

Thingkho Le Malcha

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Dawn School RELIEF CENTRE

Dawn School, Thingkangphai, Lamka

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

Total Inmates Registered: 204*

Male: 101

Female: 103

*As on 12th August, 2023



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 10.01.2024



158
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360+
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425+
DISPLACED
PERSONS

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

MEITEI POLICE COMMANDO TORCHES RESIDENTIAL HOUSES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES IN MOREH; KUKI CSOS REFUTE CLAIMS OF MILITANTS INVOLVEMENT

As many as seven residential houses, two churches, and three schools were reportedly torched in border town Moreh following the gunfight that broke out this early morning.

In Canan veng Moreh, the residences of Lunjapao Vaiphei, Lunkhomang Haokip, and Holjang Baite were burnt while Mount Moreh Public School and Kuki Christian Church were also torched.

At Phaicham Veng Moreh, the residence of Jangmang Haokip, Kholkhongah Haokip, L. Boi-a Hmar, and Aubrey from Kerala was reportedly torched including a Tamil Church, Dr. Calvin Academy, and Bethsaida High School.

Vehemently lamenting the malignant turn of events in Moreh, the Kuki top body, the Kuki Inpi Manipur alleged that the Meitei state security forces, in collaboration with Valley-Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) are indiscriminately attacking and targeting Kuki-Zo civilians in the border town of Moreh.

It also alleged that this has tragically resulted in the wanton destruction and arson in Canaan Veng, Moreh, Ward No. 7, and Phaicham Veng, Moreh, Ward No. 3, including churches and schools, all integral parts of Moreh's educational landscape.

Strongly condemning the alleged armed aggression of the state security forces and the VBIGs against the defenseless Kuki-Zo people in Moreh, the Kuki top body also conveyed its dismay at the injudicious response of Col. Rahul Jain, CO 5th AR, and his subordinate Maj. Aman who allegedly authorized the use of 2-inch mortar bombs against the Kuki-Zo people, including a vehicular assault on Kuki-Zo women with a Casper MPV resulting in serious injuries.

It also stated that the armed aggression in Moreh has resulted in extensive devastation for the Kuki-Zo people.

KIM further stated that the persistent threat to their lives, the destruction of their homes, and the mental and emotional trauma caused by the relentless armed



aggression starkly violates their fundamental rights while adding that the right to life, security, and a dignified existence is being mercilessly stripped away, leaving the Kuki-Zo community in a profound state of vulnerability and injustice.

In the wake of the alleged gross injustices against the Kuki-Zo people, the Kuki top body asserted the following demands to bring justice to the Kuki-Zo community in Moreh town.

Firstly, the immediate and complete withdrawal of Meitei state security forces and the VBIGs from Moreh, as promised by the Home Minister, Amit Shah during his visit to Moreh.

Secondly, the replacement of Col. Rahul Jain, CO 5th A.R for effective law and order situation.

Thirdly, the Kuki top body demanded a written assurance from competent authorities ensuring the safety and security of the Kuki-Zo people in Moreh.

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Meanwhile, the Kuki-Zo top tribal body in Kangpokpi, the Committee on Tribal Unity, or the CoTU, Sadar Hills strongly refuted the allegations by social activist, Maheshwor Thounaojam as baseless and misleading.

CoTU's Spokesperson, Kaiminlen Sitlhou said that the allegation of one attention-seeking Maheshwor Thounaojam over Moreh incident where an armed miscreant donning state police uniforms and disguised as an IRB shot dead by the Kuki-Zo village volunteers as the handiwork of Kuki-Zo militant is highly refuted.

He recalled that on record, the Committee on Tribal Unity and other Kuki-Zo civil bodies have been demanding the immediate removal of state forces from Moreh since the beginning of the conflict but the voice of the minorities remained unheard.

He also said that it is pertinent to mention that the Kuki-Zo UGs who are under the Suspension of Operation are kept and held in their designated camps.

He also reminded the Meitei social activist, Maheshwor Thounaojam that the nature of violence, crimes and atrocities carried out by the Meitei radicalized groups, such as, Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, and the Meitei wild mobs since May 3 upon the Kuki-Zo people is much worse than the Pakistan's terrorists.

He advised the Meitei social activist Maheshwor Thounaojam to control his communally oiled venom speech so as to avoid further devastation in the already strife-torn state.

The Committee also urged any individuals or organizations to refrain from false allegations intended to tarnish the image of the Kuki-Zo communities who are protecting their villages from unabated aggression of the Meitei militants supported by the biased and oppressive administration under the incumbent Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh.

The Committee's Spokesperson, Kaiminlen Sitlhou further said that it is the moral obligation of the state of Manipur to remove the armed militants who are disguised as Manipur police Commandos and IRBs from Moreh, home town of the Kuki-Zo for peace and instead, recover those looted arms from the valley to ensure law and order and to avoid balkanization of the North Eastern states.

"The delusional and morose political discourse to annihilate any community in these democratic set up reflects Jihadi movement within Indian states by the Meiteis which is also highly unconstitutional and a disservice to the ideals of our forefounding fathers", he added.

The Kuki Women Organization for Human Rights, or the KWOHR also strongly refuted the allegation of Maheshwor Thounaojam and the torching of houses including churches and Schools in Moreh.

Ngaineikim Haokip, President of KWOHR said that the allegation of Meitei Social Activist Maheshwor Thounaojam that the Kuki militants are escalating the violence in the border town is false and baseless.

She said that it was the village volunteers who are guarding the Kuki-Zo villages and in defense of the people and the villages, the valley-based insurgent groups were killed.

"It was not the Kuki militants but the village volunteers who, in defense of the people and the villages from the atrocities of the valley-based insurgent groups disguised in police commando uniforms, involve in the violence", she added.

She also strongly condemned the alleged action of the security forces in burning houses and injuring four women with live bullets.

She maintained that as we have been unceasingly urging the centre government, we reiterate our appeal once again to withdraw or remove the state forces, especially, the state Meitei police commando from the border town Moreh.

"There will be no peace and normalcy unless the state forces, especially the state police commandos are withdrawn or removed from border town Moreh", she asserted.

"In the presence of state police commandos, there will be no room for peace in Moreh", she added.

VARIOUS STUDENT BODIES CONDEMN BURNING OF SCHOOLS IN MOREH

The Kuki Students' Organization Churachandpur strongly condemned the reprehensible and utterly unacceptable act of burning down schools by the Meitei Police Commandos at Moreh in Tengnoupal district, on January 17.

KSO stated that the "communal Meitei Police Commandos resorted to burning down three educational institutes of Moreh - Moreh Public School, Bethsaida School and Dr. Colvin Academy under broad daylight, terrorizing innocent public of Moreh. Such actions not only violate the sanctity of educational institutions but also jeopardize the future of countless students."

"Schools are sacred spaces that nurture the intellectual growth and development of the youth, serving as beacons of knowledge, hope, and progress. The wanton destruction of these institutions undermines the very foundation of our society and strikes at the heart of our shared commitment to education," KSO stated in a release issue on Wednesday.

"The act of burning schools by those entrusted with the responsibility to uphold the law is a grave violation of public trust and an affront to the principles of justice and democracy. It not only

endangers the lives of students and educators but also sends a chilling message that education, a fundamental right, is expendable", KSO added.

The organisation also called upon the authorities to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into this incident, holding those responsible accountable for their actions; and that those entrusted with the protection of citizens and institutions are held to the highest standards of integrity and responsibility.

KSO further stated that they will not tolerate such acts of destruction, and that they will work tirelessly to ensure that educational institutions remain safe havens for enlightenment, empowerment, and progress.

Meanwhile, various student body such as the Zillai (Vaiphei Students' Association) Tengnoupal Branch, Zou Sangnaupang Pawlpi (ZSP) and others also condemned the arsoning of educational institute in Moreh by the Manipur Meitei Police Commando. The student bodies also called for immediate withdrawal of communal Meitei militant Commandos from Moreh with immediate effect.

STAGE SET FOR MASS RALLY AGAINST SUSPENSION OF KUKI-ZO OFFICIALS, DISAFFILIATION OF SCHOOLS BY CBSE AT LAMKA

The Kuki Students Organisation along with Joint Student Body of Lamka will be holding a mass rally against the suspension of 3 Kuki-Zo officials and the disaffiliation of 25 schools by CBSE on Thursday in Churachandpur.

The rally will begin at 10 in the morning from Lamka Public Ground via Tiddim road till Peace Ground Tuibong.

KSO urges the Kuki-Zo populace to participate in the rally with a hope that the rally can inspire positive change and also influence policies that promote fairness



COTU, ITLF CONDEMN ARREST OF CSO LEADER, INCLUDING ONE CIVILIAN; ISSUES 48-HOUR ULTIMATUM AND WARNS OF BANNING COMMUNAL GOVT FAVORING ONLY MEITEIS IN KUKI-ZO AREAS

The Committee on Tribal Unity (COTU) and Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) have vehemently condemned the detention of two Kuki-Zo civilians by Manipur police commandos in Moreh yesterday.

“We also refute the despicable attempt by the Meitei government and propaganda handles on social media to link them to the death of a Meitei police officer,” said a joint statement issued by CoTU and ITLF.

“Moreh Youth Club President Philip Khongsai and Hemkholal Mate were with womenfolk protesting against a proposed commando outpost at Chikim village in Moreh when Meitei policemen suddenly fired live rounds at the unarmed protesters, injuring a couple of women in the process. Philip and Hemkholal were then detained, followed by a vicious campaign to vilify them by claiming that weapons were found in their possession and that they were among the



suspects in the killing of Moreh's SDPO last year.”

This is a blatant lie and the Kuki-Zo community will not take it lying down. The Joint statement demanded the immediate and unconditional release of the duo. “If they are not freed within 48 hours, we will not allow the one-sided communal government favouring only the Meiteis to function in Kuki-Zo areas,” it warned.

STATE GOVT REQUESTS MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR IMMEDIATE AIR ASSETS

The state government of Manipur has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) requesting immediate air assets (helicopters) for the next seven days following the recent unrest in the border town of Moreh, which resulted in the death of one IRB personnel.

Commissioner Home Manipur, T. Ranjit Singh, in a letter to the Additional Secretary (Police II Division) of the MHA, referred to a previous MHA letter and stated that due to limited resources in the North East region, it is not possible to provide continuous air assets in one place for an extended period.

The state government requested specific dates for the availability of the air assets.

The letter also highlighted the deteriorating law and order situation in Moreh, with continuous exchanges of fire and the death of an IRB personnel on January 17.

The police department has informed about the need for airlifting security personnel and ammunition to Moreh, it added.

ARMS LOOT CASE: CBI FILES CHARGESHEET, FIVE NAMED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN LOOTING OF ARMS FROM POLICE DURING ETHNIC VIOLENCE

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a chargesheet against five people in a case of looting of arms and ammunition from Manipur Police Training College (MPTC) in May 2023, said a CBI press release.

The chargesheet was filed before the court of chief judicial magistrate, Kamrup (Metro) in Assam's Guwahati.

The accused who have been chargesheeted by CBI are: Moirangthem Anand Singh, Athokpam Kajit alias Kishorjit, Loukrakpam Michael Mangangcha alias Michael, Konthoujam Romojit Meitei alias Romojit and Keisham Johnson alias Jhonson.

The release states- "CBI has filed chargesheet against 05 accused persons before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kamrup (Metro), Guwahati, Assam, in a case related to loot of arms and ammunitions from Manipur Police Training College (MPTC), Pangei, Imphal on 04.05.2023.

CBI registered the said case on 09.06.2023 by taking over the investigation of FIR No. 54(5)2023 dated 04.05.2023 registered at Police Station Heingang, Imphal East, Manipur in compliance of the Notifications issued by the State Govt. of Manipur and by the Govt. of India under DSPE Act, 1946.



As alleged in the FIR, a mob stormed into MPTC Pangei complex on 04.05.2023 and looted away a huge number of arms and ammunition from the MPTC armoury during the ethnic conflict which broke out in Manipur."

Further investigation is underway.

"The public is reminded that above findings are based on the investigation done by CBI and evidence collected by it. Under Indian Law, accused are presumed to be innocent till their guilt is finally established after a fair trial," further the release states.



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is SUCCESS.

- Henry Ford

MEITEIS' VIOLENCE ON MINORITY COMMUNITY CONTINUES UNABATED; 3 MUSLIM PANGAL ABDUCTED, LOOTED

In the most recent case of violence against a minority community in a valley district dominated by the Meiteis, three individuals from Kwakta village in Bishnupur district were reportedly abducted and severely beaten by Meitei miscreants on Monday evening. The victims, all Meitei Pangals, were released on Tuesday afternoon after being robbed of an amount totaling around Rs 11 lakh, according to sources.

The victims, identified as Md Amir (37), Md Abdul Satar (38), and Md Shakir Ahmed (39) from Kwakta village in Moirang, Bishnupur district, were targeted at around 8 pm near Ningthoukhong under Moirang police station. The three victims who were businessmen returning from Lilong were stopped by Meitei armed men, abducted without apparent reason, and later subjected to brutal assault by the armed miscreants. The three victims have been admitted to a clinic in Imphal for further treatment and an FIR has been filed at Phougakchao Ikhai police station related to the incident.

This incident is part of a series where the majority Meitei community has unleashed violence on minority communities within the valley district. The Meitei Pangals and Nagas have often been subjected to brutality by the Meiteis.

Previous incidents include the beating and harassment of four Tangkhul women near Asian Hospital, Imphal, on May 24, 2023, as they were on their way to the airport. On July 15, 2023, a Maring Naga lady was shot dead near the foothills of Keibi Heikak Mapal village in Imphal East district. On December 3, 2023, three Tangkhul men were severely beaten in Sawombung, Imphal. Moreover, on December 8, 2023,



two Rongmei women were subjected to violence at the Community Hall in Bishnupur Bazar.

In another incident on December 10, 2023, a member of the Taxi Owners Association Tamenglong was beaten with an iron rod by Meitei individuals over a dispute concerning money collection from a passenger vehicle at Khumbong, Imphal.

The recurring incidents of violence perpetrated by the majority Meitei community on minority groups are deeply concerning and reflective of a disturbing trend in the valley districts. The recent case involving the abduction and brutal assault of three Meitei Pangal individuals in Bishnupur district is yet another instance of the majority community's brutality against minority communities.

NAGA STUDENTS' FEDERATION CONDEMNS DECISION TO ABOLISH FREE REGIME MOVEMENT

The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has strongly condemned the recent decision of the Indian government to eliminate the Free Movement Regime (FMR) and the fencing of the India-Myanmar border. This move, deemed regressive and dismissive of Naga rights, is expected to escalate conflicts in the North-East Frontier Region, as per a statement released by NSF on Tuesday.

The proposed fencing of the border, as recommended by Delhi authorities, raises serious concerns about its historical context and its potential impact on the Naga people. The lands and hills between the Chindwin River and the Saramati mountain range, currently on the Burma side, are an integral part of Naga heritage, according to the release.

NSF emphasized the importance for India to acknowledge the historical truth that these territories belong to the Nagas. The longstanding arbitrary separation line, existing for over 80 years, has been a root cause of conflicts and insurgencies in the North-East Frontier Region, NSF added. The cycle of conflict is likely to persist until a just and equitable resolution is achieved.

The Nagas, residing on both sides of the Saramati mountain range, have suffered the consequences of arbitrary divisions imposed by external forces. The attempt to divide and fence the Nagas is viewed as an affront to their rights and autonomy. India is urged to recognize that it has no unilateral right to decide the fate of the Naga people through fencing.

The recent decision to abolish the Free Movement Regime (FMR) is deeply troubling, according to NSF. The FMR has played a crucial role in facilitating interactions between communities near the India-Myanmar border. Abolishing the FMR is expected to restrict cultural and social exchanges, adding tension to an already delicate situation, as per the release.

The 1,643-km-long India-Myanmar border traversing through Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal



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PRESS RELEASE

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The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) vehemently condemns the recent move by the Indian government to abolish the Free Movement Regime (FMR) and propose the fencing of the India-Myanmar border. This decision, fraught with historical implications and disregard to the rights of the Naga people, is a regressive step that will exacerbate conflicts in the North-East Frontier Region.

The proposed fencing of the boundary-line, as suggested by the authorities in Delhi, raises serious concerns about the historical context and the impact it will have on the Naga people. The lands and hills between the Chindwin River and the Saramati mountain range, presently on the Burma-side, are an integral part of the Naga heritage. It is crucial for India to acknowledge the historical truth that these territories belong to the Nagas.

The duplicity separation line, which has persisted for over 80 years, has been a root cause of conflicts and insurgencies in the North-East Frontier Region. This cycle of conflict will persist until a just and equitable resolution is achieved.

The Naga people, on both sides of the Saramati mountain range, have suffered the consequences of arbitrary divisions imposed by external forces. The Nagas on the Burma-side were forced into conflicts with the Government of Burma, while those on the Indian side were embroiled in struggles with the Government of India.

The attempt to arbitrarily divide and fence the Nagas is an affront to our rights and autonomy. Such attempts to disrupt our unity will only sow the seeds of discord and unrest. India, as a responsible nation, must recognize that it has no right to unilaterally decide the fate of the Naga people through fencing.

The recent decision by the Central government to abolish the Free Movement Regime (FMR) is deeply troubling. The FMR has played a crucial role in facilitating interactions between people residing close to the India-Myanmar border. Abolishing this regime will not only restrict the cultural and social exchange between communities but will also add a layer of tension to an already delicate situation.

The 1,643-km-long India-Myanmar border traversing through Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh is a complex landscape with diverse communities and histories. The NSF urges the Indian government to reconsider its decision and engage in a meaningful dialogue with the Naga community to find a solution that respects our historical rights and aspirations.

In conclusion, the Naga Students' Federation stands united against the unilateral actions proposed by the Indian government. We call for a just and inclusive resolution that respects the historical realities and aspirations of the Naga people. The NSF remains committed to fostering peace, unity, and understanding in the region.


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President


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General Secretary

Pradesh is a complex landscape with diverse communities and histories. NSF urged the Indian government to reconsider its decision and engage in a meaningful dialogue with the Naga community to find a just and inclusive resolution that respects historical rights and aspirations. The federation stands united against the proposed unilateral actions by the Indian government, calling for a resolution that acknowledges the historical realities and aspirations of the Naga people, stated the release.

**ANALYSIS****BIREN'S WAR AGAINST EDUCATION ON KUKI-ZO COMMUNITY
VIS-A-VIS TORCHING OF SCHOOLS IN MOREH**

In a land that proudly declared itself as The Mother of Democracy, the Manipur state police force makes a joke on Democracy and the rule of law, committing the crime of terrorizing innocent civilians and arsoning schools and citizens' houses. As a result, mothers have been crying for democracy and praying for their family's safety since their forceful re-deployment in Moreh town again.

Meitei CM Biren is now waging a War against education, not drugs in Moreh and Kuki-zo dominated areas. The academic successes of Kukis have been always an eyesore for Meiteis. The cancellation of the CBSE affiliation for Kuki-Zo-administered schools with a complaint from the Manipur government themselves stating the NOC was a fraud, is another excuse. They want to destroy our students' future and finally our community as a whole by monopolising our education. The university results of Rayburn College will give you insights, Some students are awarded zero marks even on subjects with practicals when the college faculty had awarded them marks in practicals themselves. Even exam papers are not spared from racial discrimination and oppression of the Meiteis, as long it serves their goal to destroy and annihilate the Kukis. The war against education is being executed today in Moreh. Among the burnt infrastructures as a result of arson by the state police force today at Moreh town, 3 educational institutions were included viz. Mt. Moreh Public School, Bethsaida School and Dr. Colvin School. This criminal activity perpetrated by the state police

concur with the victim's account of the state forces' involvement in the attacks on their villages first and then the arson of their houses and churches. With no one else left to blame as their scapegoat, will short-circuit be their last resort this time too to save the ass of Meitei's darling state police force and their hidden agenda to use education as one of the means to oppress the Kuki-Zos?

Attacks on buildings dedicated to education are not just attacks on the building, but attacks on the Right to Education, as these attacks can lead children to drop out of the education system, reduce school enrollment, lower rates of transition to higher education and poorer outcomes. Many children's basic human right to have normal socialization and childhood is destroyed along the building. As a Tibetan proverb says, "a child without education is like a bird without wings", destroying educational institutions is destroying their growth and progress, dreams and aspirations, to become productive members of society and to change their life if not the world. Unless one hated the Jewish like Hitler did, no one would dare commit atrocities and crimes of this intensity.

Acknowledging the importance of educational institutions and facilities, they are protected under International humanitarian law and International

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Human rights law, as civilian objects and right to education respectively even in times of war. Attacks on educational buildings that are not military objectives are on the list of war crimes of the Rome statute of the International Court during both international and internal armed conflicts. Arson is a criminal act under Indian criminal law as well. Thus it is clear the Manipur State police aren't criminals only under Indian law but are war criminals too.

First, they tortured, killed, raped, abused and drove us from their land. To mentally torture us, they resort to burning our churches on their land, which symbolizes faith, belief and hope. Burning down our hope ain't enough to quench their thirst for torturing us, Now they come to our land not only to kill, attack, rule and torture but to destroy our future as well by burning the Temple of Learning and knowledge, our schools. As rightly said by Diane Ravitch, "An attack on public education is an attack on Democracy", none of the Kuki-Zo community feels like being democratically governed today, rather we all feel there is a reign of terror.

When an agency that should prevent crimes is the one committing them; that the one who should maintain

law and order is the one that is breaking them; the one that should provide human rights is the one violating it; that the one that should be investigating all the above crimes is the one who commits all, where do innocent citizens go to file the case and report the crime? Who will hold them accountable?

The Kuki-Zo's opposition to the deployment of the state police forces isn't coming out of thin air but from a brutal first-hand experience of their involvement in the conflict as our oppressor. What lies the Biren government fed the central government is not known, but today with no scapegoat to blame, they have exposed themselves naked of their crimes. The question is will the central government concur with the state government for the state police forces deployment in Kuki-Zo dominated areas? Will they still let them have free reign on our education and destroy the future of our children, especially of the poor and vulnerable from our community the chance to uplift their economic burden? Giving them a free hand over our education is similar to pushing us back 50 years back again to the past.

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It is well known among Manipur locals that Meitei terrorists infiltrated the Manipur state forces and are responsible for all the havoc. They have launched countless attacks on the Kuki-Zo people.

There is absolutely no problem when Central forces are stationed there.

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I would request all our chin and Mizo brothers to join to save our clan from Annihilation by Arambai tengol. State ,country ,borders doesn't matter over the blood over of your kins. It's a humble request and a clarion call for survival.

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**ANALYSIS****BIREN INDIRECTLY HINTS HIS GOVT'S RESPONSIBILITY AND PROTECTION EXTEND PRIMARILY TO MEITEI CIVILIANS, EXPRESSING READINESS TO ENGAGE IN WAR IF DEEMED NECESSARY**

Maya Angelou, an American memoirist, poet and civil rights activist, once said “Prejudice is the burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.” This is the answer the present generation Meiteis shall give to their future generations when they are questioned, “What went wrong then?”

In the never-ending saga of Mr Biren Singh’s prejudice and hatred for the Kukis, he can be seen yet again racially slurring against the Kukis in his recent viral speech. He abused them and accused their languages as undeciphered ones, and born of unknown origin and worthy of being physically wrung by their neck. So much hatred for the Kukis comes with a promise for what he told his people that if necessary he himself would join the war to protect them. Since the death of hundreds and the Exodus of thousands of innocent Kukis from Manipur didn’t trigger him to take any action nor any harsh speech of this nature. Rather than redressing the grievances and the injustice meted out to the Kukis, he awarded the perpetrators heftily, with access to state force vehicles and their uniforms round the clock, setting aside other forms of aids he provides. This implies that he never considered the Kukis as his people, not now and neither before.

As an agent who works representing the state, Mr Biren Singh’s speech violated multiple basic Fundamental rights of the Kukis as guaranteed by the constitution viz. Article 14, Article 15(1) and

Article 29(1). Further, his speech is violative of the exceptions under Article (19)(1), a reasonable restriction on grounds of public order, decency or morality, incitement of offence and defamation.

Article 14 clearly states the state shall not deny any person equality before the law and grants equal protection of laws within the territory of India. His differentiation of both the communities who are both Indians in every manner into two, one worthy of his protection and the other as nothing, is a complete violation of what is laid down in this article, the spirit of our constitution and that of India. We have a single form of citizenship system not dual citizenship like the USA, thus it is his responsibility to protect all Indians irrespective of their domicile, as an individual who works and represents the states through his official position. On the contrary, through his conduct he maligns “The State” itself.

Article 15(1) state that the state shall not discriminate against any citizen only on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth. The word discrimination here means “to make an adverse distinction with regard to “or to distinguish unfavourably from others”. The word he used in his speech

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“Kadai da gi pok pa no su khang da ba” basically translates to “we don’t even know where they are born from.” It’s a well-known fact all mankind comes from his/her mother’s womb. Since his/her parents are Indians, his place of birth is somewhere in India. Biren might have his own harem, but he doesn’t have the authorization to disrespect other women and the offspring that she produces. Outright discrimination of our women based on their race and all of us on our place of birth is a violation of our fundamental rights under this article. With this attitude, it is unsurprising that it needed a viral video and the wrath of a global community to act as a switch for an investigation to be initiated towards the culprits of heinous crimes committed against Kuki women, when most of the crimes were done in the presence of state police forces.

Article 29(1) provides that any section of the citizens residing in any part of India having a distinct language, script or culture of its own, shall have the right to conserve the same. Biren Singh, accusing the Kukis of using undecipherable language on social media and worthy of being wrung by their neck is a disrespect towards our mother tongue. Our usage of our own language in social media is our way of conserving our language. Who is he to dictate what language we must use and who gave him the authority? He should stop being a busybody and focus on where he should, like maintaining law and order in Imphal.

Mr Biren often talks about the integrity of Manipur, but on the other hand, he sows seeds of hate, discrimination, demeaning and prejudiced speech against one of the two tribes in Manipur regularly. Understanding, trust, fraternity and instilling security that their rights will be protected are the basic necessities to ensure its existence. Had the likes of the Haomee Federation been taken care of in time from spreading their lies and hatred against the Kuki, the Meitei community wouldn’t be as radicalised and as prejudiced as they are now. But when the CM himself shares the same objects and ideas, what has happened in Manipur was destined to happen. Today they may pass on the fault

to everyone but themselves, but the sad reality however will always remain that a well-thought-out pogrom to alienate the Kukis from being Indian and from their land is being executed by creating a false narrative on our citizenship status and our character, to ensure their pogrom looks justified.

To shatter our citizenship credibility, they called us illegal immigrants, which suited their agenda with Myanmar turmoil and refugees in Mizoram. Back in 2018, at an event in India Today conclave, Mr Biren himself clarified there are no illegal immigrants in Manipur as detail checking and verification are done in the state. Communal leaders like him would never stop the system that works on humanitarian grounds for the victims of the Junta dictatorship. He and the Meiteis called us poppy planters and Narco-Terrorists. Once the hill development funds reach the pocket of these poor people, once you provide them with the education and health system of the valley district, you won’t need to beat your chest to announce that you are waging a War against drugs. You just have to stop feeding the valley with what is meant for the hills to wage the war against drugs. Mr Biren should not have shied away from learning the mature way of handling the poppy issues from Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh or Himachal Pradesh on how they dealt with their cannabis planters, but since his slogan is just an act he put forth for the world to hide his real agenda, it is unnecessary. Kuki militants are in peace talks with the Government of India, and there is no Kuki militant outfit that is recognized as a terrorist organization under UAPA, thus the term Narco-Terrorists is just another pick-up term to malign the Kukis.

Like always, despite the injustice and violations of the Fundamental and Constitutional rights of the Kukis, the State high court is still on

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vacation mode only for matters concerning delivering justice and upholding the rights of the Kukis, but now as winter arrives it goes from aestivation to hibernation. The state media continues to be the mouthpiece of hate mongers and ethnic cleansers. In short, they continue being puppets of N. Biren.

The very fact that not one tall leader from their community had spoken up for the atrocities done against us or corrected the lies spread against us signals their concurrence, as the anarchy in Manipur is their own creation to establish a Meitei country implicitly, targeting the Kukis was how they achieved it. The evidence for it is that no central authority/ institution is given the permission to perform their assigned duties and roles as long as it harms Meiteis' interest or their people even if they are rapists or terrorists. Indianness and

respect for Indian laws got driven away from their land along with the Kukis by them. We as proud Indians shall not be integrated with a community that threatens and undermines Indian sovereignty.

As prejudices against the Kuki by the Meitei community touch the zenith as an effective result from brainwashing and radicalisation of all age groups from sections who believe in Meitei Supremacy and revivalism of Meitei independent kingdom, and as the prejudices and hate for Kukis come down from the CM's office to small children in the state, living together with our oppressor and a community of secessionist, is too un-Indian for us. Thus, Separate Administration is the only solution now.



BIREN'S POLITICAL WALK





Life then, Life now

~S.D. William Haokip

Oh! How much I miss the tranquility,
The solace, my home emanates.
There were times, when families come together,
Fond moments shared and feast, above all
Thanksgiving service, perhaps, the best;
Robbed off all from us,
And gone are the days,
Yet the memories linger, of Life then.
Oh, the cozy fireplace I yearn for!
The modest kitchen of ours could offer,
Humor and laughter exchanged and echoed,
Amongst brothers and sisters,
A fleeting moment that may never revisit.
The bonding endures, but never with its former
essence may.
Life then was beautiful,
Yet clinging on to it, not an option,
Moving forward, a must and
The present to embrace.
Life now, the post conflict;
Gunfire, fatalities and injuries, the new norm.
Trauma, anxiety, fear and confusion;
Terms, common to Life now.
Nonetheless, 'Hope', the healing term,
That we don't lose,
For we are the children of the living God.