

# Thingkho Le Malcha

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## AWAITING JUSTICE



### **KHUPLUNTHANG MILUN (26 YEARS)**

S/O KHAMZAKAP

ADDRESS: TUINING, CHANDEL

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMPHEL, IMPHAL WEST

CAUSE OF DEATH: LYNCHED TO DEATH



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.05.2024



**185**  
DEATHS



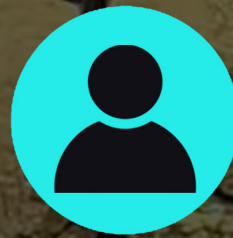
**200+**  
VILLAGES BURNT



**7000+**  
HOUSES BURNT



**360+**  
CHURCHES &  
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



**41,425+**  
DISPLACED  
PERSONS

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

# KNF REITERATES ITS STANCE FOR SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION, AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT AND DEFEND ITS PEOPLE ON 37TH RISING DAY

The Kuki National Front, or the KNF, the mother organisation of the Kuki armed insurgent groups, declared a potent political statement during its 37th Rising Day commemoration today at S. Molnom Village in Kangpokpi District.

Reaffirming its commitment to protect and defend its people and land from any aggression or atrocities, the Kuki National Front declared its readiness and preparedness to respond decisively against trespassers crossing the buffer zones with the intent to harm or attack the Kuki dominated areas on its 37th Rising Day.

“We will now decisively respond to anyone crossing the buffer zones with malicious intentions to harm or attack our people or to seize our land,” asserted Aaron Kipgen, General Secretary of KNF while addressing the gathering commemorating the SoO signatory’s 37th Rising Day.

Aaron Kipgen, who is also the Spokesperson of the United People’s Front, or the UPF, emphasized the relevance of ‘Buffer Zones’ and urges all stakeholders to respect this ‘mechanism of deterrence’ between the two geographical divide; the Hills, occupied by the Kuki and the Valley, predominantly occupied by the Meitei community.

The organization also reiterated its stance for Separate Administration in the form of a Union Territory with legislative power for the kindred tribes of the entire Kuki community during the commemoration.

Aaron Kipgen further said that it’s been 16 long years since we came under the Suspension of Operations (SoO) while having political talks with the Government, though our vexed political issues are yet to be addressed.

He urged the Kuki people to give one more chance to the new Government that will be formed in June, as he conveyed his belief that the political dialogue will

be expedited after the new Government is formed and a political solution will soon be achieved.

He also expressed his belief that democracy will triumph over tyranny and justice will prevail over lawlessness while emphasizing that true freedom is being able to call a place our own, and that there will be no peace without a political solution for the Kuki community.

He also appealed to his people to remain steadfast in prayer and faith in the Constitution and Judiciary of the great nation of India.

Thirty-seven years back, on May 18, 1987, KNF was founded at Molnoi village, Myanmar. It became the oldest and mother organization of the Kuki militant groups not only in Manipur but in the entire North East India. The year 1988 marked the first anniversary, or Rising Day, of the outfit.

Founded by late Nehlun Kipgen, the Kuki National Front entered into a tripartite agreement, the Suspension of Operations (SoO), under the umbrella of the United People’s Front (UPF) with the state government and the Government of India on August 22, 2008.

The 37th Kuki National Front Rising Day commemoration was attended by Kuki Inpi Sadar Hills, and tribe organisation leaders, student bodies, women organisations, Sadar Hills Chiefs’ Association, Committee on Tribal Unity Sadar Hills, apart from various other Kuki civil society organisations.

Rev. Mangcha Tuboi, Pastor, KBC Salem Saparmeina attended as Minister of the auspicious event, while prominent Kuki leaders also spoke on the occasion.

# SUPREME COURT DIRECTIVES VIOLATED AS KUKI SCHOOL CONVERTED INTO SANCTUARY FOR ARAMBAI TENGGOL CADRES

In a flagrant breach of Supreme Court orders to safeguard the assets of displaced persons, the Lee Faith School, belonging to the Kuki community in Imphal's Paite Veng, has been repurposed into a refuge for Arambai Tenggol cadres.

Reports indicate that over 200 Arambai Tenggol members relocated to the school premises today, following an arrangement purportedly sanctioned by local clubs.

This transgression underscored a pattern of disregard for legal mandates by Meitei community. Instances of pilfering abandoned Kuki belongings, distributed among Meiteis, have been recurrent despite the Supreme Court's explicit injunction against encroachments on displaced persons' properties.

Furthermore, the occupation of New Lambulane, a prominent Kuki locality in Imphal, by Arambai Tenggol



and UNLF militants, further exacerbated violation of the top court's orders. Household markings denoting allegiance to either group ("AT" for Arambai Tenggol and "U" for UNLF) served as visible reminders of the sheer disregard for law, highlighting precarious security situation facing the Kuki populace. The Meitei's disregard for legal frameworks threatens to escalate inter-ethnic strife in the state.

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## OUTRAGE AND DEMAND FOR JUSTICE FOLLOW COLD-BLOODED MURDER IN JIRIBAM: KUKI COMMUNITY TAKES STAND

The Kuki community in Jiribam and Tamenglong districts is reeling from shock and indignation following the cold-blooded murder of Mr. Seigoulen Singson, also known as Bosco, son of Mr. Seikholet Singson of Phaitol village, Tousem Sub-division, Tamenglong District. Despite purported efforts by civil society organizations (CSOs) and law enforcement agencies, the peace in Jiribam has been shattered by the reprehensible action of certain individuals and groups.

Mr. Seigoulen Singson's abducted and gruesomely tortured body was discovered on May 17th near Molzawl village, just 30 meters from a police commando outpost. This proximity raised grave suspicions over police complicity in the crime, given the incident occurred under their watch.

This tragic incident is not an isolated one; it adds to a series of intimidation and violence against the

Kuki tribal community. Despite their commitment to peace, this heinous act has pushed them to demand justice through the formation of a Joint Action Committee (JAC) and the submission of demands to the Union Home Minister.

The community's ultimatum of 48 hours for swift and satisfactory investigation underscored their determination. Failure to meet this deadline will result in a 15-day economic blockade along NH-37, with the victim's body remaining unclaimed.

The Kuki community emphasized that any delay in serving justice for Mr. Seigoulen Singson's murder will be deemed a crime against humanity. They call upon all communities to support the efforts to apprehend the perpetrators and restore peace to the region.

# BIREN'S CABINET MINISTERS, MLAs INVOLVED IN FLESH TRADE; MEITEI MILITANTS SHOT KINGPIN

Taking the law into their own hands, the proscribed Meitei militant outfit, UNLF, has shot and injured a Meitei transgender individual who professed in fashion designing for allegedly being involved in flesh trade.

The militants reportedly apprehended Kumarjit, son of Late Laishram Sarat from Takyel Khongbal Maning Leikai, Imphal West, yesterday at around midnight, and was presented in front of the media somewhere in Bishnupur district. Later, he was shot in the left calf as a penalty. The incident occurred at Khumbong PHC, under the jurisdiction of the Patsoi police station, Imphal West, at approximately 8:40 AM today.

The militant outfit's spokesperson, Pibarel Angomcha, reportedly said that Kumarjit, a transgender fashion designer, was directly involved in flesh trade for money with high-profile individuals. In a viral video footage, Kumarjit revealed that the flesh trade was carried out at the behest of some of the Manipur government's Cabinet Ministers such as Thongam Biswajit, Khemchand, and MLA Rameshwar and also some Meitei bureaucrats including contractors.

Pibarel Angomcha, Koireng-led UNLF's spokesperson, expressed that "the trade in which Kumarjit was involved is against societal norms and is a shameful sin that tarnished the image of the Meitei society and the community." He stated that the party aims to improve the position of women in the society.



Notably, moral policing by outlawed groups and mob justice by the Meitei populace are rampant among the Meitei society. This latest incident indicated the complete breakdown of law and order and incompetency on the part of the law enforcement agencies under the Cheap Minister N. Biren Singh. The Meitei militants, private militia groups and the communal womenfolk have taken over almost all the Government departments and ruled over the Meitei populace at their whims and fancies.



**Terrorism works better as a tactic for dictatorships, or for would-be dictators, than for revolutionaries.**

— Christopher Hitchens

# MEITEI ARMED MILITANTS ATTACK MAINLAND INDIANS IN IMPHAL; ONE DIED, ANOTHER TWO CRITICALLY INJURED

The Meitei armed groups suspected to be members of Arambai Tenggol and proscribed militants shot dead one non-Manipuri in Imphal on Saturday night while another two sustained critical injuries.

As per sources, the incident occurred at around 7:30 PM near Naoremthong Khuman Leikai iron bridge, Imphal.

Reportedly, the victims (mainland Indians) are believed to be workers of Key Stone Company. The injured persons have been identified as Bithu Murmu (28), son of Shirilal Murmu of Jharkhand and Mittam Soren (50), son of Dorbori Soren of Jharkhand. Both of the injured persons have been taken to RIMS Hospital for medical treatment. The identity of the deceased is yet to be confirmed till the filing of this report.

The incident indicated that none is safe in the valley of Imphal. Not only the Kukis who were tortured, murdered and forcibly driven out of the Imphal valley, the mainland Indians have now become the next target of the Meitei extremists.



This latest attack is not the first instance of merciless killings of the non-locals in Imphal valley by the Meitei militants. For the last few decades, the mainland Indians have been soft targets of the proscribed Meitei militants and the attacks continue till today. The incident also showed that in the midst of a complete breakdown of law and order in Imphal, Meitei militants could carry out their evil crimes as per their whims and fancies.

## PEACE TALKS YET TO START: PAMBEI LED UNLF

The peace talk with Pambei led UNLF (United National Liberation Front) has not started yet, acting chairman of Pambei led UNLF M. Nongyai said on Saturday.

He indicated that the initiation of talks might take few years, citing the necessity to produce a comprehensive white paper beforehand.

The Pambei-led UNLF, which inked a peace agreement with the central government on November 29, 2023, is currently focused on crafting a white paper, drawing parallels to the Naga peace talks that took three years to produce a similar document.

Nongyai, speaking on the sidelines of the “Katthokkhraba Singgi Ningsing Numit” held at Nongpok Sanjenbam in Imphal East, stressed the importance of thorough studies and historical analysis.

He said the talks will not be conducted solely at the bureaucratic level, citing past merger agreements in Manipur as examples.

Regarding the arrest of three key office bearers, including the army chief of the Pambei-led UNLF by the NIA on March 13, Nongyai revealed that they have been prohibited from meeting the detainees due to ongoing investigations.

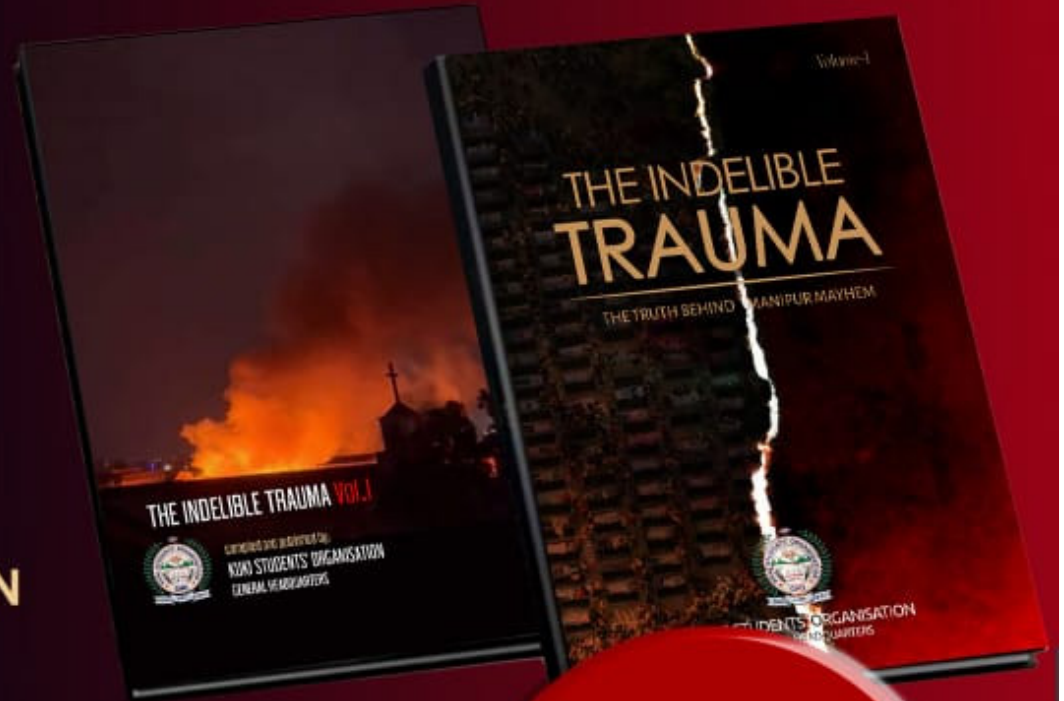
However, family members have been permitted to visit them, he added.

The state government claimed an inability to intervene in the matter, he said, adding the central government asserted that its hands were tied due to the constraints imposed by the Election Model Code of Conduct, he informed.

# THE INDELIBLE TRAUMA

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

This treatise is being prepared and published to unravel the lies and perfidy of our adversaries and put in perspective the authentic truth so that it stands as a testimony of the genocide that is being perpetrated on us and our people

With the hope and expectation that the perpetrators of these reprehensible crimes are brought to justice; and ignite a glimmer of solace and consolation to our indignant souls

The treatise also seeks to debunk the patently false canards, innuendoes and narratives that are being peddled as the gospel truth, and the aspersions that are being casted without any substance

And to put in perspective the historical misdeeds meted out to the tribal society by the extremely self-centered Meitei society with the clarion call to stand united and the urgent need for the convergence of our political position so as to collectively extricate ourselves from this oppressive dispensation

If we are to march forward like our tribal counterparts of Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh- SEPARATION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

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**In Response to DIPR's  
Rebuttal on The Hindu's  
Editorial**



**NEWS ANALYSIS**

**In the Melee of Narratives Warfare, N Biren Singh on  
the Path of Becoming the Cheap Minister**

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh is sinking lower with each passing day with his anti-Kuki rhetoric, Kuki bashing and false pride. He manipulates the State's machineries either to fight or vituperate his projected 'enemies' or justify his sinister deeds. The use of State forces (Police Dept) in launching physical attack on Kukis; and other departments in vilifying the Kukis is a familiar and undeniable fact. Perhaps he is applying the maxim 'Everything is fair in love and war.' The case in point here is the rebuttal to The Hindu newspaper's editorial titled 'Lame Excuses: On Manipur and the Ethnic Conflict,' issued by the State's Directorate of Information and Public Relations.

When the whole world is well aware of the reasons behind the ethnic cleansing pogrom unleashed against the Kukis by N Biren Singh since May 3 last year, he is yet scurrying here and there to cover or justify his deeds with what The Hindu editor(s) aptly say is 'Lame Excuses.' What N Biren Singh and his Bhakts frequently use the term 'not having a clear understanding of the deeper issues' or 'the in things' (manung gi wari) is appalling and already reaching a sickening level. In reality, the 'deeper issue' they often refer to is their extreme hatred for the Kukis and nothing more or nothing less.

The detection of 5,457 'illegal immigrants' (though they are actually those who fled their country seeking safety due to the ongoing unrest in Myanmar) and '996 new villages' are poles apart and cannot be related except

for the communal prism of Biren Singh and his stooges. Though he became the Chief Minister of Manipur (by mobilizing and exploiting the anti-Kuki sentiments of the Meiteis), N Biren Singh lacks or feigns one such knowledge of the worldviews of the communities living in the State. Unlike other communities, the customs and traditions of the Kukis permit the setting up of a village under certain circumstances. As such, these '996' villages are not set up by 'immigrants' as claimed by N Biren Singh. It is only his figment of imagination that these 996 villages are the results of unchecked influx of 'illegal immigrants.'

Contrary to the perceived and overhyped claim, there was no panic when the State Government identified those fleeing Myanmar due to the turmoil in the neighbouring country. No sane beings would ever imagine that 'illegal immigrants' would cause crisis as big as witnessed in Manipur now. There was not even an iota of fear or panic among residents on the government's drive to identify illegal immigrants not to speak of that being "one of the reasons for the violence that broke out in Manipur".

Rather, the Kuki people were alarmed by the rising hate campaigns against them and the systematic mobilization of anti-Kuki sentiments under the

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tutelage of N Biren Singh vis-à-vis promoting the armed Meitei radicals. What the DIPR release romantically mentioned about the 'influxes in 1962 and 1988 had been freely allowed to encroach on and settle upon Protected Forest areas of the State' amounts to what The Hindu editorial appropriately termed 'is both an over-simplification and a biased view.'

The DIPR release also denied the CM of being 'biased against any ethnic community.' Juxtapose this claim with the preceding and succeeding paras where data relating to one particular community were mentioned. The deep ill feelings harboured against the Kuki community were largely reflected in the DIPR's release when it compared the number of Kuki MLAs in 1972 and now. One simple explanation is that Heingang AC –which N Biren Singh now represents – was not there in 1972. Does this mean that N Biren Singh is an 'illegal immigrant' and his AC is constituted by illegal immigrants? N Biren Singh and his publicity tool DIPR chose to overlook this issue.

The statement boldly pointed out that around 16,161 acres of poppy cultivation in the Kuki-Zo dominated areas in the districts of Churachandpur and Kangpokpi were destroyed under the War on Drugs campaign of the government. However, it remains silent on the destruction of poppy cultivation in areas/districts dominated by other communities. Had this not been a 'biased view and oversimplification,' what else could it be? Further, the DIPR release mentioned that drugs amounting to Rs. 7887,76,32,330 have been seized and a total of 2351 cases have been registered and as many as 2943 persons have been arrested since 2017. The question is where are those drugs? Are they disposed of? Or are those drugs in the hands of the 'owners'? N Biren Singh and DIPR should not shy away from telling the public the whereabouts of the seized drugs.

And now coming to the conduct of the State's DIPR in issuing a biased statement, the Director or the Commissioner owes public explanation on why the department jumps the gun and allows the department to be used as a hate campaign machine of parochial and intolerant politicians. Indeed, it is the prerogative of the CM to use departments under the government to further the activities of the State. But blindly towing the lines and succumbing to the pressure of bigoted and fascist politicians driven by divisive agendas

is unbecoming of civil servants who helm the departments. The DIPR is not supposed to react to editorial comments of newspapers in the manner it does.

It is very shameful on the part of the DIPR to accuse a media house of 'murdering all ethical journalism and standards' when it fails to respect free speech and allows itself to be a cheap propaganda tool of fascistic politicians. This has lowered the prestige of DIPR and its district offices including those in the hill areas. Definitely, such 'rebuttal' can simply be done by any sycophant MLA or Minister or bootlickers. The department is levelled down to the ground. The sanctity of the DIPR is defiled that it chooses side with divisive forces when it is supposed to act as a cohesive agent.

To put it bluntly, the communal agenda of N Biren Singh, his extreme hatred for the Kuki minorities, his biased and overjealousness, his Meitei-centric agenda, and importantly, his inability to keep his flocks (of rebellious Ministers and MLAs), his overambitiousness to occupy his post (despite his incompetence) are at the root of the present crisis in Manipur. The only significant achievement accomplished during his 7 years of Chief Ministership is creating the siege mentality. Perhaps his own ghost is starting to haunt him that he resorts to 'lame and ridiculous excuses' to justify the pogrom he unleashed against the Kuki tribal minority group by taking recourse to third party intervention with the objective to make them scapegoats. Instead of making the face saving exercises by resorting to lies after lies, N Biren Singh should boldly admit his mistakes and mend his ways.

Without a doubt, the DIPR has issued the 'rebuttal' due to the suggestion by The Hindu editorial which writes – 'Unless there is a change, both in approach and in leadership in Manipur and the way it has treated the conflict, the situation will continue to fester.' Because, truth is hard to swallow; particularly for N Biren Singh, that too at this point of time when the TRUTH behind the mayhem is gradually being revealed. Certainly, it is going to make Mr N Biren Singh the Cheap Minister!



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ति मालीवाल की नौटंकी नहीं हमारा चर्चा का विषय मणिपुर  
ना चाहिए।

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Its topic of discussion should be Manipur, not  
Mati Maliwal's drama.



**Kautilya3 (Kuki ka parivar)**  
@Kautilya33

Follow Back

Shame on you @the\_hindu for platforming Biren Singh's shameless propaganda:  
"both the Mizoram and Manipur governments are conducting the deportations only after taking the consent of the refugees where normalcy seems to have returned."



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# *Resilience in the Valley*

In the shadows of that haunting day,  
A year now passed, yet memories stay,  
Survivors of a valley's grim decay,  
Some made it through, some faded away.

Lives lost to violence without a name,  
No mercy shown, no innocence to claim,  
They spared no one in their deadly game,  
Ravaged our lands, left us in shame.

Women's cries echo, their dignity torn,  
Naked, paraded, in anguish they mourn,  
Beheaded, bodies cruelly shorn,  
Their laughter mocking, hearts forlorn.

Yet amidst the darkness, heroes rise,  
"Tahchapa's" brave, with valor in their eyes,  
Defenders of our ancestral ties,  
They stand for justice, under darkened skies.

On this solemn day, we pay tribute true,  
To those who fight for me and you,  
May their courage guide us through,  
As we rebuild, and start anew.

*- Ch Roberth Mate*