Government of India and efforts made by the Government of Manipur, there has been a marked improvement in the situation in the state", much more still needs to be done. Any claim of normalcy having been restored would fall flat until the

Meiteis can freely move to the hills, and the Kuki-Zo tribals confidently venture into the Imphal Valley without fearing any attack by Meiteis.

The denizens of Churachandpur have had to face inconceivable misery since the mayhem of May 3 last year. The district hospital is handicapped for want of an adequate number of specialists and para-medical staff as all Meiteis have chosen to stay safe in Imphal.

Those requiring specialised treatment have to visit Aizawl in Mizoram by the meandering road through the hills, covering a stretch of over 400 km via Thanlon and Parbung. Air travellers must go to Aizawl or Silchar to board a flight, though the nearest airport at Imphal is just 60 km away. The state needs to step in to mitigate the people's misery by deputing specialists and other staff from Central institutions like the AIIMS.

While the Kuki-Zo have been demanding a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo dominated areas, the Meiteis oppose this. The Union home ministry needs to step in to restore peace in the state by inviting the Kuki MLAs and the representatives of the Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum, the All-Tribal Students Union Manipur, Kuki Inpi and the Meitei leaders for peace talks, and extracting a promise to abjure violence. The Naga tribal leaders and their MLAs, who surprisingly have remained aloof so far, need to be roped in as intercessors.

The restoration of peace will remain a far cry until the rank and file of the Arambai Tenggol and Manipur Leepun, the two radical outfits, are reined in. That most of the weapons looted last year from state police armouries are still in the hands of the miscreants poses a serious threat. A massive drive to retrieve these weapons through specific and accurate intelligence needs to be carried out.

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Why these journalists were silent on Manipur?
Why Modi bhakts were defending Manipur BJP government?
If something wrong happened with Swati Maliwal, then the accused must be punished.
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Four Manipur cops and one CRPF officer were abducted, thrashed and tortured by the state-backed Meitei militia group, Arambai Tenggol. It even made videos. Have you heard a pipsqueak from Modi or Shah about it? Or any questions in the so-called interviews the two are giving?

A string of abductions of security personnel threatens fragile peace in strife-hit Manipur

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NEW DELHI: Four Manipur police personnel, a Central Reserve Police Force jawan, a suspected drug dealer and five residents who refused to pay protection money to local militias are among at least 13 people who were allegedly abducted by militants and criminals from different parts of the strife-torn state between May 8 and 13, officials aware of the matter said on Tuesday.

Security forces working on the ground believe that the real number of people abducted could be higher because in many cases, the families of the victims do not file police reports. Manipur Police have filed FIRs and arrested at least 10 people in the cases.

The string of alleged abductions is coming at a time when the situation on the ground in Manipur is largely with no killings or major incidents of gunfight in the last two weeks. The last killing in ethnic clashes was reported on April 28.

The year-long ethnic violence in the state, which tipped over into large-scale anarchy and mob rule in some parts, claimed 225 lives with another 50,000 people displaced.

Security officials on the ground said there are multiple reasons such as financial losses, unemployment, need for money to buy weapons or run operations, and abundance of arms and ammunition among civilian population, behind the rise in



Protesters hold placards during a demonstration in Delhi.

extortion and abduction cases. Cases of police personnel and CRPF jawan were reported by local media, but not other cases. Security forces working on the ground say that the alleged reports of abductions are a cause for alarm because probes into some of these cases show the alleged perpetrators are not just militants from banned outfits, but also drug dealers, civilians and those from radical Meitei group Arambai Tenggol.

The most prominent case was that of four state policemen who were allegedly abducted and severely beaten while on their way to the headquarters in Kangpokpi on May 11.

The four abducted policemen are neither Meitres nor Kukis. They were returning after collecting some household articles from the abandoned house of a colleague's Kuki cop, who had to flee his house during the ethnic clashes last year. The Kuki officer was unable to return home because of the ethnic divide. The Arambai Tenggol

does not have a spokesperson. Its leader, Khuman, lives in the jungle and was contacted through social media for comment. Just two days before the four police personnel were abducted, a Kuki CRPF head constable, who accidentally crossed the buffer zone on his scooter at Shantipur and entered Meitei territory, was allegedly detained by Arambai Tenggol members. "For almost six hours, Manipur police and security forces conducted searches. In the even-

ing, civilians, whom the police had roped in, spoke to the Arambai Tenggol members and managed to free the Kuki CRPF officer, who was assaulted in captivity," the officer quoted above added.

On the afternoon of May 11, a joint team of Assam Rifles and Manipur police stopped a Maruti Wagon R car at a check point in Walthou area near Imphal. "While conducting the searches, we spotted a man carrying a country-made pistol along with bullets. At the same time, a man inside the car shouted for help. The man had been abducted. He was rescued and the man was arrested," a Manipur police officer said, requesting anonymity.

The forces have arrested six members of the proscribed outfit, Kangpokpi Communist Party (PWG), for the alleged abduction of two men - Kunu Anand Singh and Ngunghon Robit Singh - on May 11. The two are residents of Imphal.

Six KCP (PWG) members allegedly abducted the two victims from Imphal for failing to pay "protection money," said a senior Manipur police officer. Days before the alleged abduction, the militants also allegedly dropped live ammunition outside the house of the two men, said an Assam Rifles officer aware of the matter.

Security forces said militants are first calling victims over phone, dropping live ammunition or firing shots outside the house of targets, and then carrying out the abduction. If the demand is not met, "There have

been many cases of militants firing outside the house or throwing bullets to scare the victims," the Assam Rifles officer added.

HT has accessed at least four FIRs reported in March and April in which shopkeepers said bullets were fired outside their homes or shops to scare them.

Police and security forces on May 12 rescued four men who were allegedly beaten and abducted by criminals in Bishnupur district. "Our probe revealed that the four were taken at gunpoint because one of them had a relationship with a girl from a neighbouring village," a second police officer said.

Explaining the reasons why abductions are happening, a senior security force officer said, "All these months, militant groups from both sides got money from the civilian population. The civilians gave money to armed groups to buy weapons, clothes and stock for the village volunteers. With peace slowly returning, civilians are now not willingly giving the money. This is why extortion is on the rise."

"Another reason is the fact that people have lost jobs, there is no tourism. Many cannot even go to the fields to farm because of the fear of being shot at," added the officer quoted above. Since May 2022, Manipur has been riddled by ethnic violence between the majority Meitei community and the tribal Kukis, with other communities increasingly sucked into the clashes over the last few months. At least 225 people have lost their lives, and another 50,000 displaced.

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What Are We Waiting For?

Your brother is badly beaten up,
Killed, mutilated, and mocked
Right in front of you! Why are you still
standing and watching,
Just like a mere spectator?
Why don't you fight alongside him?

Your sister is stripped naked, and
Having been molested and raped
Right under your nose!
Why did you turn away and keep quiet?
Where is your honor and pride?
Why don't you protect her dignity at least?

For what do you stockpile hundreds of
automatic guns,
And thousands of rounds of ammunition at
home
If not to protect your brothers and sisters,
and
To defend your land from the enemy?
Everything has its own time and value!
Now is the time to use those weapons!

Now is not the time to be soft and talk
sweetly,
Now is wartime; peace time is over!
Now is the time to come out from your
home,
Get off your cozy bed and couches.
It's time to strike, not just talk!
For we have seen enough of our
bloodshed.

We must fight hand-in-hand as brothers!
We must fight in the hills and mountains,
On the front lines and riversides.
We must fight in the woods and forests,
In the streets and fields.
We shall never give up even an inch of
our land!

[This piece is written to call brave
soldiers from all units of Lamka to fight
our enemies alongside our brothers.]

- Hillsman J. Tearsworth