

Thingkho Le Malcha

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LUNGINLAL @ LALNEU (35 YEARS)

S/O KHUPNEIMANG

ADDRESS: ZOMUNNUAM, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: IMPHAL

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED BY MEITEI MILITANTS



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.

MOREH'S HILL TRIBAL COUNCIL DEMANDS IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL TO DEPLOY BSF AT TENGNOUNPAL'S MOTHA VILLAGE

While rejecting the proposal for deployment of the Central Armed Police Forces at Motha Village of Tengenoupal district, under Moreh Sub-Division, the Hill Tribal Council (HTC), Moreh, the Kukis' top body of the border town, has demanded immediate withdrawal of the same in the larger interest of the public.

The tribal council stated that the proposal to deploy BSF jawans at the sole behest of N Biren Singh and the Meiteis is highly condemnable, and the same should be withdrawn immediately for the sake of peace and harmony in the area.

In a statement issued on Monday, HTC has informed the concerned authorities and officials that the attempt to deploy BSF troops at Motha village, in a very suspicious manner without any official notification from the Central Government, has drawn strong objection from the indigenous Kuki-Zo tribes.

"This untimely and thoughtless action, involving the communal State's hidden agenda, is perceived as a threat to the survival of the Kuki-Zo when the Chief Minister of the state is determined to continue annihilating them under different guises," it said.

"This is the homeland of the Kuki-Zo people prior to any other human settlement even before the arrival of India and Burma. The Manipuris and their kings who came here yesterday as guests and traders have no rights to infringe the Kuki-Zo way of life." HTC added.

HTC mentioned that it has been over 14 months since the Kuki-Zo tribes were subjected to all forms of discrimination and genocide by the Meitei centric government of Manipur.

While paying respect to all the victims of the 'state engineered tragedy' and saluting the brave Kuki-Zo martyrs, the tribal council expressed its high appreciation to the Kuki-Zo brave volunteers who

stand day and night at the buffer zones tirelessly protecting Kuki-Zo land and lives. "Deep in our hearts, we know it is God, Almighty, the Creator who sustained us this far," it said.

Claiming that the BJP's "double-engine ki Sarkar" had been fully exploited or abused by N. Biren Singh, the chief minister, the HTC accused Biren Singh of directly responsible for the unabated killings in the state, raping and murdering Kuki-Zo women and children, thus shaking the world with shock and turning the peaceful Manipur into an erstwhile Somalia-like statehood.

The quality of Biren is proven by the BJP's humiliating defeat in the recently held 18th Lok Sabha Election where the opposition Congress party won both the seats in Manipur, the statement added.

The Hill Tribal Council once again appealed to all the concerned officials and authorities within Tengenoupal district to prepare to serve the public, to understand their sufferings and work with the civil society organisations that represent them rather than serving the "blood thirsty Chief Minister" who had miserably failed in his governance.

Asking whether the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police of Tengenoupal District wanted peace or conflict, the HTC raised questions on whether they are working for peace or secretly promoting the Meitei's interest.

The Hill Tribal Council also appreciated the unbiased and disciplined Indian Army and Paramilitary Forces particularly the Assam Rifles for effectively performing anti-insurgency operations, preventing cross-border terrorism and strictly maintaining border security in the vast and porous Indo-Myanmar region.

CoTU COMMENDS AMIT SHAH'S PROACTIVE APPROACH IN ADDRESSING SECURITY SITUATION IN STATE

Amidst escalating ethnic tensions in Manipur, the Committee on Tribal Unity has lauded the efforts of Home Minister Amit Shah for his proactive approach in addressing the security situation. The Home Minister had chaired a high-level meeting to review the ongoing conflict, emphasizing a non-political assessment by army, paramilitary, and intelligence agencies.

The absence of political influence in the assessment process has been highlighted as a crucial step towards impartiality during this critical juncture. With concerns over law and order and the recent looting of arms from state armories by the Meitei group, the deployment of Central Security Forces has been identified as essential to restore stability in the region.

The Committee on Tribal Unity, Sadar Hills, has expressed optimism for a political resolution, advocating for the formation of a Union Territory with Legislature for the minority Kuki community. This community's historical contributions to India, notably their role alongside



Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Indian National Army, underscore their commitment to the nation's welfare.

"This initiative marks a pivotal moment for securing peace and stability in Manipur," stated the Committee on Tribal Unity in their official press release. They urged for sustained efforts towards a political settlement that recognizes the aspirations and contributions of the Kuki community.



Resilience is, of course, necessary for a warrior. But a lack of empathy isn't.

- Phil Klay

SECURITY FORCES NAB 3 MEITEI INSURGENT GROUP MEMBERS IN MANIPUR'S TENGNOUNPAL

Security forces successfully apprehended three individuals affiliated with valley-based insurgent groups near Shantong, close to Lamlong village in Tengnoupal District of Manipur on June 14

The arrested suspects have been identified as, Thiyam Lukhoi Luwang (21 years) from the KYKL Group, Keisham Premchand Singh (24 years) from the KYKL Group and Inaobi Khundrakpam (20 years) from the KCP Noyon Group

Officials of both Assam and Manipur Police held joint night street meeting at Jiribam along the Assam-Manipur border in connection with the prevailing scenario in the region.

Regular patrolling and area domination have been intensified in the entire riverine stretch of the Barak and Jiri rivers. Search operations and area domination



On 14.06.2024 Security forces arrested 03 (three) Valley Based Insurgent Groups from Shantong near Lamlong Village, Tengnoupal District. They are identified as:
(a) Thiyam Lukhoi Luwang (21 yrs) of KYKL Group, (b) Keisham Premchand Singh (24 yrs) of KYKL Group, and (c) Inaobi Khundrakpam (20 yrs) of KCP Noyon Group.

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were conducted by security forces in the fringe and vulnerable areas of hill and valley districts.

Movement of vehicles along NH-37 and NH-2 respectively with essential items have been ensured. Strict security measures are taken up in all vulnerable locations and a security convoy is provided in sensitive stretches in order to ensure free and safe movement of the vehicles.

CONGRESS LEADER PAWAN KHERA QUESTIONS MANIPUR CM'S ABSENCE IN MHA SECURITY REVIEW MEETING

During a recent review meeting by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on the Manipur issue, Congress leader Pawan Khera questioned the absence of the Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

Khera asked, "Why wasn't the Chief Minister present? Is this a kind of no-confidence motion by the central government against its own CM? Discussing the Manipur issue without the CM's presence raises questions about the reasons behind this exclusion."

During a review of the security situation in Manipur, Shah emphasised the need for strategic deployment of central forces to maintain peace and order. He assured that the number of central forces in the state would be increased if necessary.

According to an official statement, Shah directed authorities to take strict legal action against those responsible for the violence, underscoring the government's commitment to restoring tranquillity in the northeastern state.

The meeting was attended by key officials including Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Deka, Army Chief General Manoj Pande, Army Chief (Designate) Lt General Upendra Dwivedi, GoC Three Corps HS Sahi, Security Advisor to Manipur Kuldiep Singh, Manipur Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi, Manipur DGP Rajiv Singh, and Assam Rifles DG Pradeep Chandran Nair.

MEITEIS' HYPOCRISY: THEY DESPERATELY CALL FOR HELP WHILE OBSERVING THE GREAT JUNE UPRISING DAY

The Meiteis today observed the death anniversary of their 18 precious lives who were killed while protesting against the proposed Greater Nagalim movement of NSCN (IM) led by Manipur Tangkhul Tribes.

The 18 Meitei individuals had lost their lives on this day in 2001 when they challenged the Indian Government for signing a Ceasefire Agreement with those who tried to break Manipur territory. The Manipur Nagas have been claiming a greater part of Manipur as their ancestral land, threatening the territorial integrity.

On June 14, 2001, the BJP Government at the Centre led by Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee had signed the amended ceasefire agreement with the NSCN(IM). The agreement included the words "without territorial limits." This was reacted to strongly by the Meiteis on June 18 the same year, leading to the burning down of Manipur Secretariat and State Library. In the violent protest, 18 Meitei protesters lost their lives. Since then, they have been observing the day as Great June Uprising Day under the aegis of All Manipur United Clubs Organisation (AMUCO) and United Committee Manipur (UCM) every year.

How time changes this time. The NSCN (IM) led by Tangkhul tribe, once considered as the Meiteis' arch enemy for threatening the territorial integrity of Manipur, has now been embraced by the hypocritical Meiteis as their blood brothers while the ones who had once stood for Manipur's Integrity as their enemies. Hypocrisy is at its height!

Sensing their imminent defeat in the wake of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom, the Meiteis have now started a desperate call for help to the neutral parties so as to put up a united front against the Kuki communities. Meiteis' social media handles have been



crying out loud for help against the Kukis. No one is there to be fooled by the Meiteis.

Ironically, the demand of the outfits to whom the Meiteis have been calling for saving Manipur territorial integrity still stands. The NSCN (IM) demand for Greater Nagalim is still not compromised.

It is unsurprising to notice that the internet has now been flooded with a desperate call for help by the war mongering Meitei social media users to other communities of Manipur. With it, the integrity of the Meiteis has been compromised.

Here, the Meiteis need to understand that the Meiteis, Nagas and Kukis have their own ancestral lands since time immemorial. It was only during the time of the British that all of their territories were grouped under one umbrella called Manipur. Basically, Manipur consists of Kukis' land, Nagas' land and Meiteis' land. The three major communities have lived together peacefully since then until the Manipur mayhem which broke out on May 3, 2023.

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The idea of Manipur's territorial integrity has now been shattered since the communal Meiteis began their ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis. Now, the theory of United Manipur became just a namesake and vanished in the air. Total separation has been completed and no Meiteis now live in Nagas' and Kukis' territories

Times have changed and things have been changed since May 3, 2023. The ideology of co-existence or re-union with the Meiteis has become almost impossible or even the chances of re-uniting with the Meiteis have gone in the air. Even if one wishes for it now, the road however has been blocked completely.

As the connecting road for reunification is totally and completely cut-off, no amount of energy and labour may restore it. Forget about re-union, the hatred and animosity prevailing between the two communities is likely to continue even after a hundred generations.

Instead of crying over the spilled milk, it is best for both the communities to live separately and strive for their own well being, so that peace may naturally find its place and each community can grow and prosper as good neighbours.

KSO-BANGALORE USHERS KUKI YOUTH INTO JOURNALISM AT DON BOSCO INSTITUTE, KERALA

Today marks a landmark occasion for the Kuki community as four promising Kuki students commence their journalistic education at the esteemed Don Bosco Institute in Kerala. Facilitated by generous support from Eimi Times, this initiative spearheaded by the Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO)-Bangalore aims to empower and amplify the voices of the Kuki people in the media landscape.

The students were bid farewell at a heartfelt reception hosted by Pr Tonglen Saum, advisor of KSO-Bangalore, highlighting the community's unwavering encouragement and blessings for their educational journey. Mr. Seilalmuon Haokip, Secretary of Information & Publicity at KSO-Bangalore, emphasized the historic underrepresentation of the Kuki community in journalism and expressed optimism that these students will herald a new era of accurate representation and advocacy.



"We are immensely proud of these young individuals who have chosen to chart a course in journalism," stated Mr. Haokip. "Their dedication promises to correct misrepresentations and elevate our community's narrative in the media."





Effective crackdown to recover more than 3,500 looted weapons and calibrated action against Meira Paibis (Meitei women who have taken on role of vigilantes) — these are the two key takeaways from the high-level meeting called by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to review the security situation in ethnic conflict-hit Manipur, ThePrint has learnt.

“These are two challenges that need to be tackled at the earliest to restore normalcy in the state,” a source in the security establishment told ThePrint.

“A detailed status report was given to the home minister and after a detailed discussion, directions have been given to prioritise creation of joint teams to carry out focussed operations to recover the looted weapons that are circulating among civilians and in the black market,” the source added.

It was also decided that the deployment of central forces will be increased in “sensitive pockets”.

“Sensitive pockets will be identified and forces will strategically be deployed in areas that are more sensitive,” the source said.

The MHA will also hold meetings with both communities (Kukis and Meiteis) to ensure that an amicable solution is reached, the source added. “There is a need to bring

both communities on the table for a dialogue to bridge the divide. That has not happened till now. The MHA has ensured that this will be taken up on priority.”

Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Deka, Army Chief General Manoj Pande, Army Chief (Designate) Lt General Upendra Dwivedi, GoC Three Core HS Sahi, Security Adviser to Manipur Kuldiep Singh, Manipur Chief Secretary Vineet Joshi, Manipur DGP Rajiv Singh and Assam Rifles DG Pradeep Chandran Nair joined the meeting which took place at the Ministry of Home Affairs in North Block, Delhi.

Over the past year, more than 200 lives have been lost in Manipur, which has been in the grip of ethnic violence since last May. At least 60,000 people have been displaced, and there have been multiple incidents of violence against women. Despite efforts to restore peace, the situation in the state is still far from normal. Vigilante groups continue to operate with impunity, security forces face frequent attacks from local residents, and the stolen weapons from police armouries pose a security risk.

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Police data obtained by ThePrint shows that as of 1 May, 5,682 firearms had been looted from police armouries and stations, primarily in the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley. However, only 2,030, or 35.7 percent, have been recovered so far. Additionally, out of the 6.64 lakh rounds of ammunition stolen, only 28,000 — a mere 4 percent — have been traced. This suggests that a significant arsenal still remains with local people.

Action against Meira Paibis

Another significant challenge is the Meira Paibis. Last week, a group of Meira Paibis blocked a convoy of Assam Rifles who were on their way to control a gunfight at the Kangpokpi-East Imphal border.

In April, Meira Paibis had taken 11 members of radical Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol from the custody of the Mahar regiment of the Indian Army, and obstructed the seizure of illegal arms from them.

In a few instances, the police registered cases against

“unknown women”. However, no arrests have been made in any of these cases so far.

“It was conveyed that there needs to be an effort to effectively deal with this menace. These women impede operations, create a law and order situation. They are extremely aggressive. Even the police are scared to arrest them as they can easily gather a mob and outnumber the police,” the source 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. In many instances they have forced police to release the detainees,” the source further told The Print.

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"Strict action must be taken as per law against the perpetrators of violence in #Manipur, & the centre will talk to Meiteis, Kukis to bridge the ethnic divide', says @AmitShah.

Does it take one year for the Home Minister to come to this basic conclusion? What was the Centre doing for over a year then? Amit Shah must explain why he has failed to curb the violence in the state for this long!

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God has given us this land of ours,
He sent rains and dew drops on time,
For a good harvest for us and our cattle,
We lacked nothing - food, fresh water, and air!

Who'd ever say that our land is not beautiful?
If anyone said that, they are either jealous or a liar,
They are jealous as they couldn't own it,
And they lied by falsely claiming that we had abused it.

They want to seize our land as it's so beautiful,
They will try their best to snatch it,
Either legally or illegally, through force or persuasion.
But we must do our best to never give up!

As we have evil foes, we must be very careful,
For they'll surely draft an evil plan to destroy us!
In order for our land not to fall into their hands,
We must fight tooth and nail to protect it till the end!