

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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**LALREM RUOT PULAMTE
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LALREM RUOT PULAMTE (33 YEARS)

S/O LALVARLIEN PULAMTE

ADDRESS: SAIDAN, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: MOIRANG POLICE STATION, MOIRANG

CAUSE OF DEATH: DRAGGED & KILLED BY MEITEI MILITANTS & POLICE



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.06.2024



186
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360+
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425+
DISPLACED
PERSONS

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

MHA HIGH-LEVEL MEETING: KUKIS' HOPE FOR DE-ESCALATING MEITEIS' ATROCITIES AND SWIFT POLITICAL SOLUTION

There is a pattern, since the beginning of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing against Kukis, that whenever any meeting takes place between the Central leadership and state machinery, the radicalised armed groups of Meiteis escalate their atrocities against the minority Kukis.

Since last year under the “double-engine” governments at the Centre and State, every visit of the central leadership to the strife-torn Manipur has been translated into a devastating onslaught against the Kukis, thus escalating tension between the two warring communities. In simple words, every visit or meeting with the narcissistic leadership of N. Biren Singh has put more fuel to the fire.

The latest of such violent incidents was the torching of Kuki houses in Jiribam district perpetrated by Meitei illegal armed groups while their leader and instigator N. Biren Singh was in New Delhi, who had witnessed the formation of a new NDA-government led by BJP at the Centre.

Now, the new government has been formed and the Ministry of Home Affairs has held a High-Level Meeting to take stock of the situation, it is highly hoped that the meeting would “no longer put more fuel to the fire” but would bring normalcy by acknowledging the total separation of the two warring communities. The Kukis have been expecting that the Union Home Ministry under the able leadership of Amit Shah would formalise the “separate administration” for the Kukis and that justice prevails. A swift political solution would bring permanent peace in the region so that the already separated communities could co-exist as good neighbours.

On Monday, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah chaired a high-level meeting to review the security situation in Manipur, in New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by the Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande, Union Home Secretary, Director,

Intelligence Bureau (IB), Chief of Army Staff (Designate) Lt. General Upendra Dwivedi, Security Advisor to Government of Manipur, Director General of Assam Rifles, Chief Secretary, Director General of Police (DGP) of Manipur and senior officials of Army and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

As per PIB, Amit Shah did a holistic review of the security situation in Manipur and directed it to ensure that no further incident of violence took place in Manipur. The Home Minister said that Central Forces deployment would be increased, if required, and Central Forces should be deployed strategically to restore peace and tranquility in the state. He further directed that strict action must be taken as per law against the perpetrators of violence.

The Union Home Minister also said that the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is fully committed to ensure safety and security of all citizens of Manipur.

Amit Shah reviewed the situation in relief camps, especially in respect of proper availability of food, water, medicines and other basic amenities. He directed the Chief Secretary of Manipur to ensure proper health and education facilities for the displaced people and their rehabilitation.

The Union Home Minister further underscored the importance of a coordinated approach to resolve the ongoing ethnic conflict. He said that the Ministry of Home Affairs will talk to both the groups, Meiteis and Kukis, so as to bridge the ethnic divide, at the earliest.

The Government of India has been actively supporting the Manipur Government in strengthening the security situation in the state.

KUKI WOMEN IMPOSE COUNTER ECONOMIC BLOCKADE ON NH-37 IN TIT-FOR-TAT MOVE

In a tit-for-tat move, the Kuki Women Union of Jiribam and Tamenglong District, endorsing the decision of the Kuki Village Volunteer, Vaingailhang and Tuilanguol, called counter economic blockade along National Highway 37 (Imphal-Jiribam) today.

Earlier, the Kuki Village Volunteers, Vaingailhang and Tuilanguol, alleging that Arambai Tenggol and Meira Paibis of Jiribam are imposing a blockade on supplies of essential commodities for the Kuki community, warned of imposing an indefinite counter economic blockade along National Highway 37 if the alleged unethical and inhumane practice of blockading essential commodities for the Kuki community was not stopped immediately.

Subsequently, the Kuki Women Union of Jiribam and Tamenglong District, vehemently condemning the blockade of essential commodities for the Kuki community by Arambai Tenggol and the Meira Paibis of Jiribam, imposed counter economic blockade along National Highway 37 in support of the decision by the Kuki Village Volunteers, Vaingailhang, and Tuilanguol.

In response to the violent actions of the Meitei women's group, the Merapaibis, and the radicalized Arambai Tengol, who have allegedly engaged in aggressive behaviors against Central security forces, including using JCBs to move Army Caspers and blocking and burning goods intended for the Kuki tribal community, the Kuki women of Tatbung, Leisang, and Lhangnom in Jiribam District have also enforced an indefinite counter economic blockade in their areas.

Following the counter economic blockade, hundreds of escorted loaded trucks were seen stranded between Leingangpokpi and Phaitol.

The Kuki Village Volunteers from the Vaingailhang



and Tuilanguol regions alleged that the Arambai Tenggol and Meira Paibis of Jiribam have restricted even urgent medical requirements for ailing patients, provoking and escalating violence in the area.

The Kuki Village Volunteers also recalled that on May 14, Seigoulen Singson of Phaitol village was abducted from a temporary Naka checkpoint on NH-37 near Phaitol village, and his badly beaten, tortured, and decomposed body was found on May 17 near Molzol village in the Jiri river. Additionally, on June 6, L. Lallianmuang of Vengnuam, Jiribam, was dragged out of his house, and his whereabouts are still unknown.

Further, on June 8, Meitei armed militants carried out a full-scale attack on Kuki settlements in Jiribam town, burning every Kuki house and imposing a blockade on every Kuki individual trying to escape from Jiribam town with the intention of annihilating them, it stated.

Meanwhile, The Kuki Women Union, Jiribam and Tamenglong District, has stated that since the onset of ethnic violence in Manipur on May 3, 2023, the Kuki people of Jiribam and the surrounding areas have consistently stood for peace.

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Recalling continuous provocation and violent acts from the Meitei community, the women's body stated that on May 4, 2023, armed Meitei miscreants, suspected to be members of Arambai Tenggol, attacked Raniveng in Jiribam, burning down five houses, and another three houses in Phaitol Village of Tamenglong. However, the Kuki people did not retaliate as they did not want the Manipur violence to escalate in Jiribam. Instead, the Peace Committee of Jiribam was formed and has continued its efforts since then, it stated.

It continued that despite agreements during a Peace Meeting, members of Arambai Tenggol abducted six villagers from Kaimai on February 21 while they were on their way to Silchar for shopping. They were later released following police intervention.

Amidst all these challenges, the Kuki community chose to resolve issues through dialogue, understanding that war is destructive to everyone, it added.

Meitei atrocities became unbearable after the killing of Seigoulen Singson, but still, we restrained ourselves from any form of violence and settled the issue

peacefully with the government.

However, on June 6, 2024, after the Parliamentary election, the Meitei community in Jiribam resorted to widespread violence following the killing of Saratkumar by unknown miscreants, blaming the Kuki tribals with the intention of escalating tension in Jiribam.

The Arambai Tenggol and the Meitei armed militants started burning all Kuki houses in Jiribam and abducted L. Thianmung of Vengnoum, who has not been found since.

The Meitei radicals continued to burn down all Kuki houses in Vengnoum, Uchathol, Sounkoveng, Kalinagar, IB Leikai, Raniveng, and other areas.

The Kuki Women's body also alleged that, not satisfied with the full-scale violence, the Meira Paibis and Arambai Tenggol began frisking every vehicle traveling through Jiribam town to ensure that Kuki commodities were not transported.



**Any great warrior is also a scholar,
and a poet, and an artist.**

- Steven Seagal

INDIA BLOC DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ACTION ON JIRIBAM CRISIS

To address the escalating tensions in Manipur's Jiribam district, the INDIA Bloc convened a crucial meeting on June 17 at Congress Bhavan, Imphal. Chaired by K. Meghachandra Singh, President of MPCC Manipur, the gathering included prominent leaders from AAP, AIFB, AITC, CPI, CPI (M), INC, JD (U), NCP, RSP, and SS (UBT).

The meeting focused on the pressing need to restore peace and normalcy in Jiribam, a region currently gripped by unrest. A unified stance emerged as members unanimously agreed to seek immediate discussions with the Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur. Formal requests for appointments have been dispatched to both offices, emphasizing the urgency of the situation.

Dr. Kh. Loken Singh, JD (U), highlighted the critical importance of deploying adequate state forces to Jiribam, underscoring the responsibility to ensure safety and security for all residents. The INDIA Bloc's appeal to the state leadership underscores their commitment



to resolving the crisis swiftly and effectively.

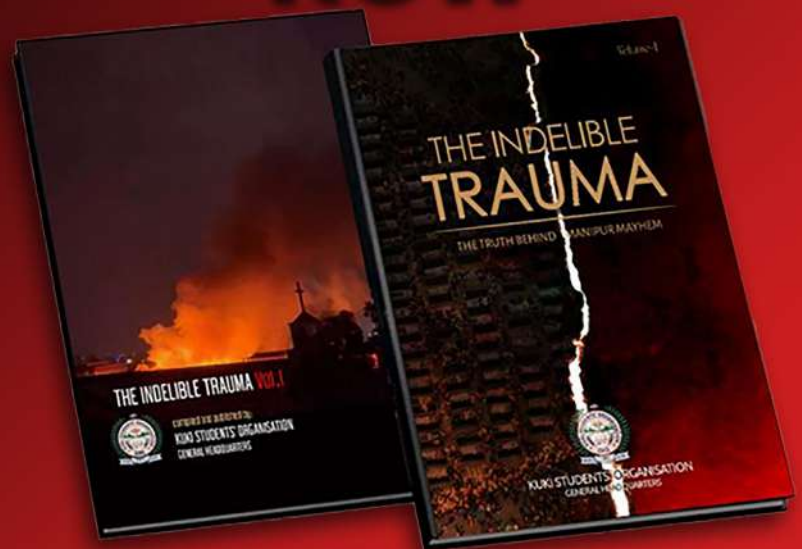
"We urge swift action to restore peace in Jiribam and across Manipur," stated Ksh. Shanta Singh, Convenor of INDIA Bloc Manipur. The bloc's collective appeal seeks immediate measures to normalize the situation and uphold the state's integrity.

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“ZALEN AWGIN: THE VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION” OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN KANGPOKPI

The much-anticipated book “Zalen Awgin: The Voice of the Revolution” was officially launched today in a grand event held at KSO Sadar Hills office in Kangpokpi District Headquarters.

The launching of the book was marked by an engaging panel discussion centered on the theme “Change and Progress.”

Authored by renowned writer and activist, Janghaolun Haokip, “Zalen Awgin” delves into the historical and socio-political landscape of the region, capturing the essence of revolutionary movements that have shaped its present. The book is hailed as a significant contribution to the literature on regional revolutions, providing deep insights into the struggles and triumphs of the people.

“Zalen Awgin is not just a book; it is a testament to the resilience and determination of our people. It reminds us that change is often born out of struggle,” the author said in his keynote address.

Highlighting the role of literature in documenting and inspiring progress, Haokip remarked that, “Through narratives like ‘Zalen Awgin,’ we preserve our past and lay the groundwork for future generations to learn and grow”.

Emphasizing the contemporary relevance of the book, the author said that in times of rapid change, it is crucial to reflect on our journey and recognize the progress we have made.

He also conveyed his anticipation that the book would serve as a beacon, guiding toward a more inclusive and just society.

The event attracted a diverse audience, including scholars, activists, local leaders, and residents eager to partake in the celebration and discussion.

The panel featured prominent leaders such as



Thangminlen Kipgen, Thangkhochoon Haokip, and Ngamminlun Kipgen.

Each speaker brought a unique perspective on how change and progress are intertwined within the fabric of revolutionary movements during the discussion smartly moderated by Thanglenmang Kipgen, Academic Dean of Oasis College, Kangpokpi.

The discussion aiming at a general discourse towards addressing social issues and concerns and encouraging change and progress for society, also included a Q&A session, where attendees expressed their thoughts and sought further insights from the panelists.

Earlier, the book was formally released by Helien Kipgen, a social worker and dedicated by Rev. Tunlal Haokip.

As the event concluded, the author, Janghaolun Haokip signed copies of “Zalen Awgin,” with proceeds from the sales contributing to local educational programs.

The successful launch of “Zalen Awgin” marks a significant milestone in Kangpokpi’s cultural and intellectual landscape, promising to inspire change and progress within and beyond the region.



FEATURED ARTICLE

In Manipur, Meira Paibis Won't Budge. Forces Flustered as Women Vigilantes Lead Mobs, Block Convoys

ANANYA BHARDWAJ & MAYANK KUMAR

As Manipur continues to grapple with violence a year after it first erupted, the security forces continue to face the challenge of being obstructed by Meira Paibis — revered figures in the Meitei society — who have taken on the role of vigilantes amid the prolonged Kuki-Meitei conflict in the state.

A group of Meira Paibis blocked a convoy of Assam Rifles Wednesday, when forces were sent to control a gunfight at the Kangpokpi-East Imphal border.

This happened just two days after the convoy of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh was attacked in Kangpokpi district by armed miscreants, while he was on his way to Jiribam district.

Jiribam, which borders neighbouring Assam, saw a flare-up of violence after the recovery of the beheaded body of a 59-year-old man, identified as Soibam Saratkumar Singh, who had been missing.

Wednesday's blockade, however, was not just a one-off case in the strife-torn state. In April, Meira Paibis had snatched away 11 members of radical Meitei outfit, Arambai Tenggol, from the custody of the Mahar regiment of the Indian Army, and also obstructed the seizure of illegal arms from them.

"This is a menace. Meira Paibis use their status as women as a shield, knowing that it is a deterrent against use of force. These women lead mobs, obstruct security

operations, and detention of individuals," a source in Manipur police said.

In a few instances, the police tend to register a case against "unknown women". However, no arrest has been made in any of these cases so far.

"Who wants to take another challenge of detaining or arresting these women? They are extremely aggressive. They set vehicles on fire, throw bricks. Detaining them means dealing with another law and order situation in an already sensitive area," the officer said.

"Each time there is movement of security forces in the valley for any raid to recover the weapons that were looted, these groups come together and congregate to block roads, compelling the personnel to retreat," the source told The Print.

No help from public representatives
Another source in the security establishment hinted at the role of public representatives in the entire conflict.

"Public representatives are not siding with the law enforcement agencies to ensure that the situation is controlled. They have failed to convince people to not be violent. Confrontation with the police

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and security forces has become a norm now, and the MLAs support troublemakers,” the source said.

Security forces have also faced protests affecting their operations from the pro-Meitei outfit, Manipur People’s Army (MPA), the army wing of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF) in the recent past.

In a video that went viral on social media, Indian Army personnel were seen being confronted by UNLA-MPA cadres in Manipur.

A senior Manipur government official lamented the blockade of security officers, calling it one of the most challenging aspects of managing the ethnic clash in the state. The official told ThePrint that the problem has persisted since the outbreak of violence and affected all security forces, including the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Border Security Force (BSF), while they were being withdrawn from the state for poll duties during Lok Sabha elections.

“The problem of blockade has been there since the outbreak of violence last year and we try to pursue and persuade people to solve this, which does not always work. Army and Assam Rifles are not the only forces, which have faced angry protests and blockade in the state,” the official said.

“Even CRPF and BSF, which were to be withdrawn for posting in election duty in other parts of the country, faced blockade as people affected by violence did not want them to leave at the mercy of miscreants,” the official added.

The official further said that a political dialogue must begin in the state at the earliest to bring the situation under control.

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Thank God (the true one) for small mercies. What has he been doing for the past 13 months?

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Home Minister Amit Shah says MHA will talk to both Meiteis and Kukis at the earliest to bridge ethnic divide in Manipur

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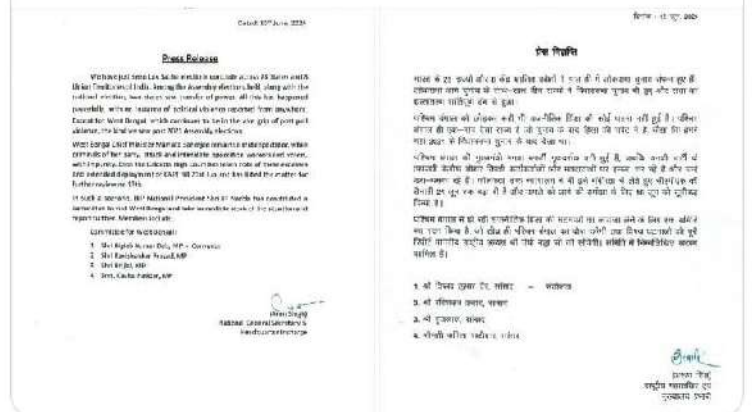
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Some events in BJP-ruled #Manipur since 4 June: several dozen houses burnt down (incl the abandoned Imphal house of a former Kuki IAS officer), CM convoy’s advance security team fired at, a doctor’s house attacked with bombs, 2 trucks carrying construction material burnt down.



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The BJP has formed a Committee to evaluate the incidents of political violence that have continued in West Bengal incessantly following the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.



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TIME GOES ON BUT THE WOUND WILL BE WITH ME FOREVER

-Haotinmang Sitlhou

Time will come and go,
But the wounded part of th Kuki-Zo people will
be still with me.
How long will it take to heal the wound?

They said time heals,
But time goes on and on but
The Justice for Kuki-Zo is still denied,
And unheard.
The Innocent Blood still waits and shouts for
Justice.

For every sickness there is a healing medicine.
For the Kuki-Zo,
The healing medicine is "True Justice"
When will this healing reach the Kuki-Zo
people!?

People said be patient,
Time will come for Justice.
But Justice is delayed and denied.