

# Thingkho Le Malcha

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# THE ULTIMATE RESISTANCE



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13.04.2024



**173**  
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.

# VIOLENCE-MARRED POLL IN INNER MANIPUR LS CONSTITUENCY TO WITNESS FRESH POLL IN 11 POLLING STATIONS ON APRIL 22

The Election Commission of India has, under Sections 58(2) and 58A(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, directed that the poll taken on 19th April, 2024 (Friday) in respect of 11 polling stations in 1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency to be void and appointed 22nd April, 2024 (Monday) as the date for taking fresh poll at the said polling stations with hours of poll from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The polling stations slated for re-poll included 3/11-Sajeb (A) and 3/21-Khurai Thongam Leikai under Khurai Assembly Constituency; 4/43-Bamon Kampu (North-A), 4/44-Bamon Kampu (North-B), 4/45-Bamon Kampu (South West) and 4/46-Bamon Kampu (South East) under Kshetrigao Assembly segment; 5/31-Khongman Zone-V(A) under Thongju Assembly segment; 10/1-Iroishemba, 10/6-Iroishemba Mamang Leikai and 10/7-Iroishemba Mayai Leikai under Uripok Assembly Constituency; 18/22-Khaidem Makha polling station under Konthoujam Assembly segment.

The Chief Electoral Officer, Pradeep Kumar Jha, has appealed all voters of the polling stations to come out in large numbers to exercise their franchise.

With poll rigging, violence, vandalism of Electronic Voting Machines reported in the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, the Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur, had earlier recommended the necessity for holding fresh polls in several polling stations in Manipur.

The recommendation comes amidst the complaint filed by Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee demanding fresh polls in 36 polling stations in the Inner Manipur Parliamentary seat.

It is worth mentioning that the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee on April 19 had written to the CEO Manipur for re-polls in 36 polling stations under 11 assembly segments.

As per the letter, the polling stations which fall under 11 assembly constituencies included Heingang AC, Khurai AC, Kshetrigao AC, Thongju AC, Keirao AC, Andro AC, Yaiskul AC, Sekmai AC, Konthoujam AC, Oinam



AC, Moirang AC and Sugnu AC.

The General Secretary (Admin), MPCC in its letter to CEO Manipur stated that the said polling booths were found to be captured by armed miscreants and most of the polling booths were rigged, proxy votings, forced voting and disruption by irate mob as a result of irregularities.

In respect to Khurai AC, the MPCC stated that one person was injured in a gun fire by armed miscreants. Many voters were also threatened in the polling station No. 3/11 of 3-Khurai A/C.

In polling station 5/32 of 5-Thongju A/C, the voters of the INC Candidate were thrashed out by the rival group. Some armed miscreants also carried out proxy voting and polling agents of INC Candidate were threatened and expelled out from the polling stations No.6/29 of 6-Keirao A/C and No. 7/38 of 7-Andro A/C.

In another incident, it was also reported that there was a mismatch of the numbers of votes cast in EVM and VVPAT in the polling station No. 14/18 of 14-Yaiskul A/C. In this regard, the Congress Booth Agent of the said polling station has lodged a complaint to the Presiding Officer for re-poll.

Meanwhile, in polling station No. 18/22 of 18-Konthoujam A/C, the voters were denied to exercise casting of their votes and almost all the votes were casted by armed miscreants.

In polling station Nos. 25/1 and 25/2 of 25-Oinam A/C, the voters were allegedly forced to vote against their will by armed miscreants.

## WITNESS TESTIMONIES CONFIRM ARAMBAI TENGGOL'S INVOLVEMENT IN ELECTION RELATED VIOLENCE DESPITE THEIR DENIAL

Arambai Tenggol, amidst allegations of its members engaging in unlawful activities at various polling stations during the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency Lok Sabha elections, has vehemently denied any involvement and clarified that it has not issued any instructions for such actions under its name. However, victims of Aramai Tenggol's brutality account have confirmed their involvement in the violence.

The Arambai Tenggol clarification comes in response to viral videos accusing members of Arambai Tenggol of being involved in gun violence incidents during the first phase April 19 election processes.

Arambai Tenggol stated that these activities could be orchestrated by workers of MLAs or candidates contesting in the polls, emphasizing that Arambai Tenggol has no association with these incidents. The group further urged the police to swiftly arrest those responsible for such activities and take legal actions against them, emphasizing their commitment to cooperating with authorities to identify and penalize those misusing the group's name. The Arambai Tenggol has distanced itself from any involvement in the reported unlawful activities during the Lok Sabha elections.

As expected, the Arambai Tenggol denied their involvement as they have denied it on many occasion in the past too. Their political nexus with the ruling dispensation is undeniable and their leaders including Korounganba Khuman and Robin Mangang Khwairakpam have openly canvassed votes for the BJP.

As per reports in Imphal Times, Yumnam Shanta and his family members recounted the ordeal of an armed attack on their home yesterday. Shanta, a polling agent for the Congress in the 18th Lok Sabha election at the Kiyamgei Hiebong Makhong polling station, spoke at a press conference held today at Bimol Akoijam's residence. He stated, "There were numerous incidents of proxy voting at the polling station. When I urged people to adhere to the rules and regulations, some men forcibly removed me from the polling area and



assaulted me. Despite reporting the incident to the polling officer, no action was taken." Demanding a repoll in the area, he added, "Approximately 40-50 people later came and assaulted me in the polling station itself. They attempted to abduct me, but my wife and sister intervened and saved me."

His wife, speaking to the media, said, "Later, these armed individuals arrived at my residence wielding guns. I want to emphasize that those who claim to work for Manipur are engaging in such reprehensible actions." She added, "The polling area is under the supervision of central and state forces, yet these armed men were allowed to enter." Shanta's wife recounted, "Subsequently, these armed men attacked us with firearms, firing shots in the house, threatened me with guns and even strangling me. They threatened to set our house ablaze."

Shanta's sister informed the media that "many individuals dressed in black clothes assaulted my brother. These individuals are affiliated with Arambai Tenggol." She later mentioned, "My son is also associated with Arambai Tenggol, but I advised him against participating. We are aware that yesterday's assailants were members of Arambai Tenggol. Arambai Tenggol's purpose is not to defend Manipur but to safeguard the electoral interests of the BJP." However, she also expressed fear about what might happen to him if he leaves this organization.

# NPF URGES RE-POLL IN CHURACHANDPUR, SAIKOT; ALLEGES IRREGULARITIES DESPITE PEACEFUL VOTING

The Naga People's Front (NPF) has demanded a re-poll in the Polling Stations falling under Churachandpur and Saikot Assembly Constituencies, alleging large scale booth capturing by armed militants of the district.

The Election agent, of NPF Candidate Timothy Zimik, wrote a letter addressed to the Returning Officer of 2-Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency on Saturday.

The letter stated that it has already been widely published by the Kuki Community's MLAs and CSOs that a large number of Kuki voters had been displaced to other States and towns including Mizoram, Assam, Delhi, Kolkata, etc. The Kuki community had even petitioned before the Supreme Court of India to allow those thousands and thousands of internally displaced Kukis to allow them to vote but their request was rejected by the Court in its final order dated 15/04/2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 243 of 2024.

But, the votes of those thousands and thousands of internally displaced people belonging to Kuki Community have been casted by impersonation and by booth capturing in various polling stations by the armed militant groups, the letter alleged; urging to ascertain the facts from the CCTV footages installed in the said polling booths.

NPF also alleged that there was a high polling percentage in the polling stations situated in Churachandpur Town (58 Churachandpur A/C) and 59 (Saikot A/C under Churachandpur District).

"All our voters and workers were threatened with arms and chased away by the militants", the polling agent said.

## TLM Views:

Such a desperate attempt by the Naga political party, allegedly backed by the NSCN (IM), seems to be a

proof of the party's lack of winning prospects in the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency.

Unlike the allegations of the NPF, the displaced persons from the said Assembly segments are minimal as the two segments are not affected by the ongoing ethnic violence. The polls in the two segments were peaceful with no untoward incident.

The NPF has deliberately neglected the declaration made by all apex tribal bodies in Churachandpur district wherein the voters were directed to cast their votes for the Congress candidate, Alfred K Arthur.

Besides, it is also surprising that a Naga political party that has been silent and turning a blind eye to the ongoing conflict between the Kuki tribal groups and Meiteis still expect a vote from the Kuki populace in Churachandpur district.

It is worth mentioning that the election meetings of the Congress candidate, Arthur, were disrupted on more than one occasion by armed cadres a few days ago in the Naga inhabited areas of Ukhrul.

The Tangkhul tribe has candidates from NPF and Congress party in the present election and as such a conclusion can be drawn that the armed cadres disrupting the election meetings of the Congress candidate would be the cadres of an armed outfit backing the NPF candidate.

It is hilarious and also surprising that a party, whose forces are believed to be responsible for disrupting the election campaign of an opponent before the polling date, raise such complaints of booth capturing in Churachandpur where the votings were conducted peacefully.

# MEITEI WOMENFOLKS CONDEMN GUN THREATS ON MOTHERS BY ARAMBAI TENGGOL; GUNSHOTS FIRED AT IMAGI MEIRA CONVENER'S RESIDENCE

As a result of a strong condemnation made by the Meitei womenfolk - Imagi Meira - today on a matter of poll violence, the Arambai Tenggol goons have reportedly fired gunshots at the residence of Imagi Meira's Convener, Sujata at Singjamei Thokchom Leikai, Imphal East.

The incident occurred tonight at around 9:30 PM when the armed goons attacked the resident of the woman out of desperation. The womenfolk's assertion of Arambai Tenggol's involvement in the poll violence has now been vindicated.

Meanwhile, the Khwairamband Ima Keithel body claimed that mothers were left disrespected and heart broken by Friday's violent interference during polling and intimidation of some womenfolk by youths carrying weapons.

"Meitei women epitomize courage and sacrifice as evident in many important chapters in the history of Manipur and they have always put their comfort and personal needs behind when it comes to the welfare and safety of their wards, an attribute which was reaffirmed during the ongoing fighting with another community. Hence, the unruly behavior shown by the armed youths to their mothers on Friday was painful", spokesperson Asem Nirmala said. The youths should understand their obligations to tender an apology, she said.

Though the womenfolk did not want to directly point fingers at the Arambai Tenggol for all the mess on



polling day, it was the Meitei armed radical group who resorted to booth capturing, gunfiring, intimidating and threatening of womenfolk, in an attempt to sway votes in favour of the ruling dispensation.

On many occasions, it was these womenfolk who have justified the unruly behavior of this armed groups, shielding them from arrests and aiding them in looting several government armories.

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**Ms. Haokip** @07Hk62111 · 10h

Replying to @arunachalite

Imphal yesterday how the armed men attack the voters



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LAUNCHING SOON

**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.**

# Eulogy

## TO OUR FALLEN HERO

**MANGMINCHUNG HAOKIP (29 years)**  
s/o Pu Thongngam Haokip and Pi Hatkhoneng Haokip  
of G. Gelbung Village,  
Saitu Gamphazol Subdivision, Sadar Hills

Mr. Mangminchung Haokip aka Benjamin was a gallant volunteer who stood in the forefront of enemy lines to protect his people and village from the recurrent invasion of the enemies.

An agile and reliable person, he could respond swiftly to defend our ancestral land and freedom whenever the need be. Without any disinclination, he carried out his duty in alacrity because his love for his people was mightier than his fear of losing his precious life.

While returning home from duty, he contracted a detrimental ailment and was kept under treatment. But God's plan is beyond human comprehension and our warrior lost his life to stroke around 5:30 pm on 19th April 2024. He was laid to rest at Martyrs' Cemetery, Phaijang, on 20th April, 2024 with all honour worthy for a martyr to be accorded with.

He joins the hallowed ranks of our martyrs who relinquished their lives in selfless sacrifice for our noble cause.

May his soul rest in eternal peace!

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**If you want to rebel, rebel from inside the system. That's much more powerful than rebelling outside the system.**

— Marie Lu





NEWS ANALYSIS

**Looted Bullets Meant for Kuki Massacre Backfire, Murder Meiteis' Own Democratic Rights**

As opposed to his earlier stance against the infamous radical group; the Arambai Tenggol and Mr Biren, where he can be seen even greeting the Arambai Tenggol members along with his daughter while they were on their way to Kangla fort for the ULTRA KANGLA FORT Meet, on the fateful day when all constitutionally elected representatives were forced to surrender and bow to the Arambai Tenggol, Mr Maheshwar Thounaojam in his Post Voting press conference expressed concerns about the status of democracy in the Meitei districts by indirectly taking a dig at Arambai Tenggol and Biren's BJP workers for booth capturing in various places, use of weapons to intimidate voters and polling booth officers. In his press conference, he stated that the unfolding of things in yesterday's election cleared the doubts as to why and who orchestrated the violence in Manipur, holding Biren and the BJP Responsible.

Everything now seems to no longer be FAIR in Love, war and politics for the Candidates contesting in the Inner Manipur constituency for the Lokshabha elections 2024. As agents who legitimised and popularised the activities and atrocities of the Arambai Tenggol, with little to no concern for ethics, morals and humanity, they called the terrorists as "Heroes " of Meitei society who fought for The cause of The Meiteis. Today as they became the victims of the same group that they so held highly, it is rather ironic that they are now fearful

to even call them by their name, Arambai Tenggol, and hid behind the term "Armed miscreants ". The wound must be as deep and painful, after the lengths they had gone, to legitimise their acts of violence and popularise their name, that only Biren and his party BJP Manipur alone reaped the benefits.

The anti-Kuki stance of Mr. Maheshwar spiralled upward since the start of the genocidal pogrom to ethnically cleanse the Kukis executed by Biren and Arambai Tenggol in partnership with Meira Paibis. Rather than spreading facts and the message of harmonious co-existence, he excelled in adding fuel to fire which radicalised the Meitei public to nurture more hatred towards the Kuki community. He manipulated the Meitei public by making baseless accusations of the hereditary Chieftainship Rights, the existence and non-existence of which has no tangible impact upon the Meiteis, is responsible for abnormal growth of the Kuki population and the spread of insurgency among the Kukis.

He relied on incorrect and concocted data to stigmatised and defamed a whole community, sowed the seeds of hatred to the young minds. A deeper research on the demographic transition

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of Manipur would have educated him on who has had an abnormal growth among the communities residing in Manipur, the factual data however would be of no practical use for him in spreading lies and hatred against the Kukis which simultaneously was a ploy to garner a fan following for himself, apparently aimed at canvassing votes for the recent polling. If the Kukis hereditary Chieftainship, as claimed by Mr. Maheshwar, is wholly responsible for the growth and strengthening of insurgency within the Kuki community. What of the Meitei radicalised groups, the insurgency and terrorist organisations who are given the free hand, the back-up and the morale to stand against the central security forces? Do we then come to a consensus that the Meitei community also follow the concept of Chieftainship as well? Baseless allegations of such nature are simply wild and ludicrous.

“A Little knowledge is a Dangerous Thing” and “Empty Vessels Make the Most Sound”. Despite the availability of authentic records of the Government of India to disprove his accusations, Maheshwar has incessantly accused the Kukis of being illegal immigrants and narco-terrorists. Despite the existence of drug manufacturing factories in Imphal owned by Non-Kukis and the proof of their seizure by Manipur police, the proof and evidences of involvement of Meitei themselves including the close kins of Biren and his ministers in the drug mafia, despite Biren government declaring the illegal immigrants tally less than 5000, Maheshwar so conveniently, against all facts, abruptly labelled Lakhs of indigenous Kuki population as Illegal immigrants and narco-terrorists. Indeed Maheshwar has categorically established himself as an empty vessel.

The involvement of Meitei insurgents based in Myanmar in the drug-trade is an open secret as well. To indulge in memory on one of the many instances, as per Indian Army officials, on September 17, 2022, 3 PLA (Meitei insurgents groups) members were killed at Momo village in Myanmar in a clash over narco funds with Myanmar-based drug cartels. A lot of these groups are not able to pay the money to drug cartels in Myanmar despite being successful in smuggling drugs into India

via the North Eastern region. Not only do the Meitei terrorist groups have their base camps in Myanmar, but thousands of Meiteis are residing in Myanmar too. Thus, the illegal immigrants and narco-terrorists tag attributed to the Kukis are again a part and strategy of the pogrom to create an antipathy attitude against the Kukis from Mainlanders.

As for matters relating to defaming and slandering the Kukis are concerned, Mahesh Thounajam is the force to reckon with. He travelled far and wide, knocking on the doors of government departments and Right-wing organizations, to campaign against the indigenous status of Kukis in their own ancestral land, to deprive them of the ST status they avail, and of them being a threat to the Meitei Sanamahi followers, wearing Hinduism as a veil to garner their support. He made himself a champion of the Meitei cause, but he ironically could not avail the fruit of his hard work, as unfortunately, he was merely a chess-piece, of the Arambai Tenggol and Biren, in their political game.

In their greed, Meitei candidates in their own capacity worked as agents to legitimize the savagery, barbaric and illegal activities of the Meiteis and their radicalised groups, some befriended and funded the Arambai Tenggol, some justified their heinous crimes even in the National television shows and some acted like ambassadors to spread their ideology. In an effort to woo both the Meiteis and the Arambai Tenggol, they celebrated every inhumane atrocities committed against the Kukis by Arambai Tenggol and Meira Paibis. When the constitutional and democratic rights of the Kukis were murdered systematically by the Biren government and Arambai Tenggol, they were happy spectators unaware that the guns facing and shot towards the Kukis will soon be shot at them as well. When their every efforts backfired against them, it did hurt bad.

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Meira paibis whose blessings the Arambai Tenggol sought before their every mission to attack and massacre the Kukis, who acted as THE WALL for the Arambai Tenggol from the central agencies and central forces, acted as the Finance Department demanding ransom from everyone and anyone along the roads, shops and houses too were not spared from Arambai Tenggol's massacre on the Meiteis' Right to vote. Apparently they too were mere chess-pieces for the Arambai Tenggol and Biren.

The backfiring of the looted bullets and weapons, which was thought to be directed towards the Kukis and their constitutional and fundamental rights alone; the acts of which were thus protected and justified is indeed a watershed moment. The genocide pogrom which was fueled by scapegoating the Kukis in everything was unmasked but the unmasking of the truth comes with a price; them losing their democratic rights of voting for who they wish to be their representative. The revelation of the truth to who or what the Arambai Tenggol is and for whom they work will not lessen the hatred and animosity of Meiteis against the Kukis

but will definitely enlighten them on their role as pawns in the tyrant's Political game.

Lastly, why did Mr Mahesh Thounaojam choose a pen nib with seven rays as his political symbol? Like his half-baked knowledge that does more harm than good for the society, a pen nib without its body and refill is useless, unless you meant for it to hurt someone. A sincere advice for him is to nourish himself with more knowledge and to get a complete pen as a symbol for his electoral symbol if he sincerely love and care for his community members, or a totally different and more meaningful symbol to represent him. Him being a peddler for fake and false Information is harmful to his society and its members. So Mr Mahesh Thounaojam, even if you can't become an MP for your people, you can still serve your people by not spreading hatred and false information. If you cannot enlighten them, the least you can do is to not add to the huge chunk of fake and false information.



**BIREN'S  
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# And.....

A year since the bombings  
Killed the flock by the shallow hill,  
The ones the poets would write about  
To remind history to pound on memory.

I've read of the wartime poets,  
I've seen the hussle of the men,  
I've lived the life of captivity,  
the one of an ambushed homeland,  
the one of a homeland dissolved in blood.

The heavy scar of a bullet,  
Is as coarse as that  
of the wary politics that run the lights downtown;  
The lakes turn sour over time,  
The walls still remember the sounds  
And  
the children bleed dry.

And  
I've watched all hell unfold,  
And pain is all but a distant memory.  
But what more can i ask?  
Except for the preservation of that anger?  
The anger that holds hope together,  
The anger that remembers,  
The anger that liberates.

The outlines of this poem,  
Are simple,  
like the ones that came before,  
The ones that remind the world to care  
The ones that attempt to build a bridge over the measure  
of grief.

Because the enemy held my brother's maimed hand  
As they mocked the heavens above,  
Because the enemy in the state's armour,  
Shinny and strong;  
Creeped into my forefathers' soil  
As he ripped through the cartilage of one of its sons,  
I know that liberation comes at a price,  
And we pay that price with blood, red and dark.

And I could toil on about the misfortunes and frailty of  
mortals,  
And I could combust the air with a storm of complaints,  
But not at the price of liberation.

My homeland weeps,  
And must we never  
In all the ways we can,  
do away with liberation;  
Not for the love of a few funds;  
Must we never,  
do away with our homeland,  
Not for the wants of power and greed.  
Must we remember;  
The price paid, and lost.  
For all of glory and all of glory's deceit,  
Collective memory remains.

For so long that the lilies bloom,  
Over our graves,  
This poem will live and die,  
For so long that spring comes and leaves,  
Memory will stay.

- *Abigail Misao*