

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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**HENGOUMANG LHUNGDIM
KUM 19**

AWAITING JUSTICE



HENGOUMANG LHUNGDIM (19 YEARS)

S/O LETKHOLUN LHUNGDIM

ADDRESS: GELMOL, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 7TH JULY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: PHOUGAKCHAO IKAI, BISHNUPUR DISTRICT

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 11.09.2024



199
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.

KUKI INPI JIRIBAM, TAMENGLONG & NONEY DENOUNCES MISREPRESENTATION OF ATTACKS IN JIRIBAM

The Kuki Inpi Jiribam, Tamenglong, and Noney has expressed outrage over national media reports that inaccurately depict recent attacks on Mongbung and Sejang villages, two Kuki-Zo communities, as Kuki assaults on Meitei villages. The organization highlighted that the very name “Mongbung” is rooted in Kuki and Hmar terminology, undermining claims of Kuki aggression.

In a statement, the Kuki Inpi called for the central security forces to take immediate action against the reported free movement of Meitei militants in and around the affected villages. They noted that these militants have been conducting incessant attacks on Mongbung and Sejang for nearly two weeks, while security operations appear to be targeting the Kuki-Zo communities instead of the sources of the violence.

The Kuki Inpi raised concerns about the actions of the State Police, suggesting that their operations coincide with Meitei militant attacks, which they interpret as an abetment of violence against the Kuki-Zo community. They pointed out the presence of UNLF (United National Liberation Front) militants in proximity to the villages as a significant factor contributing to the ongoing violence.

Highlighting a recent attack on September 18, 2024, which marked the thirteenth incident within the two-week period, the Kuki Inpi urged the Union Government to intervene before the situation escalates further. They warned that the ongoing presence of separatist Meitei militant camps near Kuki-Zo villages poses a grave threat to peace and security in the area.



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Press Condemnation

The Kuki Inpi Jiribam, Tamenglong & Noney is appalled to learn that several National Media depicts Meitei militants attacks on Mongbung and Sejang villages, two Kuki-Zo villages in Jiribam as that of Kuki attacking Meitei village. The name Mongbung village itself contradicts that Kuki attack Meitei, as Mongbung is a Kuki-Zo and Hmar terminology and many Kuki Villages bears the name 'Mongbung'.

The Kuki Inpi also calls upon the Security Forces particularly that of the Central Security Forces to restrain the open movement of Meitei militants in the vicinity of Mongbung and Sejang villages as there had been incessant attack upon the two villages for almost two weeks in a row and Meitei militants are still roaming freely, passing through security establishments. On the contrary, Security Operations were constantly carried out upon the two villages rather than carrying out security operation from where the attacks were orchestrated. Thereafter, when the Village Volunteers were unarmed and unprepared due to security operations, Meitei militants will start attacking Kuki-Zo and Hmar villages.

The Kuki Inpi questions the intention of the State Police conducting Security operations on the two Kuki-Zo villages which were mostly carried out in tandem with Meitei militants attacks, which is clearly a sign of abetment to Meitei terrorist attacks. The presence of UNLF (Meitei Separatists Militants) near the two Kuki Villages is the main factor for the intermittent attacks over the past two weeks and yesterday night's attack (18th September, 2024) counts to 13th times of attacks over the two villages in the past two weeks. While the Union Government is seen working to bring Peace in the state, Meitei militants are intermittently attacking the two Kuki-Zo villages covertly and State government is abetting the Meitei Militants.

The Kuki Inpi Jiribam, Tamenglong & Noney appeal the Central government to intervene in Jiribam area so that situation is not aggravated beyond control. Also, the Kuki Inpi apprise the Concern authority that the presence of Separatist Meitei Militants Camps in the vicinity of Kuki-Zo and Hmar villages in Jiribam area pose an imminent threat to peace and tranquility in the area and should be remove or relocated to Imphal.

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The Kuki Inpi concluded with a call for the relocation of these militant camps to Imphal, stressing the need for urgent measures to restore tranquility and safeguard the rights and safety of the Kuki-Zo people in Jiribam.

KUKI STUDENTS' ORGANISATION RAISES ALARM OVER LETTER ALLEGING INFLUX OF KUKI MILITANTS

The Kuki Students' Organisation, General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ), has expressed grave concerns regarding a letter from the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Manipur, which has garnered widespread attention on social media and mainstream news. The letter, dated September 16, 2024, reportedly informs the Director General of Police (DGP) and the Security Advisor about the infiltration of over 900 newly trained Kuki militants from Myanmar, equipped with advanced weaponry including drone-based bombs and projectiles.

According to the letter, these militants are organized into units of 30 and are allegedly preparing to launch coordinated attacks on Meitei villages by September 28, prompting the police to take precautionary measures.

However, KSO-GHQ has labeled the situation a potential conspiracy, recalling previous alerts issued by the Chief Minister's office regarding the movement of 200 armed Kuki-Zo militants near Jiribam earlier this year. Those warnings were followed by violent attacks on Kuki-Zo villages by the UNLF and radical Meitei militias, leading the organization to question the motives behind the latest claims.

KSO-GHQ has called upon Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers to remain vigilant against what they believe could be an orchestrated offensive against their communities. "They may fool us once, but not every time," the organization asserted in their statement.

In a related context, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's assertions of foreign involvement in the ongoing ethnic conflict, particularly concerning the recent arrest of



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PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ

The Kuki Students' Organisation, General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) is concerned over an astounding letter from the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Manipur, addressed to the Director General of Police (DGP) and Security Advisor on September 16, 2024, which was widely publicized on social media and in mainstream media. The letter mentioned the Chief Minister's Office receiving reports of over 900 newly trained Kuki militants capable of using drone-based bombs, projectiles, missiles, and jungle warfare, having entered Manipur from Myanmar. It further states that the Kuki militants are reportedly organized into units of 30 members each, currently scattered in the periphery, and are expected to launch multiple coordinated attacks on Meitei villages around September 28, 2024 and cautioned the police department to take all necessary measures.

However, this situation is highly suspected to be a conspiracy, as the Chief Minister's office had also sent three letters on January 15 2024, January 27 2024, and January 31 2024 to the DGP and the Manipur Security Advisor, alerting them about the movement of an alleged 200 armed Kuki-Zo militants in areas bordering Jiribam. Later, after five months, the UNLF, radical Meitei armed militias Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, in coordination with State Police Commandos attacked Kuki-Zo villages in the Jiribam area bordering Tamenglong district. Similarly, the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Manipur's letter supposedly indicates that, sooner or later, there will be a massive offensive against Kuki-Zo villages. As such Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers are urged to take extra precautionary measures against an imminent attack from the joint coordinated forces of the UNLF, Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, and Manipur Police Commandos. They may fool us once, but not every time.

Regarding the Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh's claims about the involvement of foreign hands, especially from Myanmar, in the current ethnic conflict—specifically the apprehension of one alleged member of the pro-democratic outfit Kuki National Army, Burma (KNA-B) involved in arms trafficking on September 16 by the Assam Rifles—the KSO-GHQ would like to inform the public that sources within the Assam Rifles told the Deccan Herald, published on September 17, that Mr. Thangliankap was arrested near the Indo-Myanmar border in Chandel district after being found on the Indian side without any documentation. The sources in the Assam Rifles however, refused to comment on the Chief Minister's claim that Thangliankap is a member of KNA-B.

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an alleged member of the pro-democratic Kuki National Army, Burma (KNA-B), have also raised eyebrows. The individual was apprehended by the Assam Rifles near the Indo-Myanmar border, but sources within the Assam Rifles have refrained from confirming the Chief Minister's claims regarding the suspect's affiliation.

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The dead cannot cry out for justice; it is a duty of the living to do so for them.

- TLoid McMaster Bujold

LEIMAKHONG STUDENTS RALLY FOR CONTINUED PRESENCE OF ASSAM RIFLES AMID SECURITY CONCERNS

In a show of solidarity, students from the Leimakhong area held a peaceful rally today, advocating for the continued presence of the Assam Rifles to ensure a secure academic environment. Organized by the Leimakhong Area Protection Committee (LAPC), the protest marched through the streets of Leimakhong Hill Town, highlighting the student community's urgent demands.

The rally featured placards with messages such as "No ARs, no security for the students," and "Right to life is our Fundamental Right." Participants voiced their concerns over the potential withdrawal of the Assam Rifles, which they believe would jeopardize their safety and academic pursuits.

One student explained, "Since the outbreak of violence in Manipur on May 3rd last year, we have lived in constant fear despite our classes resuming. The Assam Rifles provide a sense of security, acting as guardian of the northeast. Their presence is crucial in maintaining peace in our region."

Students emphasized that the removal of Assam Rifles would invite further violence and disrupt their futures. Removing Assam Rifles at this critical juncture is just inviting violence and bloodbath. We did not want to risk our future, we want to bloom into a beautiful flower and serve the nation. So, please do not allow our basic rights – our rights to life, our rights to education to be trampled upon again. We are also the sons of mother India. As laid down in the preamble of our constitution, let justice, equality and fraternity be given a chance, the protesting student appealed the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister.

The primary duty of the Assam Rifles is to safeguard northeast region, what is the point in calling the Assam Rifles sentinels of the northeast and friends of the hill people if they are withdrawn when they are needed most, the student asked.



Another protester added, "Of course CRPF and other central security forces are also neutral in their stance, however, the CRPF posted at L. Tanguam village and other areas are not reliable when Meitei armed radical groups and insurgents groups attack in spite of having them in their closet, instead of protecting the vulnerable lives and properties of innocent civilians. In fact, there is no substitution for Assam Rifles in such a place like chaos and war-like situation. They know well the psychology, conditions and situation of the places." Due to the efforts of the Assam Rifles, we are safe so far. On the contrary, the CRPF are new to the people and situation, they are inefficient in handling the situation. Therefore, the government policy of replacing Assam Rifles with the CRPF will only aggravate the situation which would only provide easy access for Meitei insurgent to attack us. This is unacceptable policy and is like jumping down from the frying pan.

The rally concluded with a resolute call for the government to prioritize the safety and rights of students in the region, reinforcing their commitment to secure a stable academic future amid ongoing instability. The students of Leimakhong remain united in their fight for peace and security in their community.

KUKI INPI CHANDEL DEFENDS YOUNG REFUGEE AMID ALLEGATIONS OF INSURGENCY

In a strong statement, the Kuki Inpi Chandel has vehemently denied allegations against Mr. Thanglinkap, a young Kuki refugee, who has been wrongfully accused of being associated with the Kuki National Army-B (KNA-B) insurgency by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and various media outlets. The organization describes these claims as false and malicious attempts to distort the narrative surrounding the ongoing ethnic crisis in Manipur.

Thanglinkap, who fled from Myanmar due to political turmoil, was reportedly found unarmed and without drugs upon crossing into India. Investigations conducted by the Officer in Charge of Molcham Police Station have confirmed his lack of affiliation with any insurgent groups.

The KNA-B has also publicly distanced itself from the accusations, reinforcing Thanglinkap's innocence. Kuki Inpi Chandel criticized the actions of the Assam Rifles Commanding Officer stationed at Sehlon Camp, alleging that these actions are part of a broader strategy to vilify the Kuki-Zo community and escalate tensions in the region.

The organization has urged state and central forces to handle cases involving displaced individuals with sensitivity, emphasizing that these refugees should not be unfairly linked to insurgency. They warn that such reckless accusations could further destabilize the already fragile situation in Manipur.

Kuki Inpi Chandel also called on media outlets to cease the dissemination of unverified and inflammatory reports, stressing the importance of accurate reporting in protecting innocent lives. They condemned Chief



Refuting False Allegations Against Refugee Thanglinkap: A case of Misrepresentation.

The Kuki Inpi Chandel Strongly refutes the false and malicious allegations made against Mr. Thanglinkap, a young Kuki refugee, who has been wrongfully portrayed as a KNA-B insurgent by the Chief Minister of Manipur, N. Biren Singh and certain media outlets. The baseless claim that Thanglinkap is involved in insurgency activities is yet another attempt by the state machinery to manipulate the narrative surrounding the ethnic crisis in Manipur.

Thanglinkap had crossed over from Myanmar into Indian territory due to the ongoing political instability in Myanmar. At the time of his crossing, he was neither found with arms nor drugs. This fact has been confirmed through ground-level investigations by Officer in Charge (OC) Molcham Police Station, who verified that Thanglinkap has no affiliation with KNA-B. The Kuki National Army-B (KNA-B) has also issued a clear statement distancing itself from the false allegations, further corroborating his innocence.

This incident is yet another example of the manipulative tactic of the Assam Rifles CO stationed at Sehlon Camp in Khengjoi Sub Division, Chandel District. Such actions are designed to vilify and criminalize the displaced Kuki people in an ongoing attempt to escalate tensions and disrupt peace in the region.

Kuki Inpi Chandel calls upon state and central forces posted in the sensitive border areas to handle cases involving displaced individuals with utmost care and caution. These refugees, fleeing instability in Myanmar, should not be victimized by being wrongfully associated with insurgency. Reckless actions like this will only worsen the already fragile situation on the ground.

Moreover, Kuki Inpi Chandel cautions media outlets involved in peddling fake narratives, to stop pushing false and inflammatory reports. The media must verify facts before disseminating the causes of innocent people. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's repeated fabrications and inflammatory rhetoric continue to reveal his involvement in the ongoing ethnic cleansing against Kuki people.

We call upon the Government of India to take urgent action against such disinformation campaigns and ensure that justice prevails in all cases. Kuki Inpi Chandel will not allow the Kuki people scapegoated or maligned by anyone attempting to obscure the truth.

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Minister N. Biren Singh for his purported fabrications, accusing him of contributing to an atmosphere of ethnic cleansing against the Kuki-Zo people.

The organization has appealed to the Government of India to take immediate action against disinformation campaigns, ensuring justice for affected individuals. Kuki Inpi Chandel remains steadfast in its commitment to defend the rights and dignity of the Kuki-Zo community.

SANGAIKOT CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION REBUKES CMO'S CLAIMS OF KUKI MILITANTS INFLUX

The Sangaikot Sub-Division Chiefs' Association (SSDCA) has strongly denounced recent instructions issued by the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Manipur, which allege that Kuki militants plan coordinated attacks on Meitei villages on September 28, 2024. The SSDCA labeled these allegations as "completely null and void," questioning their credibility and authenticity.

In a statement released yesterday, the association accused the Meitei government of perpetuating false narratives. They highlighted that the Makhao area, part of the Buffer Zone, has not seen any evidence of Kuki militants, asserting that previous incidents of violence originated from Meitei forces firing from the Sugnu area towards Kuki-Zo villages.

"For one instance to prove the Meitei Govt. of their telling lies is that Makhao area under Sangaikot Sub-Division is also one of the peripheries of Buffer Zone but no such built up and presence of alleged Kuki militants in the area including other peripheries of Kuki-Zo inhabited areas too have ever witnessed so far. Rather, it was always Meitei State Forces and Meitei militants who open firing mortar bombs and bullets from the general area of Sugnu towards Kuki-Zo villages."

The SSDCA further criticized Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and his office for allegedly spreading fabricated information. They called for verification from Central Security Forces deployed in the region, stating that misleading instructions should not be made public. The association expressed concern that the Chief Minister's office appears to have transformed into a "War Committee House," undermining democratic principles.

Moreover, the SSDCA warned that these allegations may be a tactic by the Meitei government to justify potential attacks on Kuki-Zo communities, creating fear among the public.

In light of these developments, the SSDCA has urged the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) to

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PRESS RELEASE
Sangaikot, 18th September, 2024.

The instructions given to Director General of Police, Manipur by the Secretary to Chief Minister, Manipur vide his U.O. No.1/25/2024-CM dated 16th September, 2024 regarding an allegations levelled against in the name of Kuki militants for them to launch a coordinated attacks to Meitei villages likely on 28th September, 2024 is completely null and void and it is absurd of credibility and authenticity in any manner. In fact, it's all about Meitei Govt. exposing of their wrong narrations and deception to themselves before the whole world. For one instance to prove the Meitei Govt. of their telling lies is that Makhao area under Sangaikot Sub-Division is also one of the peripheries of Buffer Zone but no such built up and presence of alleged Kuki militants in the area including other peripheries of Kuki-Zo inhabited areas too have ever witnessed so far. Rather, it was always Meitei State Forces and Meitei militants who open firing mortar bombs and bullets from the general area of Sugnu towards Kuki-Zo villages.

Indeed, the instructions of the Secretary to Chief Minister, Manipur has categorically exposes how Shri N. Biren Singh, CM himself and all Officers posting in CM's Secretariat have been deeply involved in spreading such fabricated and concocted news to everywhere. Let them first verify any such reports from Central Security Forces deployed across buffer zones and intelligent wings operating in the region but no such misleading instructions should be issued in public notice. As result, it clearly reveals that CM's Secretariat seemed to have been converted into War Committee House instead of upholding the dignity and principle of democracy in its true spirit.

In other words, the whole instructions contained nothing to substantiate but it may be rightly assumed that the Meitei Govt. and Meitei militants are making an anticipated false allegations against Kuki-Zo so as to enable them to conceals their craving to carry out another attacks to Kuki-Zo villages located in periphery areas ahead of the coming days, so that havoc prevailed in the minds of general public when attacked is happening, then blame game would be doing around. Meanwhile, the SSDCA is requesting the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Govt. of India to pull up and put behind bar Shri N. Geoffrey, IAS, Secretary to CM, Manipur, who became a tool of N. Biren Singh and he acted like unbecoming Govt. servant. His actions of issuing such concocted instructions diluted the sanctity and dignity of All India Services. Hence he perfectly deserves to be punished under Conduct of Rules. At the same time, all Central Forces and CAPF operating in all periphery areas of Buffer zones are also requested to remain alert and not to fall prey to Meitei Government of Kangleipak and their sinister designed in the days to come.

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2nd Chronicles 7:14

investigate Secretary N. Geoffrey for becoming a tool of N. Biren Singh and allegedly acting unethically in his role. They contend that his actions of issuing such concocted instructions diluted the sanctity and dignity of All India Services. Hence he perfectly deserves to be punished under Conduct of Rules.

The association also advised Central Forces and CAPF units operating in the Buffer Zone to remain vigilant against any manipulative tactics from the Meitei government in the days ahead.



CHURACHANDPUR SSC ASPIRANTS' BRAVE ADVERSITY, TAKE EXAMS IN MIZORAM

Following the abrupt cancellation of SSC examination centres in the hill districts of Churachandpur and Ukhrul in Manipur, many government job aspirants from Churachandpur have been facing uncertainties after months of hard preparation. These candidates are being forced to travel to neighbouring states to pursue their dreams of securing government jobs.

The road to Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram and the nearest examination centre, is over 300 kilometers away, making the journey daunting due to the poor road conditions. Students who traveled to Aizawl for their SSC exams recounted the long and exhausting journey they endured.

On the morning of Sunday, September 15, 2024, a group of students embarked on the long, arduous journey from Lamka to Aizawl, two days ahead of their scheduled SSC CGL exams. Some were set to take their exams on Tuesday, others on Wednesday. This group was one of many forced to make the journey after the Staff Selection Commission abruptly cancelled the exam center in their hometown, leaving them with no option but to choose the nearest safe location.

Although Imphal, the state capital, was geographically closer, it was deemed inaccessible due to the ongoing ethnic strife that had forced them and their community to flee the valley a year and a half earlier. Many had lost their lives during the conflict, making Aizawl, over 300 kilometers away, the only viable alternative.

The journey from Lamka (Churachandpur) to Aizawl via NH 102B spans approximately 333 kilometers, typically taking about 12 hours on a good day. However, due to incessant monsoon rains and ongoing road construction and highway expansion along long stretches of NH 102B, the road conditions have worsened significantly. The slippery, mud-filled roads and the unevenness of the newly excavated mountainside highway make travel treacherous, doubling the travel time. Even for SUVs, every meter presents a challenge, turning the journey into an exhausting ordeal.



Chongneo, one of the aspirants who traveled to Aizawl for her SSC exam, shared her ordeal, stating, "None of us anticipated the nightmare that awaited us. Despite giving ourselves two days for the journey, the near-impossible road conditions ate up hours and days, leaving us fearing that we might not reach Aizawl in time for our exams."

Even early into the journey, after just a few hours, some of our vehicles got stuck or slid in the deep mud. We, the students, had to get out and push the vehicles through difficult patches," Chongneo recalled.

"We also had to endure long stops due to vehicle breakdowns that required emergency roadside repairs. By nightfall, as we finally crossed into Mizoram, already hours behind schedule, the slippery roads became so dangerous in the dark

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that the drivers agreed it would be safest to continue the journey in the morning. At a time when we should have already reached our destination, we had no choice but to spend the night by the roadside inside our vehicles, tired and hungry, with a steep forest on one side and a deep gorge on the other,” the aspirant added.

With the morning came renewed hope and energy, and the group set off again. At Ngopa, she said that they were advised to take a route better suited for large vehicles. However, just a few kilometers in, they discovered that the route was congested with stranded trucks and other vehicles. Faced with no other option, they had to abandon their bus and walk the 5 kilometers back to Ngopa through deep mud and forest. It was a challenging and arduous journey on foot after an already exhausting ordeal for the group.

Amid the chaos, the Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) Churachandpur stepped in to help. The organisation arranged transportation for hundreds of students, alleviating some of the logistical and financial burdens. DJ Haokip, General Secretary of KSO Churachandpur, explained that the organisation had sent out three batches of students since September 10 and had plans to send two more groups by the end of the month.

In a show of solidarity, KSO also started crowdfunding to cover travel expenses. “This denial of a fair chance to compete with peers across the country in such a competitive examination is a form of discrimination that cannot be justified,” he added.

He informed that the SSC's decision to cancel exam centres in the hill areas of Manipur, citing law and order issues, is particularly unjust when they clearly had no intention of canceling the center in Imphal. This was despite the internet shutdown and curfew imposed in the valley districts due to violent protests that occurred just days before the exams.

“This shows that the SSC is both blatantly anti-tribal and discriminatory towards the minorities and tribals of Manipur, or that it has been prevailed upon by the majority Meitei state government and has been corrupted, neither of which reflects well on the prestige and reputation of the Commission. No form of remedy

short of granting an additional year or re-exam to make up for the disadvantaged opportunity and also restoring the exam centers in the hills would be deemed justified and acceptable in the eyes of such students who have been handed the severest form of injustice in the face of such a life-defining moment in their lives,” Haokip added.

Haokip appealed to the concerned authorities to allow students to take the Tier-II examination in their hometowns to prevent further physical and emotional strain on the aspirants. (East Mojo)

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SSC-CGL ASPIRANTS FROM LAMKA.
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ROADMAP READY FOR MANIPUR, NO SOLUTION UNLESS THERE IS A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES

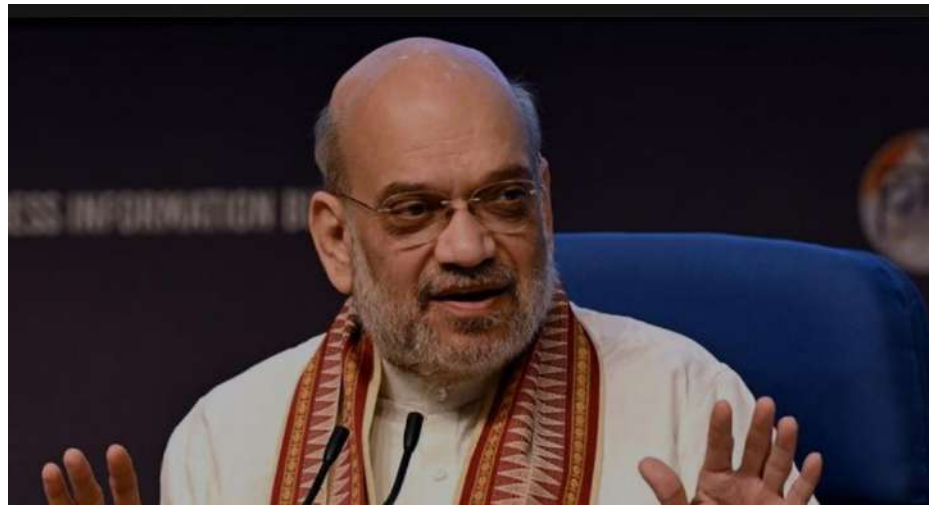
Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday (September 17, 2024) that resolving the situation in Manipur requires dialogue between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities, adding that a roadmap for Manipur in the coming days is already prepared. He emphasised that the incidents in Manipur cannot be attributed as “terrorism” as it is an “ethnic violence.”

Mr. Shah while addressing a press conference on the completion of 100-days of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government said that the government is in discussions with both the Kuki and Meitei groups.

While responding to a question by The Hindu on government’s strategy regarding Manipur which has seen violence erupt in waves since his visit last year, Mr. Shah said, “For three days, violent incidents occurred in the State, except these, there was no major incident in the past three months, there is peace in Manipur for the past three days. I am hopeful that we will be able to take control of the entire situation effectively. We are holding discussions with both the communities, unless there is a dialogue between the two communities, no solution can be arrived at, we are in discussions with both the Meitei and the Kuki groups, in the coming days we have prepared a roadmap to take all sort of initiatives in Manipur.”

Replying to a question on rumours about resignation of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh, Mr. Shah said, “who told you that he has been asked to resign?”

In fresh spell of violence, at least 11 people have been killed in the State. Violent protests were witnessed in the valley areas and stones were thrown at the Governor’s House. Curfew was imposed in valley districts and Internet services were suspended. The



protestors were demanding that the control of the unified command, responsible for taking security decisions in the State should be handed over to the chief minister. They also demanded resignation of Director General of Police Rajiv Singh and security adviser Kuldiep Singh, the chair of the unified command appointed by the Centre.

He said in the first 100-days of the government, fencing has started along the Myanmar border as it (unfenced border) is at the core of the current crisis. He added that 30 km fencing has been completed and budget has been approved to fence the entire border.

India shares a 1,643 km border with Myanmar which passes along the States of Arunachal Pradesh (520 km), Nagaland (215 km), Manipur (398 km) and Mizoram (510 km).

We have successfully launched Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at strategic locations. To stop infiltration, we have scrapped the Free Movement Regime with Myanmar and we have brought a law that the areas can only be accessible through visas. Many security lapses or loopholes along the

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On Monday, Mr. Shah announced that 21 Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandars or central police canteens in Manipur will be open to all and also announced the setting up of 16 new canteens, eight each in the valley and hill districts.

On being asked, how this would help the people, Mr. Shah said, "Roadblocks happened in the past, transporters do not want to take those routes. Common people will get around 100 essential items such as toothpaste, brush, soaps edibles etc at a reasonable price. It will provide relief to the people, this will help bring down the prices of items, the marginalised will benefit. The canteens will be for everyone."

At least 237 people have been killed in the ethnic violence between the tribal Kuki-Zo and the Meitei people since May 3, 2023. More than 60,000 people have been displaced from their homes.

Source: Vijaita Singh via **The Hindu**



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While responding to a question by The Hindu on government's strategy regarding [#Manipur](#) which has seen violence erupt in waves since his visit last year, Mr. Shah said, "For three days, violent incidents occurred in the State, except these, there was no major incident in the past three months, there is peace in Manipur for the past three days. I am hopeful that we will be able to take control of the entire situation effectively. We are holding discussions with both the communities, unless there is a dialogue between the two communities, no solution can be arrived at, we are in discussions with both the Meitei and the Kuki groups, in the coming days we have prepared a roadmap to take all sort of initiatives in Manipur."

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Union home minister Amit Shah stated that his government was in contact with both Kuki and Meitei groups in an effort to restore peace in Manipur, addressing a press conference marking the completion of the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA's) first 100 days in office on Tuesday (September 17).

Shah outlined the government's approach to resolving the Manipur crisis and emphasised that "violence occurred in three days recently, but other than these, no major incidents have occurred in the past three months".

Meanwhile, The Wire observed that violence over the last three months has resulted in the deaths of at least 18 people, including a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) officer and a former army soldier. Ten of these fatalities occurred in September alone.

Here is a timeline of notable incidents from the last three months, including reported instances of violence in Manipur:

1. The Manipur governor appealed to the finance minister for financial aid for the state on June 16.

2. On June 18, miscreants shot dead a youth in Meijao Mamang Leikai, which is under the jurisdiction of the Wangoi police station in Imphal West.

3. A Naga body imposed a ban on the supply of goods and commodities to Kuki-Zo areas in Manipur on June 20.

4. "We hope to arrive at a solution to the crisis within two-three months," said chief minister N. Biren Singh on June 21.

5. A Kuki group organised a protest in Manipur on June 24 demanding Union territory status for their community.

6. Biren Singh stated to The Hindu on June 28 that solving the Manipur conflict was part of the Centre's 100-day plan and expressed full confidence that the Union government understood the issues in the state.

7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his first remarks on Manipur in months, told the Rajya Sabha on

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July 3 that several steps had been taken to improve the situation in the state.

8. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) wrote a letter to the home minister on July 13, challenging Biren Singh's claims of peace talks having been held, saying that tribal leaders had not been involved in such discussions.

9. A CRPF officer was killed in a firing incident in Jiribam on July 14.

10. A Naga man died of injuries after being assaulted by the Kangleipak Communist Party-People's War Group on July 15, the Hindustan Times cited police as saying.

11. The Kangleipak Communist Party (Progressive) claimed responsibility for shooting a man dead on July 20.

12. The Manipur assembly session began on July 31 without Kuki MLAs.

13. The chief minister of Mizoram (August 3) urged the home minister to take steps to resolve the Manipur crisis, and the Meghalaya chief minister (September 6) said the Union government's intervention in the conflict was necessary.

14. Three village volunteers and one militant, all Kukis, killed each other during a shootout on August 9.

15. Ten people were killed over a span of ten days in September.

It should also be noted that Shah's press conference on Tuesday was held exactly three months after he chaired a meeting in North Block with top security and administrative officials, including representatives from the state and his home ministry – except Biren Singh.

In the meeting, Shah directed officials to ensure that no further violence occurred in Manipur, as well as to

strategically deploy security forces and increase their presence if necessary to prevent further unrest.

He said on Tuesday that the government was in contact with both Kuki and Meitei groups to resolve the crisis.

However, when The Wire reached out to civil society organisations – including the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity, the ITLF, the Kuki Students' Organisation and the Meitei Heritage Society – they confirmed that they were neither in touch with nor had they been contacted by the home ministry.

The home ministry established a peace committee in June 2023 with the primary goal of fostering peace in the state through dialogue with both Meiteis and Kukis. The committee includes the chief minister, other ministers from the Manipur government, MPs, MLAs and leaders from various political parties.

Manipur minister reveals how home ministry remained incompetent with promises

Speaking to The Wire, Awangbow Newmai, an incumbent minister in the Manipur government and president of the Naga People's Front's Manipur unit, referred to how people appointed as members of the peace committee refused to participate in it.

Immediately after the committee's formation, both Meitei and Kuki members and member organisations refused their participation, citing disagreements with the choice of the committee's members and other reasons.

He further revealed that no talks had occurred since the committee's formation by the home ministry.

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Newmai holds the water resources and relief & disaster management portfolios. He is MLA for the Tamei constituency.

Newmai also mentioned the existence of a state-level committee formed to restore peace. In this committee, both valley and hill MLAs made efforts to reach out to one another, but this initiative also failed, he said, adding, "We were in touch with each other in the beginning, but later nothing worked out as the violence continued, and both sides eventually refused to talk."

Home minister on border fencing

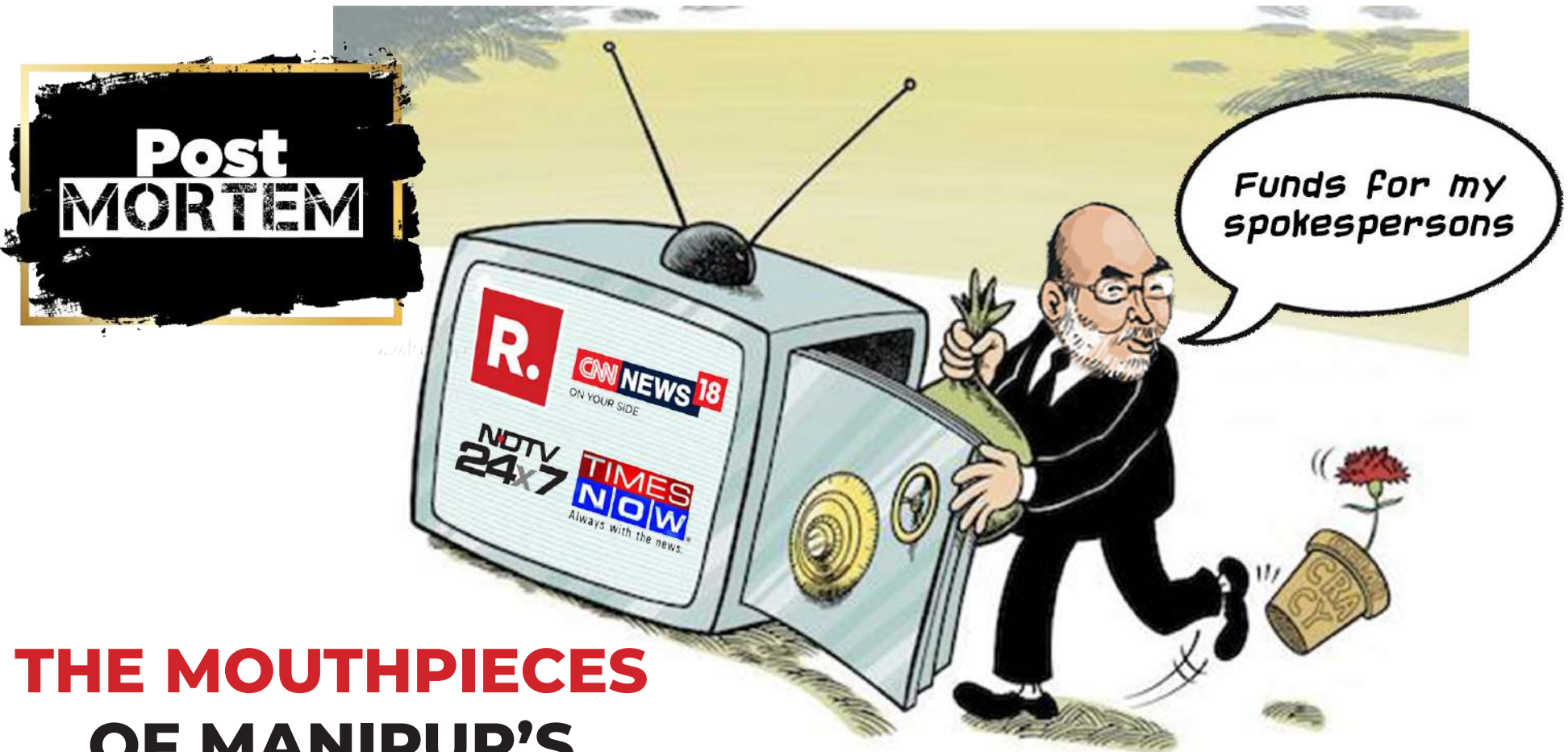
In February, the home ministry decided to scrap the free movement regime (FMR) between India and Myanmar to "ensure the internal security of the country and maintain the demographic structure of India's

northeastern states bordering Myanmar".

Speaking about the FMR, Shah stated on Tuesday: "As far as Manipur is concerned, in 100 days, we have started fencing the India-Myanmar border, which is root of the incidents [in the state]. Thirty kilometres of fencing has been completed, and the Union government has approved a budget to fence the full, 1,500-kilometre border...

"We have successfully completed the task of launching the CRPF at strategic places ... To stop infiltrators, we have done away with the [FMR] and have brought in a rule so that entry is based only the basis of visas."

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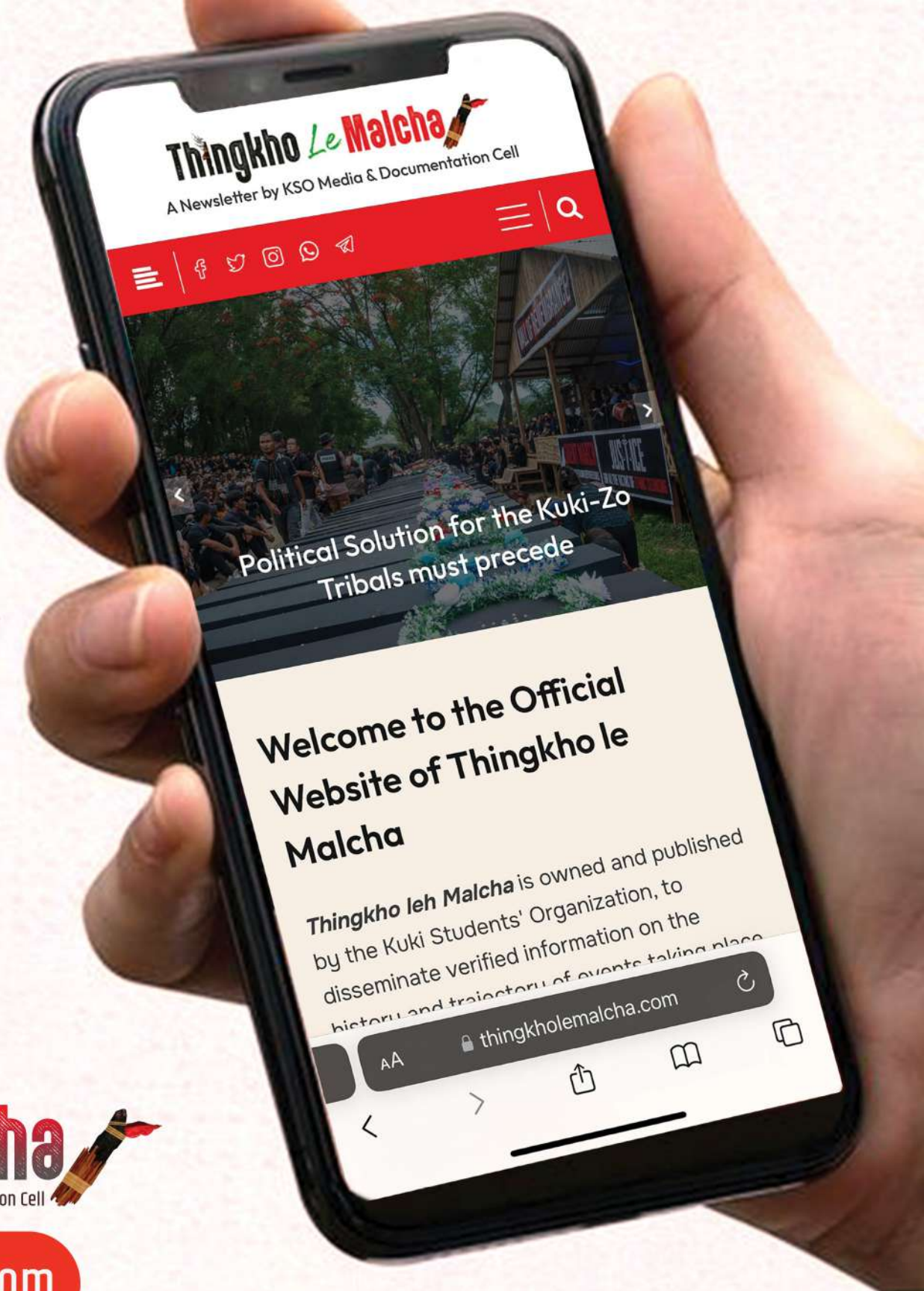
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MY GHETTO STREET: NEW LAMBULANE VANGKHO

It always happens in life that we love something,
some place or some person
and want to live the whole remaining life with that only.
But, it is never possible. Change is a vital element of life
and we have to accept it.

My ghetto street, New Lambulane Vangkho
Located in the East side of Imphal
Popularly known as the Heart of Imphal
A place where I was brought up and learn
Now vanished with burnt up and flame.
I felt sorry that I couldn't safeguard my street
Memories in the street will lingered forever
Though I may fled to some other place
I do not expect to see the same street as
New Lambulane Vangkho.

Oh! how much fun was it.
To roam around the 3 street of New Lambulane
It was nor too big nor too small
But a visitors lost their ways
within the magic streets of New Lambulane
It was then fun to line up for a grocery
Infront of Sudaman grocery store
But all those old fun time are gone
Turning them only into a memories.

Sometimes I wish I could just rewind
to the old days and press pause for a little while
The olden days, as we were a kid,
The time when our fathers and grandfathers
Gather in the morning at Mari puri hotel.
At time, it was the best puri ever.
As time passes by, locality gathering place had shifted
to Tribal Market, where an old man to the children
enjoyed eating puri there.

The nostalgic memories was the excitement we had
When the time of TYC day had drawn near.
It was fun then.
The sounds of those churches bell rings
The sounds of those carol in the street during Christmas
still remains in my ears.
Oh! how i wish to called it back
No matter what happens
Some memories can never be replaced.

~Lucien K. Lengen

