

Thingkho Le Malcha

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Denglen Community Hall,
Sadar Hills

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District Administration &
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Total Inmates Registered: 69



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13.03.2024



167
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.

LAW AND DISORDER IN IMPHAL: MEITEI MILITANT GROUP DEMANDS ONE CRORE TO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

In a talibanized Meiteis' valley of Imphal, the proscribed Meitei militant groups rule over the general public, giving complete breakdown of law and order. A demand letter of the Kangleipak Communist Party (Maoist)- a proscribed terrorist outfit, which went viral on social media platforms on Sunday also revealed the terror group's involvement in the ongoing state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom on the minority Kukis.

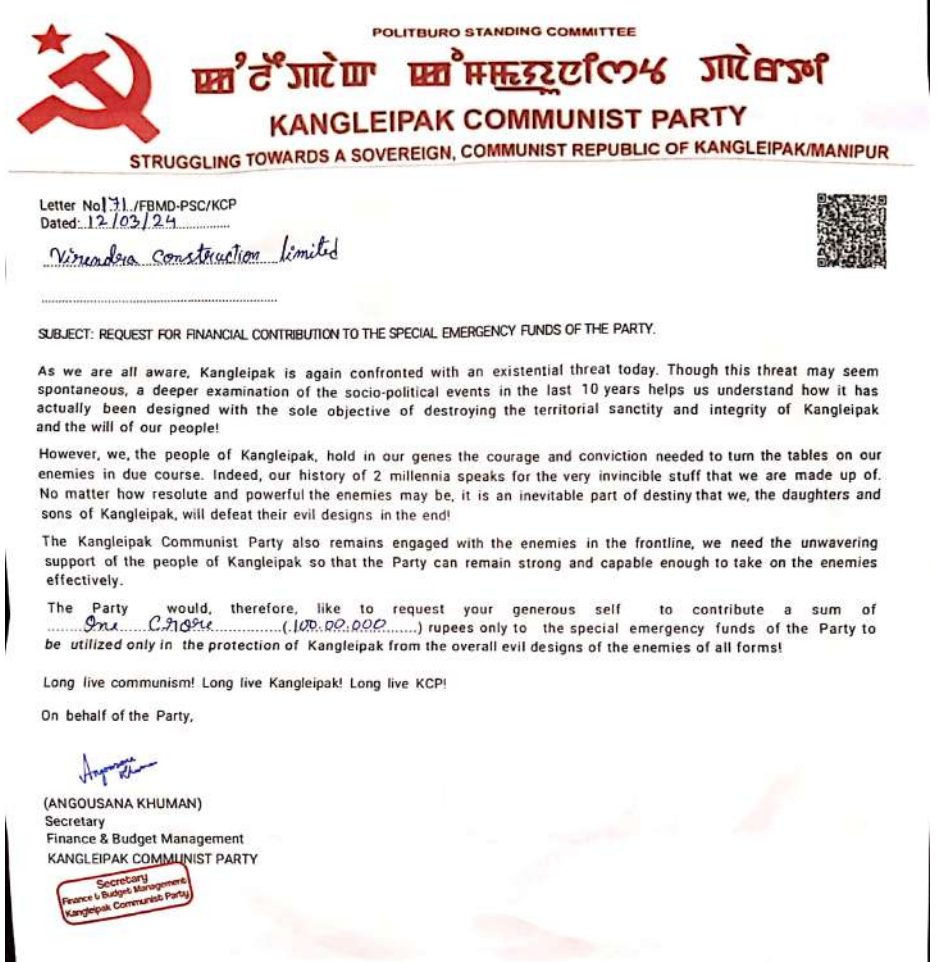
In the letter, the KCP demanded Rs. 1 Crore to Virendra Construction Company Limited as a contribution to the special emergency funds of the party. The letter said, "Kangleipak Communist Party remains engaged with the enemies in the frontline, we need the unwavering support of the people of Kangleipak so that the Party can remain strong and capable enough to take on the enemies effectively."

KCP stated that Kangleipak was again confronted with existential threat today and the threat may seem spontaneous. However, it said, a deeper examination of the socio-political events in the last 10 years has helped the party in understanding how the threat has actually been designed with the sole objective of destroying the territorial sanctity and integrity of Kangleipak and the will of people of Kangleipak.

Clearly indicating their enemies as the Kukis, the terrorist group vowed that no matter how resolute and powerful the enemies might be, it was an inevitable part of destiny that the daughters and sons of Kangleipak would defeat their enemies alleged evil designs in the end.

"The Party would, therefore, like to request your generous self to contribute sum of One Crore (1,00,00,000) rupees only to the special emergency funds of the Party to be utilized only in the protection of Kangleipak from the overall evil designs of the enemies of all forms," KCP's extortion letter said.

Notably, the Meiteis have been blaming the Kuki SoO groups as one source/ factor of the violence in Manipur and they labelled every Kuki villagers or village volunteers who are in the frontline as Kuki militants. On other hand, they claimed that every Meiteis who died while attacking the Kuki villages were "Khun Ngakpa"



or village defence force or micham' (ordinary citizen), without looking at the fault of their side.

However, videos, pictures, images surfacing on social media platforms have, time and again, proved the involvement of the Meitei militants in the present crisis. The Meitei populace, especially their CSOs and student bodies that have close-links with valley-based militants, still remain mute spectators on the involvement of the terrorist groups in the ongoing crisis.

Though the state government is well aware of the involvement of the Meitei militants and extremists in the ongoing crisis, the leadership has to blame only the Kuki SoO groups for the violence in Manipur.

There is a nexus between the valley-based student bodies, the civil society organisations, well established businessmen, politicians and the Meitei militants. Different valley-based student bodies and civil voluntary organisations are supported or backed by Meitei militants.

TENSION ESCALATES AS GUNFIGHT BREAKS OUT OVER ILLEGAL SAND MINING IN KUKI TERRITORY

In a disturbing turn of events, escalating tensions between Meiteis and unknown miscreants reached a boiling point today as a gunfight erupted over unauthorized sand mining activities in Kuki areas.

The confrontation unfolded in the Salampatong area of Kangpokpi district, situated under the Saikul Sub-Division, wherein the armed miscreants confronted the Meitei individuals who were engaged in illegal sand mining and unauthorized tree cutting.

The armed men took a decisive stand against the infringement on their land and resources, thus firing towards the illegal sand miners and those involved in unauthorized tree cutting operations. In a bold display

of resistance, they burned down one JCB and two campers being used for the mining activities, situated between Songphel and Kaihao Tangkhul village.

The intensity of the conflict prompted a gun battle between the two groups, threatening the safety and security of the region. The situation was eventually brought under control with the intervention of Central Security Forces, who worked swiftly to restore order and prevent further violence.

In the ensuing gunfight, the unknown miscreants inflicted injuries to the Meitei illegal encroachers and militants.

IMPHAL VALLEY GRIPPED BY LAWLESSNESS AMIDST SURGE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES; ARMED MEN LOOT OIL PUMP

Amidst a surge in criminal activities, Imphal Valley finds itself gripped by lawlessness, as evidenced by a recent shocking act of robbery. On Saturday afternoon, a group of armed miscreants looted Rs 1.5 lakh from a fuel refilling station located in Manipur's southern region.

The incident unfolded around 4 pm at M/S Yumnam & Son Oil Pump situated at Sekmai jin Hangoon, Imphal West, falling under the jurisdiction of Mayang Imphal police. According to the proprietor, Y Ingobi, approximately 15 unidentified individuals arrived at the scene in three SUVs and launched an unprovoked and violent attack.

The owner of the petrol pump, Y Ingobi, filed a detailed complaint with the authorities, describing the terrifying ordeal witnessed firsthand.

As per the complaint, approximately 15 unidentified persons arrived at the scene in three SUVs and launched a sudden and violent attack.

With firearms in hand, the attackers threatened the

petrol pump staff, destroyed CCTV cameras, and forcibly removed their hard drives. They also damaged the office's glass panes and wrecked the on-site POS machine, leaving a path of destruction.

During the incident, Ingobi was not present on the premises. Staff members reported facing threats of violence when they questioned the attackers' motives.

In his plea for justice, Ingobi appealed to the public to assist law enforcement in identifying and capturing the culprits responsible for the egregious crime.

Local police have commenced an investigation into the matter and are actively pursuing leads to apprehend the suspects.

This incident adds to the growing concerns over the rise in lawlessness in Imphal Valley, prompting calls for stronger measures to ensure the safety and security of the community.

IMPHAL VALLEY PLAGUED BY VIOLENCE: BOMB FOUND AT CIVIL SOCIETY LEADER'S RESIDENCE

Once again, demonstrating a flagrant disregard for law and order, the Imphal valley experienced yet another incident of violence with the placement of a bomb at the residence of Th. Manihar, the President of the Federation of Civil Society Organizations (FOCS), late this evening.

The alarming incident occurred around 9 PM at his residence located in Kongba Khetti Leikai, Uchekon Road. This adds to the concerning trend of criminal activities unfolding in the valley, where criminal elements, radical groups, and militants exert their influence. Threats, extortion, kidnappings, ransom demands, and even killings have become pervasive in the region over the past few months.

Many of these criminal activities are closely linked to militant organizations, with all Meitei Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and student bodies having connections to these groups. Previously, FOCS had issued warnings to the Meitei radical group, Arambai Tenggol, regarding harassment of its members. The organization had also led protests advocating for the release of UNLF (P) leaders arrested by the NIA, indicating a sympathy towards the UNLF Pambei faction.



In a concerning development, the Manipur State Cabinet has extended the 'Disturbed Area' designation in Manipur for another six months, excluding the jurisdiction of 19 police stations in valley districts. However, it's worth noting that the valley region has witnessed a higher incidence of violent and criminal activities compared to the hill districts. Extortion, threats, monetary demands, kidnappings, and killings occur on a daily basis in the valley.

The escalating violence has reignited calls for the re-imposition of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the valley to effectively counter these criminal activities.

CPI TO FIELD LAISHRAM SOTINKUMAR FOR INNER LS SEAT

Even though the Communist Party of India (CPI) is a partner in the 10 'like-minded' parties' alliance in Manipur led by the Congress, the Left party on Saturday nominated Laishram Sotinkumar as its candidate from the Inner Manipur Lok Sabha constituency.

A CPI leader said that the party's national executive meeting held on March 14 decided to field Sotinkumar, a former state council secretary, from the Inner Manipur Lok Sabha seat.

A veteran Left leader, Sotinkumar is currently serving

as the General Secretary of the AITUC in Manipur.

The ruling BJP and the main opposition Congress are yet to announce their candidates.

Manipur has two Lok Sabha seats — Inner Manipur and Outer Manipur (ST) — where elections will be held in two phases on April 19 and April 26, respectively.

LICENSED GUN HOLDERS DIRECTED TO DEPOSIT ARMS AT POLICE STATIONS AHEAD OF LOK SABHA POLLS

After the Election Commission announced the schedule for the Lok Sabha elections, officials in strife-torn Manipur have issued orders directing licensed gun holders to deposit their arms at the nearest police stations to prevent any untoward incident during the elections. The order has been issued by District Magistrates in the northeastern state to “ensure no untoward incidents occur during the conduct of elections. Polling for the two Lok Sabha seats in Manipur will be held on April 19 and 26.

The Office of District Magistrate Thoubal issued the order stating: “All licensees of Thoubal district shall deposit their licensed arms and ammunition to the concerned nearest police stations before March 23, failing which their licensed arms will be confiscated by district police administration...with a view to maintain law and order and to ensure peaceful conduct of the 18th general election to the Lok Sabha.”

Meanwhile, another order issued by District Magistrate Kangpokpi Mahesh Chaudhari said the prohibition on “possession and carrying of firearms of any kind by arms by license holders... with immediate effect till the process of elections is completed”, asking for “arrangements for safe and secure deposit of licensed arms and ammunition.

The orders will not apply to those “entitled to display weapons by long-standing laws, custom and usage, to



those nationalised/ private banks,” news agency PTI reported.

The Election Commission on Saturday announced that voting in the outer Manipur constituency will be held in two phases and those living in camps would be allowed to vote from the camps. Addressing questions on the number of seats rising to 544 from 543, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said the increased number was due to the Outer Manipur being counted twice since the voting will be conducted in two phases there.

While Inner Manipur and some parts of Outer Manipur will go for polls in the first phase on April 19, the remaining segments will be facing the polls in the second phase vote in the first phase on April 19, the remaining segments of Outer Manipur will vote in the second phase on April 26.



It is easier to resist at the beginning than at the end.

– Leonardo da Vinci

RAMPANT EXTORTION IN IMPHAL: BUSINESSMEN FROM MAINLAND INDIA MOST AFFECTED

Pretending as the Meiteis' saviour, Korounganba Khuman, the self-styled chief of Arambai Tenggol, in a Facebook post, has appealed his fellow Meiteis to refrain from huge monetary demand as minimum a possible. In the post, he also stated that the AT had initially decided not to seek monetary help from the public, but as the situation worsened, they are compelled to do so. However, since the public are now equally traumatized as much as the AT, he appealed to the cadres who have been involved in monetary demand to stop extortion but continue seeking monetary help voluntarily without putting pressure.

In another post, Korounganba also said that it is time for all, be it the state police, Arambai Tenggols, VBIGs, and CSOs, to stand as one instead of dividing among themselves.

In the above mentioned two Facebook posts, we can surmise two things: first, the AT and other armed groups are extensively involved in extortion, and second, the police, militias [such as AT], VBIGs [like UNLF], and CSOs are hand in glove in their attempt to annihilate the Kukis.

In a viral demand letter dated 12-3-2024, the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), a banned VBIG demands a sum of Rs. One Crore to one Virendra Construction Company. The letter ended with a handwritten note instructing to contact through WhatsApp Call only.

In another news, an Oil Pump in Imphal is said to have been destroyed by unknown miscreants who also took away 1.5 lakh rupees in cash.

It is regularly reported how extortion of money, kidnapping for ransom, looting of properties, and

**Korounganba Khuman**

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Eikhoi marai chaithabada leibak mangani
Noi marai chaithabada leibak mangani
Amata soiba Yana nate Hwgk
Police oisanu Lalhouba oisanu AT oisanu CSO sing oisanu
Aduna Eikhoi masel khurou thangnaba toklasi ereibak efurup hana kanaba amata oina changsinsi kalaba matung tang taba ama khanglaba matamda twningbado twro

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collection of illegal taxes and donations from the public have become the norms in Imphal. There are more such cases which remained unreported.

Under the present situation, the most affected lots are those business persons from mainland India whom the Meiteis called as "Mayang", a derogatory term used by them.

The Centre must be aware of what is happening in Manipur since day one. Yet it continues to ignore the plight of the minority Kuki-Zo tribals and those from mainland India presumably for electoral gain. So, the question is, when will it accept its mistake in giving free hands to the majority Meiteis and the state government headed by its own BJP chief minister Mr. N. Biren Singh in killing, raping, murdering, and extortion, of the minority communities!

MIZORAM'S RULING ZPM TO FIGHT MAIDEN LOK SABHA BATTLE FOR LONE STATE SEAT ON APRIL 19

Five months after its victory in the November 2023 Mizoram Assembly polls, the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) will fight its first-ever Parliamentary election as the state's lone constituency votes in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections on April 19.

Formed just before the 2018 Assembly polls, the ZPM, led by Chief Minister Lalduhoma, a former IPS officer who was the security officer of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, came to power for the first time in Christian-dominated Mizoram, securing 27 seats in the 40-member Assembly in the November 7, 2023 polls.

The ZPM, which gave a humiliating defeat to the militant outfit-turned-political party -- the Mizo National Front (MNF), which secured only 10 seats, will once again take on the MNF in the parliamentary polls besides the Congress.

Both the Congress and the MNF had governed Mizoram for many years since it became the 23rd state of India on February 20, 1987.

Chief Minister Lalduhoma, who has been an MP from the state, had, before and after the 2023 Assembly polls, announced that his ZPM would neither ally with the Congress-led INDIA bloc nor the BJP-led NDA. Like the MNF, the ZPM also strongly opposes the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the Uniform Civil Code and promises to take up issues concerning the Mizo tradition, culture, and ethnicity.

Mizoram's solitary Lok Sabha seat is reserved for the Schedule Tribe community, which comprises around 95 per cent of the state's 1.2 million population.

Mizoram Chief Electoral Officer Madhup Vyas said that for the past few decades, female voters in Mizoram outnumbered their male counterparts, thus playing a vital role in each electoral battle in the mountainous state.

He said that of the total electorate of 8,61,277 in Mizoram,



4,14,777 are male voters, 4,41,520 female electors and 4,980 service voters. According to Vyas, the gender ratio is 1,064 in Mizoram and of its 11 districts, Mamit is the only one with more male voters than females.

As per the final electoral rolls, published on February 8 this year, there are 36,214 young voters (18-19 years old), 4,758 senior citizen voters (85 years and above) and 3,399 PwD (Persons with Disability) voters.

There are 1,276 polling stations in Mizoram, or 101 more than that in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. This election will be eco-friendly, and the Election Commission has advised parties and candidates to refrain from using single-use plastic.

Election officials said that over 3,000 state police personnel and 15 companies (around 1,000 personnel) of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) will be deployed to maintain law and order situation, though Mizoram is one of the very states where election-related violence and incidents are always almost zero.

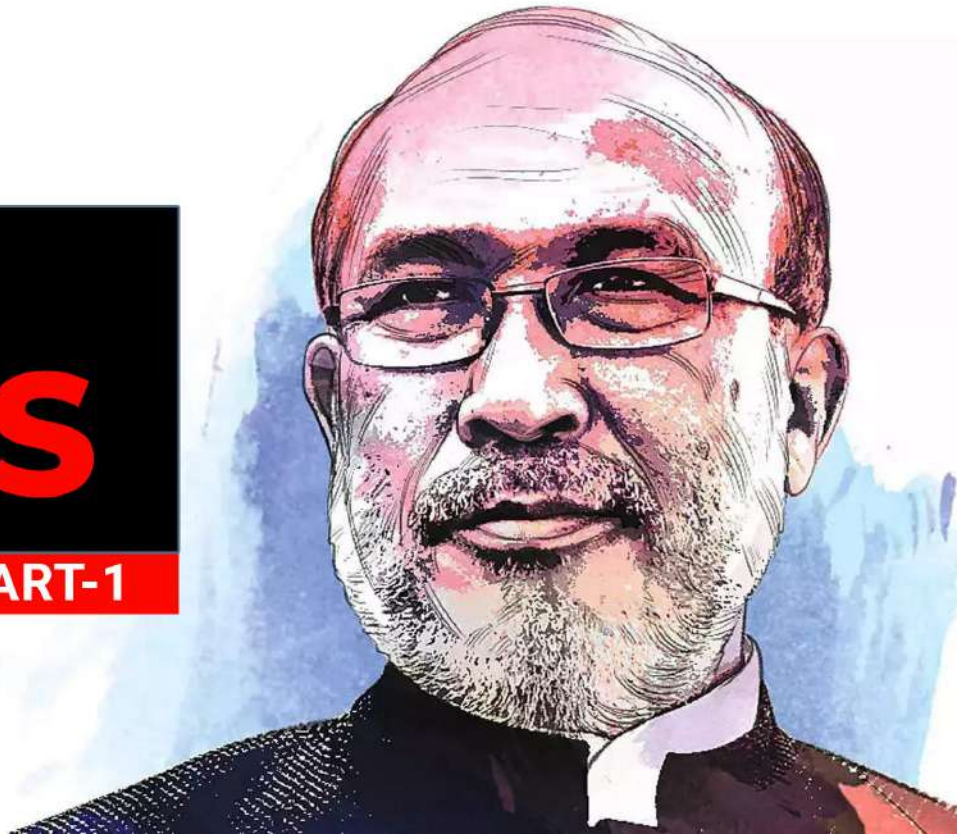
Multiple teams have been assigned to monitor election expenditures, and there are serious efforts to curb the menace of drugs, alcohol and other harmful substances.

Source: [Morung Express](#)

EXCLUSIVE

BIREN'S DRAMA ON DRUGS

PART-1



The Meitei CM Biren Singh has been regularly in the news spewing venom against the Kuki community and specifically targeting them for all the drug problem in the state. Such comments from the Head of the State needs thorough analysis, as he is being taken seriously by the vast majority from his community. It is another matter that it speaks volume of the mental makeup of such person/s who took him seriously.

In his effort to malign a particular community, Mr. Biren always resort to cherry-picking of data. A brief sifting of publicly available data is being done to analyse the data that Mr. Biren conveniently overlooked. The data pertains to the case against some Meitei drug traffickers, as discussed below:

Mr. OKRAM HENRY SINGH, former MLA from Wangkhei

Mr. Okram Henry Singh, alongwith one Meitei Mr. Sapam Argus @Nanao @Naoba, was the main accused in the attempt to transport contraband drugs in 7 (seven) separate carton boxes from Kolkata to Imphal by Deccan Cargo in January 2013, and seized at Imphal Airport. They were also charge-sheeted by the CBI subsequently in April 2013. All the odds were against him in this narcotics case.



Rewarding the Narcotic Smuggler:

Suddenly Mr. Biren enticed him to join his party, and Mr. Henry did join Biren's party in August 2020. His sins were totally forgotten and he was appointed a Cabinet Minister for Social Welfare, Cooperation and MAHUD under the Biren Government. In April 2021, Mr. Henry was stripped of his MLA & Minister-ship by the Manipur High Court on the charge of "corrupt practice". Yet, in November 2021, Biren still rewarded him to be his 'Advisor'.

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Biren's War on Drugs was a mere facade, as the case of Mr. Henry proved.

B. DEBSON SINGH, Sub Inspector Manipur Police



B. Debson Singh, a Sub Inspector (SI) of Manipur Police, a ring leader of an 11-member team of Manipur police commandoes (in full uniform and with service guns provided by the government) regularly involved in smuggling of banned drugs to the border town of Moreh, was caught at Pallel on April 28, 2013 while carrying full load of banned drugs in two government Gypsies (allotted to Moreh Police Commandos from the DGP Pool). The seized contraband was then valued at Rs 3,64,02,000 in international market (adjusted to inflation the same is valued at Rs. 5,33,38,550 in March 2024).

B Debson was then suspended, and then got revoked. The matter ended there for the Meitei CM and his "war on drugs" as Debson happened to be a meitei.

In August 2020, Debson got nominated by the Meitei CM Biren to be a recipient of the Chief Minister's Police Medal for Gallantry, 2020.

No one was held responsible for this entire fiasco. No DGP or SP was held responsible for recommending the name of Debson, a narco agent. Not even the Meitei CM took any moral responsibility. Debson was again suspended for "for concealing the drug case pending against him". One Inspector E Roshan Singh was suspended for not ruling out the name of Debson.

Inspector Roshan's suspension was, however, easily revoked, and he was promoted to the rank of the DySP as Manipur Police Service in September 2023, by the Meitei Home Minister Biren Singh, during the height of Meitei violence. Such kind of promotion, after being suspended for grave dereliction of duty, is not possible in central service, and would have happened only with the blessings of the Home Minister.

THE TRANSNATIONAL NARCO TERRORISTS : THE MEITEI TERRORISTS

In December 2019, The Wire had reported that the Meitei terrorist group PLA (People's Liberation Army) was actively engaged in the cultivation of poppy in Myanmar to fund their terrorist activities in active collaboration with the Myanmar Junta. It was estimated that in 2019 the PLA was cultivating 4000 acres of poppy in the Tonzang area of the Chin Hills.

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**NEWS ANALYSIS**

Present Turmoil In Manipur: N. Biren Singh's Game of Throne

The present turmoil and chaos in the State of Manipur, particularly in the Meiteis' Valley of Kangleipak, is just "a game of dice, but with different stakes." While the common people gamble their lives and livelihoods, the king, kingmakers and his minions wrestle for power.

With the exception of the leaders of the Meitei radical groups, most of the Meitei people fail to comprehend the intricate power play orchestrated by the narcissist N. Biren Singh and do not see the intriguing design of the dreaded ritual in which they are often used as "sacrificial lambs". The people suffer in his game and the blame of their suffering is on the same sufferers. The loss of loved ones, charred houses and memories, the disappearances of livelihoods, the mental illnesses and Post Traumatic Stress Disorders, the frustrations of a never ending uncertainty, etc., are all the collateral damages burned by the flame of N. Biren's hypocrisy, jealousy, power hungry, indifference and ego. The end result would be the seasoned Meitei politicians to settle the game over a glass of wine inside their humongous houses as if all the destructions are made up of mud.

In the midst of this strife, the sufferers are giving their hard earned last pennies to buy guns and bullets to kill the same sufferers on the other side. And, the king makes them feel like they are contributing for the future generation of the land and its people.

Recent events have exacerbated tensions, particularly the arrest of three key leaders of militant outfit by the National Investigative Agency on May 13, 2024. Though N. Biren Singh denies involvement, his tacit approval of the arrests speaks volumes about his political machinations.

It's an open secret that N. Biren Singh and his allies, including the titular Meitei king, Leisemba Sanajaoba, patronize radical groups like Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun to advance their political agendas. These alliances fuel hatred and division, endangering communal harmony. The latest instance of his mindless antithetical conduct was his private militias' infamous Kangla Meeting called on January 24, 2024 wherein all the Meitei lawmakers were made to bow down before them, taking allegiance to the diktat of the Arambai Tenggol.

Moreover, N. Biren Singh's divisive tactics extend to manipulating militant groups for short-term gains. By fostering rifts among factions like UNLF (P) and Arambai Tenggol, he seeks to consolidate his power. However, these maneuvers only sow further discord and instability. The two armed groups of Biren often fight among themselves on the subject -- 'who gets more power' over the Meiteis, which

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subsequently results in 'conflict of interests' between the two groups. Biren has now to choose between the two -- Arambai or UNLF(P).

To stay in the helms of Manipur affairs, amid rumours of him being proposed for the candidacy of Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency by the BJP Central leadership, Biren direly needs the Arambai Tenggol goons more than the cadres of UNLF (P) as he has little control over the later even though the outfit is in peace agreement. Seeing the larger aspect of his political interest, he has to favour his private militia group over the well-established militant outfit- UNLF(P) that sticks to its founding principle. The recent arrest of the militants' key leaders in a case related to "transnational conspiracy against India" reeks of a plot to silence the outfit and give more power to his private radicalised groups.

Undoubtedly, the UNLF(P) leaders including its self-styled army chief, Thoiba @ Sidabamapu, were arrested in a case related to 'transnational conspiracy by Myanmar-based leadership of militant outfits to wage a war against the Government of India by exploiting the current ethnic unrest in Manipur'. Sources revealed that leadership of insurgent groups based in Myanmar are recruiting overground workers, cadres and sympathizers to augment the strength to carry out attacks on security forces and opposing ethnic groups by exploiting the unrest in Manipur apart from collecting arms, ammunition and explosives.

After the agreement signed with Govt, on November 29, 2023, UNLF(P) have neither shared any information about the number of its cadre who were supposed to be kept in a secured area nor surrendered weapons. Instead they are occupying empty houses of Kuki people in Imphal area, they have brought their families from village and have occupied the houses, especially in Haokip veng, Paite Veng, Langol, Chassad Avenue, New Lambulane, etc.

Agencies have observed that the UNLF(P) cadres have been engaging in activities against both security forces and the public, involved in communal clash, open

extortion from Govt offices and public, carrying of arms openly in public places and terrorising the public.

The UNLF was also involved in looting arms and ammunition from the 5th India Reserve Battalion (IRB) at Chingarel in Manipur East on February 13, 2024. Police had arrested six individuals, including two UNLF(P) cadre, and the case is now likely to be transferred to the CBI.

Though the arrested members are part of a group that had previously engaged in peace talks with the central government after signing a ceasefire agreement in November last year, officials said that the self-styled army chief never participated in the parleys with the central government.

Ironically, the peace talks with UNLF (P) seem to have remained confined to paper only as the state government has not finalised the rules of surrender and depositing of weapons by the banned terror group so far, the officials said. The terms of the pact — which include monitoring of the armed cadres — are not available to the central security agencies. Its cadres have been living with civilians as there are no designated camps; and no security agency has been nominated to track their movement and they have been involved in attacks in buffer zones where Kuki and Meitei populations merge.

The recent arrests by the NIA shed light on the complex web of political intrigue and militant activity in Manipur. Thokchom Shyamjai, Laimayum Anand Sharma, and Salam Ibomcha, key figures in UNLF (Pambei), stand accused of various offenses, highlighting the ongoing challenges facing the region.

In this volatile landscape, the plight of ordinary citizens remains precarious. As political elites jockey for power, the people of Manipur continue to bear the brunt of their ambitions, caught in a cycle of violence and uncertainty.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



Sagarika Ghose
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Prime Minister @narendramodi has just said at the India Today Conclave that he has visited the North East more than any other Indian Prime Minister. But what he won't tell you is that he hasn't even once been to Manipur since violence broke out a year ago, where over 200 have died and where the state is almost split in half. The election mantri doesn't like to face any realities that people are suffering

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Gaurav Pandhi
@GauravPandhi

Manipur has literally been plagued by ethnic violence for the past 10 months, with women raped, many killed, and security officers kidnapped.

At #IndiaTodayConclave, PM Modi says, "I have visited the Northeast more than any other PM of India," while the GARBAGE audience, oblivious to the suffering, applauds shamelessly.

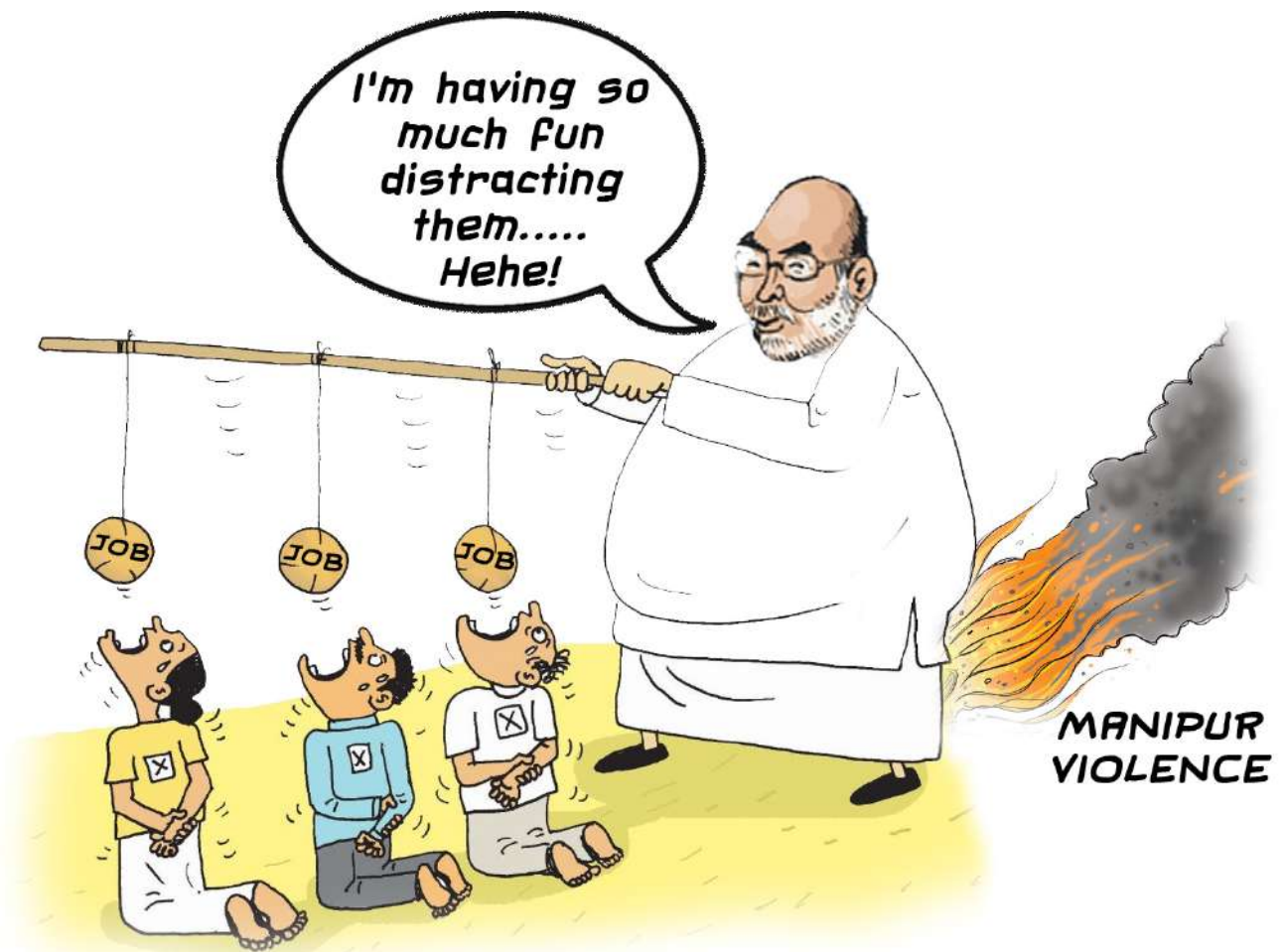
Sir @narendramodi, your being a tourist is of no help to anyone in the Northeast. The CORRUPTION in your character has failed INDIA!

Political posturing over people's pain is not leadership, it's cowardice.

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THE APPEASEMENT AND DISTRACTIONS





Zalenna

*zalenna/-noun, verb:
to be set free,
a sense of belonging.*

*tell me
is it still raining there?
tell me...
or has spring settled in?*

*tell me...
do the monsters still rage in fury?
tell me...
do the men still venture to vanquish
every ounce of rationality?*

*tell me...
did you dream of the hills again?
tell me...
did you fall asleep near the backwaters again?*

*tell me about your dreams
And I'll tell you about mine..
Ill spell it out for you in the letters of every
language;*

*Zalenna/-
the freedom of the soul..*

*the dream to be free...
the dream to live free..
the dream to die free..*

*the dream to live and die free...
free of bigotry,
free of ignorance,
free of the cruelty of the state.*

*Some live that dream,
Some die to live that dream.*

*So I must continue to dream...
I must heave the red carnelian beads
and string them to my neck
As I gather the broken arrows
That fly east of my hill,
Where the birds still come to sing,
Where my grandfather's stone is,
And where his mother's grave is.*

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*For this Land
of folklores and magic,
For this Land-
the keeper of tradition and rituals,
For this Land
of myth and reason;
I must dream
And ease the spirit.*

*I must dream of death and wars,
And I must dream of evil.
Before I dream of Resistance.*

*I must dream away;
every shred of idiocy
Before I dream of wisdom.*

*I must deafen the uncanny sounds
of pride and arrogance
Before I dream of freedom.*

*So I must go...
to the edge of faith
and move mountains
I must go;
to the house of memory*

*And find in there-
All I need to see me through today.
All the hopes,
All the cries,
And all the blood*

*Trapped inside the plastered walls,
I must move them
And move with them.*

*Because there is only
So much knowledge in me
To question the nobility of the firearm
That kills*

*Because there is only
So much in me
To protest the nobility of the nation
That kills*

*Because there is only
So much in me
Of a boiling rage,
I must stand on my two feet*

*than accept the
Authority of the State
That desecrates the bones
Of my men.*

*So when I fight to live my dream,
When I set fire to the sky,
When I rip my demons apart,
Will you too?
Will you hand me the ribbon and pull me up?*

- Abigail Misao