

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



LEGLAM DIMNGEL (40 YEARS)

PASTOR LUNLAM DIMNGEL

ADDRESS: ICHAIGOJANG, SAIKUL, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 29TH JUNE, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: HARAOTHEL, LEIMAKHONG, SADAR HILLS

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 11.09.2024



199
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 STUDENTS' ORGANISATION ACCUSES MANIPUR CHIEF MINISTER OF MISUSING ETHNIC CONFLICT FOR POLITICAL GAIN

The Kuki Students' Organization General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) has accused Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh of attempting to deflect attention from his alleged misdeeds by attributing the ongoing ethnic conflict in the state to external forces.

In a statement released today, the KSO-GHQ criticized Singh for his repeated claims of foreign involvement in the conflict, particularly implicating Myanmar, and recently extending these allegations to include the United States and China. The organization argues that such claims are an attempt to obscure the real issues at hand.

The KSO-GHQ expressed concerns over Singh's handling of the arrest of Mr. Thangliankap, a Myanmar national from Kolang, Khampat, whom the Chief Minister's office has accused of being affiliated with the Kuki National Army, Burma (KNA-B). According to the KSO-GHQ, Thangliankap entered India legally by filling out a "proforma for identification of migrants/refugees of Myanmar origin entering into Manipur/residing in Manipur due to the unstable political situation in Myanmar," just like others who have sought refuge in the state due to the current political unrest in Myanmar. He has completed the required documentation for migrants and refugees fleeing Myanmar's political instability.

The organization condemned the misuse of Thangliankap's situation, asserting that labeling him as a KNA-B member involved in arms trafficking is a grave injustice aimed at advancing Singh's political agenda. They called for a more nuanced and evidence-based approach to such allegations.



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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Time and again, N. Biren Singh, the Chief Minister of Manipur, has desperately tried to cover up his misdeeds by shifting the focus of the ongoing ethnic conflict in the state. He has continuously alleged the involvement of foreign hands, especially those from Myanmar. Recently, the Manipur State government and its agencies have even dragged the USA and China into the conflict.

The Chief Minister should not be too hasty in jumping to conclusions based on rudimentary investigations and information, especially regarding the arrest of an alleged member of the Kuki National Army, Burma (KNA-B), Mr. Thangliankap of Kolang, Khampat, Myanmar. Such actions should only be taken with substantial evidence, unless they are done deliberately.

Mr. Thangliankap did not illegally enter the state of Manipur, India. Instead, he followed due process by registering with the concerned authorities at the border, filling out a "PROFORMA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF MIGRANTS/REFUGEES OF MYANMAR ORIGIN ENTERING INTO MANIPUR/RESIDING IN MANIPUR DUE TO THE UNSTABLE POLITICAL SITUATION IN MYANMAR," just like others who have sought refuge in the state due to the current political unrest in Myanmar.

Many Myanmar nationals have currently sought refuge in the northeastern states of India. It is highly condemnable to exploit the current political unrest in Myanmar and wrongfully label an innocent, helpless Myanmar national as a member of KNA-B involved in arms trafficking to fit the Chief Minister of Manipur's agenda.

The Kuki Students' Organisation General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) believes in the Indian judiciary system and its rule of law. We urge the Government of India to thoroughly investigate the arrest of the Myanmar national refugee, which the Manipur government claims is a member of the pro-democracy outfit KNA-B.

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Emphasizing their confidence in the Indian judiciary, the KSO-GHQ has urged the Government of India to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into Thangliankap's arrest. They stressed the importance of upholding the rule of law and ensuring that refugees are not wrongfully accused amidst the ongoing conflict.

CoTU CLAIMS SEPTEMBER 1 KOUTRUK ATTACK WAS RETALIATION FOR MEITEI AMBUSH

On September 1, violence erupted in Koutruk, Manipur, but according to the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU), it was not an unprovoked attack. Instead, the clash was in response to an ambush by the armed Meitei group Arambai Tenggol, targeting Kuki travelers on the highway between Kangpokpi and Churachandpur, CoTU representatives told ThePrint. They claimed that the Kuki defense volunteers fired back, causing the Meitei group to retreat.

CoTU further alleged that drones used to drop bombs in Koutruk were operated by Arambai Tenggol and Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), who reportedly dropped bombs accidentally in their own territory. According to CoTU, Kukis do not possess such advanced weaponry and only use small drones for surveillance.

Koutruk, situated on the border between Meitei-majority Imphal West and Kuki-majority Kangpokpi, has become a flashpoint. Police sources indicated that drones allegedly dropped over 50 bombs on September 1 before Koutruk was attacked and set on fire. The alleged drone assault reportedly lasted for over three hours.

Thangtinlen Haokip, CoTU's information secretary, explained to ThePrint that Kukis initially used rudimentary weapons but began acquiring drones for surveillance after seeing their effectiveness used by the Meiteis. Haokip claimed that if Kukis had the capacity to deploy drones for bombing, they would target more strategic locations rather than limiting their operations to peripheral areas.



Haokip also commented on the recent use of rocket bombs, which are more advanced than previously used Pumpi guns. He admitted to using these weapons in response to Meitei attacks but insisted that Kukis' arsenal is still limited compared to state and insurgent groups' resources.

CoTU spokesperson Lun Kipgen criticized the state government's handling of the conflict, alleging bias and inadequate support for Kuki communities. He argued for a separate administration for hill areas to ensure fair treatment and address the community's grievances.

Kipgen also highlighted discrepancies in the compensation provided to victims, questioning why the Kuki woman killed in a recent attack received no compensation, while a Meitei woman received ₹10 lakh. He called for equal treatment and renewed talks between the Kuki and Meitei communities to resolve the ongoing strife.



Strategy requires thought, tactics require observation.

- Max Euwe

ZOMI COUNCIL DENOUNCES COLONEL RETD. SHANTI KUMAR SINGH'S MISLEADING CLAIMS ON NATIONAL TELEVISION

In a contentious development, the Zomi Council has strongly rejected recent claims made by Colonel (Retd.) Shanti Kumar Singh on national television. Singh's assertions that no tribal churches have been destroyed and that residential complexes of Zo ethnic tribes remain unharmed have been condemned as blatant falsehoods by the Council.

Despite overwhelming evidence, including numerous videos documenting the destruction of tribal churches and the vandalism of Kuki-Zo community homes, Singh chose to dismiss these facts during his national television appearance. His remarks, described as a slap in the face to those suffering from significant trauma and loss, have provoked outrage among the affected communities and their advocates.

The Zomi Council has issued a stern rebuke, stating that Singh's statements are not only inaccurate but also deeply damaging. "His position of authority and experience should have compelled him to uphold truth, but instead, he has chosen to ignore the undeniable evidence and further harm an already victimized community," the Council's statement read.

In response to Singh's remarks, the Zomi Council has called for several immediate actions:

1. A public apology from Colonel Shanti Kumar Singh for his misleading statements.
2. An independent investigation into the reported destruction of tribal churches and residential complexes.
3. Accountability for those responsible for the violence and vandalism experienced by the Zo communities.
4. Measures to ensure the protection and safety of tribal residents and their properties.

The Council emphasized that Colonel Singh's actions undermine trust in national institutions and highlight



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In a shocking display of dishonesty, Colonel Retd. Shanti Kumar Singh has made the outlandish claim that not a single tribal church has been destroyed and that residential complexes of the Zo communities remain protected. This blatant falsehood, uttered on national television, is a slap in the face to the very people who have suffered unimaginable trauma and loss.

It is known to all that evidences, widely circulated in videos tells a starkly different story. Tribal residents have been vandalized, and their homes converted into hideouts for Arambai Tenggol. These visuals are indisputable, yet Colonel Singh chooses to wilfully ignore them. His words are not only misleading but also inflict further harm on the already victimised Zo communities.

As a distinguished national veteran army officer, Colonel Singh's actions are particularly egregious. His position of authority and experience lend weight to his words, which makes his deception all the more damaging. It is unconscionable that someone who has sworn to protect the nation would engage in such blatant dishonesty.

The Zomi Council condemned Colonel Singh's statements as misleading, given the irrefutable evidence of destruction and violence faced by the Zo communities. By denying these facts, Colonel Singh perpetuates a harmful narrative that seeks to erase the suffering of an entire community. This incident raises serious questions about accountability and the role of public figures in shaping national discourse. Colonel Singh's actions undermine trust in institutions and demonstrate a callous disregard for the truth.

Demands for Accountability

In light of these developments, we demand:

1. A public apology from Colonel Retd. Shanti Kumar Singh for his misleading statements.
2. An independent investigation into the destruction of tribal churches and residential complexes.
3. Accountability for those responsible for the violence and vandalism faced by the Zo communities.
4. Measures to ensure the protection and safety of tribal residents and their properties.

Colonel Singh's deception will not be forgotten. The nation expects truth and integrity from its leaders, particularly those who have served in esteemed positions. His actions are a stark reminder of the need for vigilant fact-checking and unwavering commitment to truth. We would like to reiterate that, "The Truth Will Not Be Silenced".

Despite Colonel Singh's attempts to distort reality, the truth will prevail. The Zomi Council will always work with other like-minded organizations and will continue to advocate for the rights and dignity of the Zo communities. We will not be swayed by falsehoods or intimidated by those who seek to erase our stories. The struggle for justice and accountability will persist, fueled by the courage of those who refuse to be silenced.

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Zomi Council is an apex body of Zomi Tribes:

Changtho Tribe Council | Mizo Tribe Council | Paito Tribe Council | Sinte Tribe Council | Saito Tribe Union | Thangkhial Tribe Org. | United Zou Org. | Vaiphei Peoples' Council

a troubling disregard for the truth. "The truth will not be silenced," the Council declared. "Despite attempts to distort reality, we remain committed to advocating for the rights and dignity of the Zo ethnic tribes."

The Zomi Council, supported by like-minded organizations, has pledged to continue its efforts for justice and accountability. The Council's reaffirmed its dedication to confronting falsehoods and ensuring that the voices of the Zo ethnic tribes are heard and respected.

GUNMEN FIRE '10 ROUNDS' AT HOME OF BIREN SINGH CRITIC IN IMPHAL

The house of Yambem Laba, a journalist with The Statesman and long-time critic of Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh, was shot at by unidentified assailants at Uripok Yambem Leikai in Imphal West in the early hours of Wednesday. Laba, who was unhurt, subsequently filed a police complaint with the Imphal West SP.

Around 10 rounds were fired from INSAS rifles by assailants who arrived at Laba's house in a four-wheeler at 3 am, according to a statement issued by Laba.

"The assailants arrived in a four-wheeler vehicle at my residence located in Uripok Yambem Leikai, Imphal, within Imphal police station limits. The gunmen fired about 10 rounds, five of which hit the parapet outside my bedroom. They used INSAS rifles, the type of weapon which is issued only to the Central and security forces," the statement said.

Laba is a special representative with The Statesman and a former acting president of the Manipur Human Rights Commission. He is also president of a political party, Good Governance Party, formed in Imphal over two months ago.

In a short call with Newslaundry, Laba termed the attack "political". "Today's attack is not an isolated case as other journalists critical of the present regime had also come under attack," he said.

This is the second time Laba's house has come under attack in the last four months. On May 27, unidentified gunmen attacked a house belonging to him in Monongjam village in Heignang assembly constituency. They then entered the building and ransacked his office. Laba was away at Delhi at the time.

Criticism of CM Singh

Before the attack, Laba had criticised CM Biren Singh for his handling of the Manipur conflict, raging for the last 16 months. In a recent TV interview, he said: "Manipur is not Biren, Biren is not Manipur."

A week ago, the Good Governance Party in a press release, signed by Laba, asked people: "Should we



continue to save Biren or save Manipur instead?"

The press release, issued on September 6, accused Singh of "abandoning" the Meiteis after "long-range rockets" fired from the Hills hit Imphal West's Koutruk region on September 1, killing two and injuring 10.

"The time has come for all the BJP/NPP/NPF/JD(U) Legislators to openly come out and say 'PLEASE LEAVE THE CHAIR SHRI BIREN'. Perhaps the time has come for the people of Manipur to follow the recent uprising in neighbouring Bangladesh when the student's led movement led to the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," the statement said.

Days later, a video was circulated on social media showing a group of masked men threatening the public with dire consequences if they did not unite to fight against the Kuki-Zo community. "No BJP, Congress or Good Governance Party should come between us," one of the masked men said in the video. Laba told Newslaundry that the message was aimed at him. Newslaundry could not independently verify the video.

In October last year, human rights activist Babloo Loitongbam's house in Imphal was attacked by unidentified men after he criticised the role played by radical armed groups such as Aarambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun. In December, former police officer Thounaojam Brinda's house was ransacked by Meira Paibis, a vigilante group, for her critical views on Tenggol.

**NEWS ANALYSIS**

Attack on Thangbuh : Abject Failure of CRPF

The Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Police attacked Thangbuh, a Kuki village, on the evening of the 8th September 2024 at around 5:20 pm. The village is supposed to be guarded by CRPF. Yet 3 houses got burnt down and 1 innocent mother was shot dead by the Meiteis. Will the CRPF officially apologise for not performing their duty?

One of the survivors, while recounting the said horrific incident, stated that the CRPF personnel were playing football at the Thangbuh football ground till around 5:00 PM and that the CRPF did not even have the basic intelligence that the Meitei attackers were already encircling the village by that time. As he was fleeing the hundreds of bullets fired at them, he saw one of the CRPF duty guards talking on the phone and not even bothering to fire at the militants who were firing at the civilians. He stated that as he fled the scene the Meiteis fired a bomb near him, and as the bomb fell about 10 metres away from him, he was thrown by the force of the bomb for about 5 feet. He could feel the heat of the explosion and the burning smell of the explosive.

It is learnt that the CRPF stationed at Thangbuh was under the command of DIG of CRPF, Mr. Manish

Kumar Sachar. In order to hide his inefficiencies and to shield his CRPF men from any criticism of their mishandling of the Thangbuh incident, Mr. Manish Kumar Sachar visited Relief Camps in Kangpokpi, rather than visiting Thangbuh Village and reassuring the villagers, and he gave unwanted statements to the media that the Kuki Zo IDPs “... don't have any demand except getting back to their normal life”.

And another big sinister action of the CRPF was to pressurise one of the villagers to make a statement thanking the CRPF for their role in saving the village, in an attempt to deflect any hard hitting questions. The CRPF personnel are thoroughly trained and paid to protect the innocent men and women and their properties, and it makes zero sense to thank CRPF for doing the job for which they are paid to do by the Government of India.

This is one of the many reasons why Kukis prefer the Assam Rifles over the CRPF. It is being learnt that the Meitei attackers were attacking the village with impunity and even had the temerity to come

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to the village and personally burn some of the houses even when the CRPF were physically stationed in the village. Only after the Meiteis learnt that the Assam Rifles were rushing towards the village, they started fleeing from the scene.

There already is a negative perception about the CRPF - that, it is mostly seen as a force headed by a Meitei DIG Huidrom Premjit; that it is not a professional force, but a force which listens to the Home Minister of Manipur

i.e. Biren Meitei; that it is actively colluding with the Meitei Police of Imphal Police HQ (through SSP Nectar) to facilitate the Arambai Tenggol, UNLF-MPA and also the Meitei Police. In such a situation, the decision to station CRPF at buffer zones, replacing the trusted and effective Assam Rifles is very alarming and points to a disregard for the lives and safety of the Kuki Zo people, while also giving one the notion that this may be the very aim of the whole endeavour.

THE BUZZ SOCIAL MEDIA

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If a Kuki man supplying batteries for drones is arrested, a family from Delhi openly supplying drones to Meitei terror groups should also be arrested. This unequal application of the law is impediment to restoring law and order in Manipur.



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Extremism at its peak 🔥🔥

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Raise your voice for these crimes.

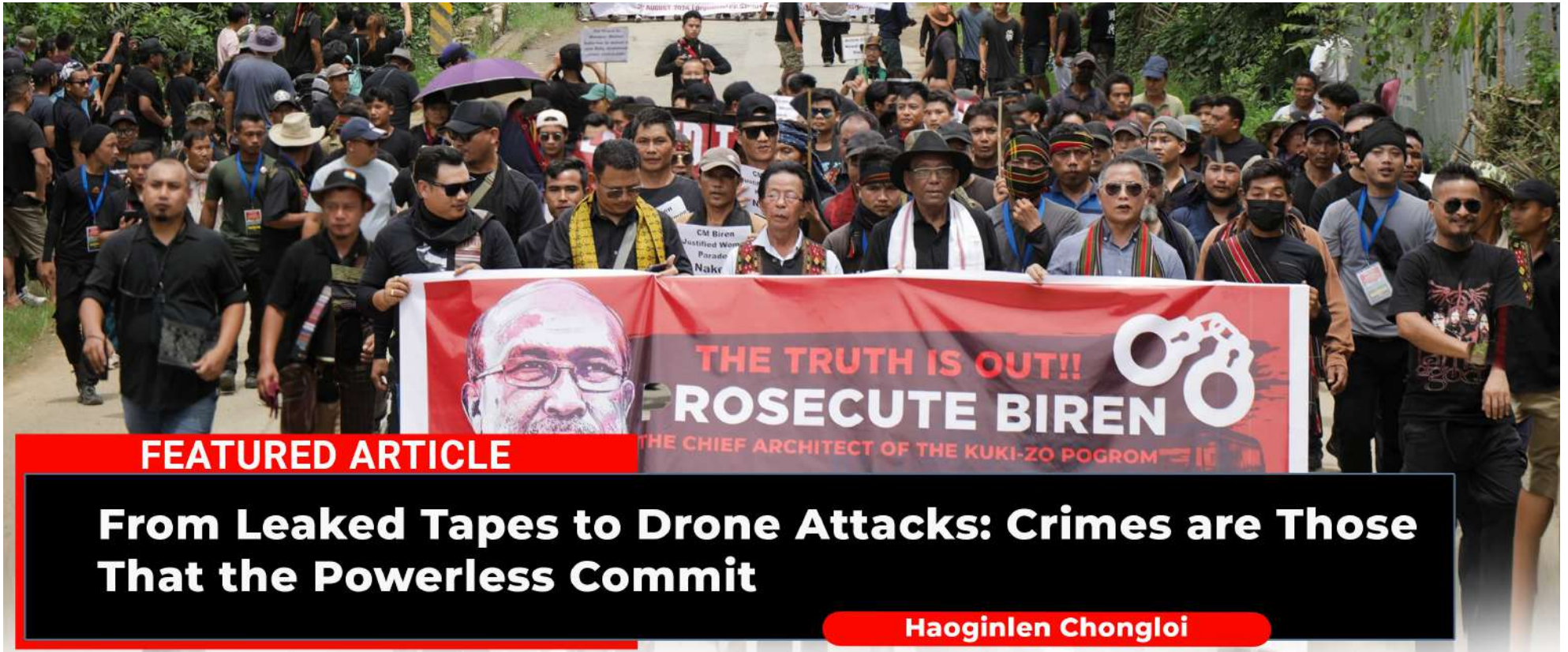
We are secular state, remember this even if they are Christians then what?

Don't they fall under the category of humans??

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FEATURED ARTICLE

From Leaked Tapes to Drone Attacks: Crimes are Those That the Powerless Commit

Haoginlen Chongloi

Three weeks ago, TheWire published a series of news reports related to the leaked audiotapes purportedly belonging to the Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh who the Kukis accused of hatching communal conspiracy and launching a state-sponsored terror against them. The audio purportedly appears to have been recorded in a meeting where Singh was speaking on the violence. The report prepared by Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty mentions how Singh, the state chief minister who also holds the Home portfolio, goes against the advice and instructions of the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah over the use of bombs, among others, by state forces against Kuki armed men.

The explosive revelation by TheWire has caught the attention of the masses and concerned citizens. However, within no time the matter has subsided and soon disappeared from the scene. While the authenticity of the tape is yet to be ascertained, the nature of violence lasting 16 months where several accounts implicate the state authority, demands a little more space, time and attention. A revelation which expects cognizance from legal and law enforcing agencies is still missing. Demanding prosecution of Singh and for speedy political settlement, the Kuki-Zo ethnic group organized a mass rally all across Kuki towns and in New Delhi. Beyond receiving coverage in the media, New Delhi seems to be least bothered.

Within 24 hours of the protest rally, a heavy gunfight broke out in Koutruk of Kangpokpi-Imphal border between armed Kuki and Meitei men. The incident led to the death of a Meitei woman and left nine others injured. The Meitei group accused the Kuki group of deploying drones against civilians whereas the Kuki group vehemently denied the charges. In the meantime, the state government instituted a five-member committee to 'critically examine and study' the nature of drones and find ways and means to counter such, if proven right. By virtue of its power, the state government has successfully drawn the attention of the population from the leaked tapes to drones. With the purported 'drone attacks' making national headlines, the leaked audio tapes implicating state authorities in the violence has been lost in the noise.

The issue of 'drone attacks' has become another goldmine for broadcast media channels to raise their Television Rating Points. News anchor Arnab Goswami, chief of the Republic TV, glibly pointed to the involvement of 'foreign hands' in the violence and described it as an 'attack on India'. He did this by showing printed photos of crude rockets which he claims were fired by Kukis against Meiteis. However, TheQuint debunked the photos as

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misinformation and made it clear that it has nothing to do with Manipur violence. The picture of rockets on display which Goswami presents to the nations originally belongs to the armed militants based in Gaza, not in Manipur. However, the show has done enough harm already. Social media handlers shared Goswami's videos in 'bits and parts' and the experience has been unimaginable. It turned an ethnic conflict in the corner-most region of the country into a national conflict; a practicing journalist with no moral or ethical responsibility employs this method to stay relevant by manufacturing an atmosphere of fear, danger and anger.

The state government's complicity in the violence; the nature of central intervention and the way the fourth pillar of democracy presents the conflict reminds us of the famous lines of Noam Chomsky who reportedly said: 'for the powerful, crimes are those that others commit.' For over 16 months now, the Kukis stood against the majority community, aided and abetted by the state government. The state government on the other hand doesn't deny or shy away from the allegations but insists that non-indigenous communities – a reference to Kukis – be stripped of the benefits the state provides. Even before the conflict broke out, N Biren Singh habitually described Kukis as 'illegal immigrants' and 'narco-terrorists'. This happened under the watchful eyes of the government and its various agencies. By failing to take cognizance of such offenses, Manipur shows the path of a serious identity crisis we Indians are going to witness in the near future. It's going to be a case of who is the greater or lesser Indian.

Evidently, the state chief minister has been leading the bandwagon of racial profiling against Kukis even before he became the state chief minister. Now, he defends the looting of 6000 automatic rifles and live bullet rounds counting in terms of lakhs, acquired the latest mine-proof Kalyani military vehicles, and the latest being the acquisition of Medium Machine Guns (MMG) basically meant for Indian military; all for use against Indian citizens whom he called 'illegal immigrants' and 'narco-terrorists.' Chomsky's 'media-mind control' finds its place here again. By creating a climate of fear

and hate against Kukis, Singh managed to wield enormous influence over the Meitei population which could be somewhere around 20 lakh people; commands 40-50 legislators, who hold the state's most important positions in the state machinery. For a small state like Manipur, he undoubtedly is untouchable. Hence New Delhi has to bend its principles. The recent leaked tapes where he himself stated how he started the 'operations' could have landed him under intense scrutiny in a land where the rule of law prevails. But this didn't happen.

At the time when Singh was battling a credibility crisis, the 'drone war' came which completely redirected the course of discussion from leaked tapes to drone attacks. In fact, the gunfight at Koutruk reshaped Singh's image as a leader against all forces. The Kuki Inpi and other Kuki organizations have vehemently objected to the involvement of foreign hands and denied the use of drones in the attack. It stated that the gunfight broke after Kuki volunteers intercepted Meitei armed men who apparently were on their way to lay an ambush. Whatever the truth is, nobody cares. In the face of media bombardment at state and national level, the voice of a tribe with a population just over five lakhs with no platform for effective defense has to lose the battle. For Singh, it marked a great return from a near 'disastrous exit' to 'a man fighting United States and China,' as concluded by 'yellow' prime time shows. In fact, it was the valley-based secessionist groups such as the UNLF, PLA, PREPAK and KYKL with their bases in Myanmar, China and Bangladesh who were responsible for fanning the present violence. However, the media have made every Indian believe that Kukis who never had any secessionist intent in the last 70 years are colluding with foreign agents.

In fact, drones have been used for surveillance by both conflicting parties since the early months

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of the conflict. Campaigns and donations to purchase drones were a common and an open affair among Kukis and Meities. Presently, none could ascertain who had an edge over the possession and use of drones in combat, or whether previous casualties were inflicted by drone attacks. The death of a woman in what is purported to be a drone attack, if proven true, signifies an alarming state of what the state could experience in the near future. But before drawing hasty conclusions there are pertinent questions one must consider: if the victim happens to be a Kuki will prime time channels show similar enthusiasm over the matter? Are there similar enquiries initiated over the death of Kuki women in Imphal, or will the state government constitute a committee to ascertain the cause and circumstances leading to such killings if victims belong to a tribal community?

Now, the state government formed a five-member panel to critically examine and study the use of drones leading to the death of a Meitei woman. If the government is serious about the use of drones, it should not be

limited to a particular incident alone. It should also constitute a panel to find out if any tribal women and children ever got killed or injured by aerial bombs dropped by Meitei militants and state forces against Kukis. Once the drone issue gets over, it may focus on other killings committed by state forces and militant groups against innocent women and children. In doing so, the powerless minorities should not always remain at the receiving end when the powerful violate the rule of law. Justice should not be selective. It's 16 months now that crimes are defined and the penalty determined by those controlling the state machinery. The Manipur state government's intervention in the crisis and its selective justice, once again justifies the Kuki demand for Separate Administration.

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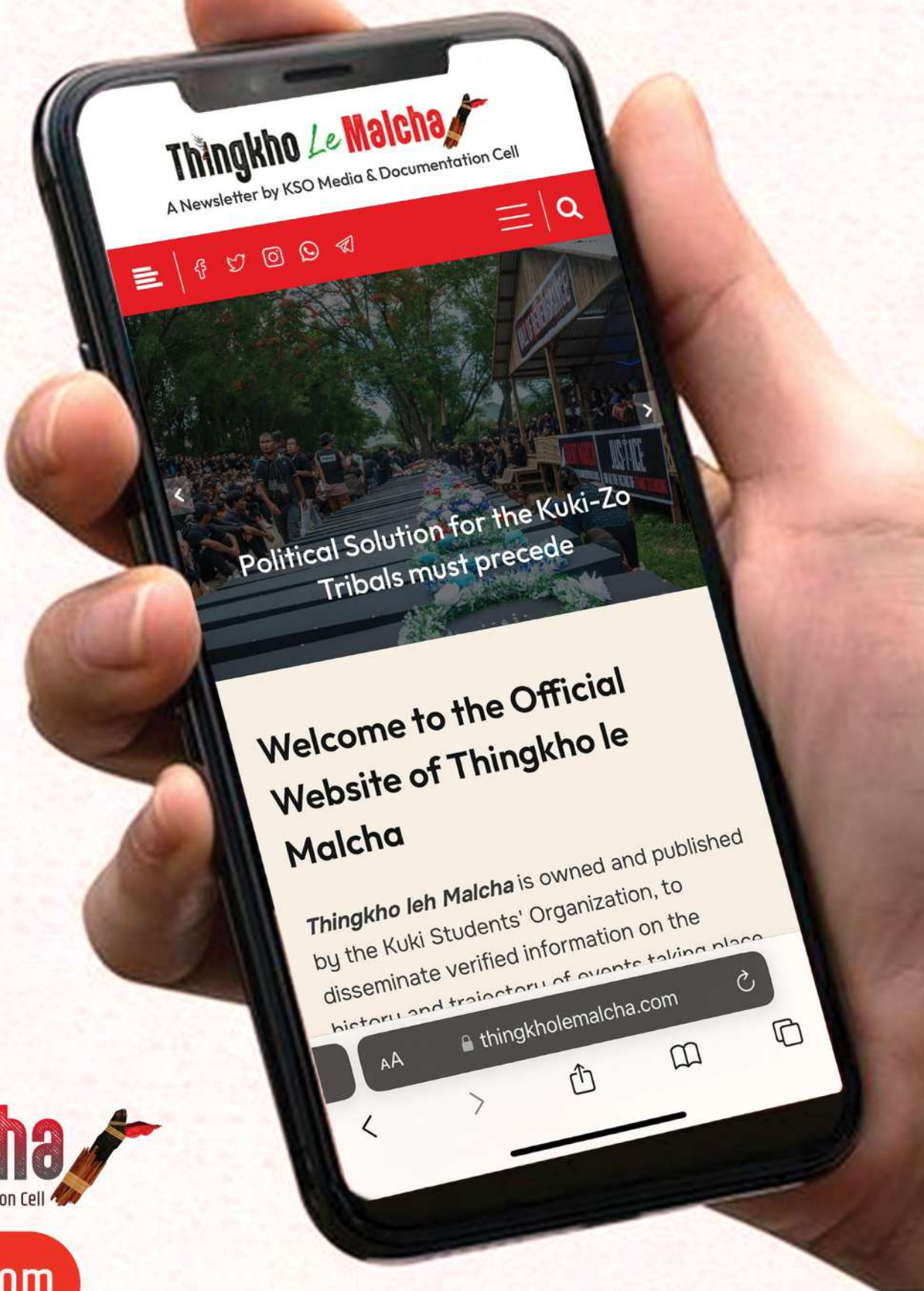
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And let others live in shine.
It's you mother who takes others blame;
And let others live innocent.

It's you mother who introduced live to the world;
And sacrifice love for the world.
It's on you mother impossible bows;
And possible rises.

It's you mother who sacrifice yours happiness;
Just to keep others life healthy.
It's you mother who say's "have food on time";
While other's says "safe journey earn big"

It's you mother who has the oldest occupation in the world;
There won't be a world without you.
It's you mother , the beginner of salvation in gospel;
And the person God rely on his behalf.