

Thingkho *Le* Malecha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



SATGOUKAI SINGSIT (18 YEARS)

S/O KAMTINTHANG SINGSIT

ADDRESS: KHENGJANG, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: KANGLATONGBI, IMPHAL WEST

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.05.2024



185
DEATHS



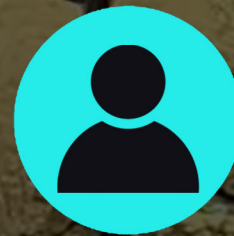
200+
VILLAGES BURNT



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.

KUKI INPI ISSUES REJOINDER TO GOVT OF MANIPUR'S DIPR PRESS RELEASE OVER THE HINDU EDITORIAL

The Government of Manipur's scurrilous allegations over 'The Hindu's' editorial piece titled 'Lame excuse: On Manipur and the ethnic conflict' is not only an audacious attempt to defame the Kuki-Zo community but also a despicable argument and a misleading propaganda to stoke the ongoing Genocide in a bid to gain popular support and play with public sentiment, said Kuki Inpi Manipur.

In a statement issued today, the Kuki Inpi Manipur, apex body of the Kukis, pointed out "the inability of the Biren Singh government to rise above the ethnic fray and build confidence measures" and suggesting for change of "approach" and "leadership" to restore peace in the state, not only solidifies the position taken by a "neutral observer" but also exposes the position taken by the Manipur government concerning the Kuki-Zo tribal minority community in the state. Moreover, the said "press release" was unsigned by any official of the Manipur state Government, perhaps because it is full of lies and false narratives.

The Kuki Inpi refuted the outrageous claims and despicable arguments of the Manipur Government, as it directly concerns the rights and dignity of the Kuki-Zo people.

I. Claim: "The situation in Manipur is under control, and peace has been restored."

Fact: The situation in Manipur is far from under control. The reality is that the Kuki-Zo people continue to suffer from systemic violence and discrimination. Over 41,425 Kuki-Zo individuals have been displaced, 185 Kuki-Zo people have been killed, and more than 200 Kuki-Zo villages have been burned. There are no genuine efforts for peace, no concrete steps for relief, while tensions continue to remain at a boiling point. Moreover, the recent kidnapping (May 18) of three Jharkhand natives which resulted in the killing of Shree Ram Hangsada at Naoremthong Khumanthem Takyel Kongbal, Imphal West by the Chief Minsiter's private militias is a sad reflection on the incompetence of institutions of the state which has a



potential to turn the mayhem into a revivalism of the secessionist insurgency movement posing a serious threat to the security and integrity of India.

II. Claim: "The government has taken all necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of all communities."

Fact: The government's actions have been biased and grossly inadequate in addressing the ongoing crisis in the state. Thousands of looted automatic weapons and lakhs of ammunition are still being used by Meitei fundamentalists with impunity in targeting Kuki-Zo civilians, while the state government has been reduced to meekly requesting the looters to return such weapons without any result. Such incompetency and lack of action on the part of both the CM and state security forces are inexplicable. The Kuki-Zo tribals displaced by the CM's storm troopers are living in deplorable conditions in relief camps with inadequate access to medical facilities, food, clothes, decent sleeping spaces, education for children, and employment opportunities. The administration has miserably failed to protect the Kuki-Zo people from targeted violence by Meitei fundamentalists and insurgents groups such as PLA, UNLF, Arambai Tenggol, and Meitei Leepun.

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III. Claim: “The allegations of bias and partiality in the government’s response are unfounded and politically motivated.”

Fact: The allegations of bias and partiality are not only founded but are glaringly evident in the government’s actions and inactions. The Chief Minister, Biren Singh, along with his brainchild organizations like Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, and Meitei insurgent groups such as PLA and UNLF, are primarily responsible in inciting and perpetuating violence against the Kuki-Zo people. The Chief Minister can refer to the recent NIA chargesheet in the case of Moirangthem Anand Singh to cross-check his claims. The Government also needs to explain why Manipur Police provided safe passage to Meitei militants who came to attack Pallel Kuki-Zo village, or the incident in Moreh where Manipur Police went on an arson spree, burning down Kuki-Zo homes and schools. There are so many more documented incidents where the Manipur Government and Police have clearly targeted Kuki-Zo people.

IV. Claim: “Efforts have been made to facilitate reconciliation and dialogue among different communities.”

Fact: The so-called efforts for reconciliation have been superficial and insincere. The rhetoric on reconciliation without addressing the root causes of violence and injustice only serves to perpetuate the vitiated atmosphere. The Kuki-Zo people demand justice and the pursuit of a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory with Legislature to ensure their safety and security, and their rights and privileges as equal citizens of the country rather than empty promises of reconciliation.

V. Claim: “Mushrooming of ‘as many as 996 new villages’ in Manipur ‘as a result of years of illegal immigration which went unchecked and undetected.’

Fact: This is another baseless narrative concocted by the Chief Minister to justify his actions against the Kuki-Zo people. The increase in the number of villages is due to several legitimate factors such as internal displacement and customary practices. Internal displacement was primarily caused by the KukiNaga conflict of the 1990s, which led to a mass migration of Kuki-Zo populations

from Naga-dominated districts, particularly Ukhrul and Tamenglong, to Kuki-Zo dominated districts. Additionally, the Establishment of new villages is driven by customary practices such as “Inchon”. There is nothing unusual about the formation of new villages; it is an established customary practice. The government should rely on official census figures to determine abnormal population growth, not the increase or decrease in the number of villages. The claim of a massive influx of illegal immigrants is entirely unsubstantiated and another lie from the Chief Minister. Decadal census data shows no such influx, with the Kuki-Zo population in Manipur consistently between 14% and 16%. The Chief Minister has been trying to cook up statistics by claiming an increase in villages and MLAs. Why doesn’t he simply cite the population figures? Because he knows that they will squarely disprove all his deceitful claims.

VI. Claim: “Illegal immigrants objected to the Government’s effort to detect illegal immigration.”

Fact: This statement is yet another blatant lie of the Chief Minister. Which illegal immigrant has objected to the Government’s drive and when, where? Why hasn’t the Government arrested those who objected to their drives and deported them? Why is the Government of Manipur under CM Biren Singh targeting the entire Kuki-Zo Indian citizens under the guise of identifying “illegal immigrants?” What made the CM of Manipur and his radicalized Meitei society label the entire Kuki-Zo population as illegal immigrants and viciously target, kill, parade our sisters naked, and burn our villages? This empty slogan of illegal immigration is only a pathetic attempt by Biren Singh to dehumanize Kuki-Zo people so that he can justify his crimes against our people. Just as the Nazis referred to Jews as “vermin” in the Holocaust, and the Hutus called the Tutsis “cockroaches” during the Rwandan genocide, Biren Singh’s use of the term “illegal immigrants” is a dangerous and dehumanizing

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tactic. It is a calculated effort to strip the Kuki-Zo people of their humanity and legitimize acts of violence and ethnic cleansing against them. This rhetoric mirrors other historical atrocities where the powerful have sought to annihilate entire communities under the guise of addressing non-existent threats. Such propaganda is not only hollow but also reprehensible, exposing the depths of Biren Singh's malicious intent.

VII. Claim: "5,457 illegal immigrants have been detected in Kamjong."

Fact: The Chief Minister's selective highlighting of data is misleading and dishonest. The majority of the detected individuals, 3,866 out of 5,457, are from other tribal villages, not Kuki-Zo villages. This discriminative selection of data aims to unfairly target and stigmatize the Kuki-Zo people, further exposing the Chief Minister's deceitful tactics. Repeated attempts to target Kuki-Zo people with such unwarranted figures amidst other prejudice-laced legal measures are nothing but stray examples of an ecosystem of hate created and sustained by the CM himself.

VIII. Claim: "The Chief Minister refers to the 1972 number of MLAs to suggest a massive influx of Kukis."

Fact: The Chief Minister needs to explain his audacious intentions behind discriminatory selection of the results for the 1972 Assembly elections. Why does he not refer to the 1967 Territorial Legislative Assembly elections for 30 seats, where Kukis won 5 out of the 9 tribal seats? Or immediately 2 years after 1972, the 1974 Assembly elections for 60 seats where Kukis won 9 out of 19 tribal seats? Or the subsequent elections in 1980 where again Kukis won 9 out of 19 tribal seats? In the years following, Kukis have consistently won 9, 10, or 11 seats. If the Chief Minister's logic is to be applied, Kukis can claim there was an unnatural influx of voters from other ethnicities in 1972 because Kukis held 55.55% of the total tribal seats in 1967, which dropped to only 31.57% of the total tribal seats in 1972. Why was there a sudden decrease in the Kuki percentage of tribal seats in 1972?

IX. Claim: "Massive influx of illegal immigrants in 1962 & 1988."

Fact: The allegations of a massive influx of illegal immigrants, particularly in 1962 and 1988, are fabrications

and lies. Those Kuki-Zo people driven out of Burma by the Dictator Ne Win during the "Khadawmi Operation, 1967" (in which around 2000 Indian citizens mostly belonging to Kuki-Zo ethnicity were expelled from Burma, while none of the Burmese Kuki-Zo people were expelled) were people who had earlier crossed over the border. Hence, they are home-comers who were received by the Government of India and settled amongst the existing Kuki-Zo villages of their choice, not in Reserved Forests or Protected Forest. The Chief Minister's attempt to label these Kuki-Zo Indians as refugees is misguided. If this logic were to be applied, it could also extend to all 300,000 Mainland Indians driven out of Burma, including the Tamils who were resettled in Moreh after being driven out of Burma. The Chief Minister's selective targeting of Kuki-Zo Indians is unjust, hypocritical, and cowardly.

X. Claim: "The Kuki-Zo community is involved in extensive poppy cultivation."

Fact: The Chief Minister also fails to mention the acres of poppy cultivation destroyed in areas dominated by other ethnicities while conveniently highlighting the figures for areas dominated by Kuki-Zo. Furthermore, let the Chief Minister explain to the public his connection to all the major druglords in the valley. While the poor Kuki-Zo farmers are fooled by Meitei Cartels to do the hard work of poppy cultivation, all of the major processing, supply, logistics, and the major chunk of profit are handled by Meitei cartels based out of Imphal. This selective targeting and criminalization of Kuki-Zo farmers while protecting Meitei druglords is another example of the Chief Minister's hypocrisy and corruption.

In short, the official release put all the blame for all the wrongs of the Meitei narcissist regime on the Kuki-Zo people. This was and is the strategy employed by the state government under the current regime from its inception: first; to justify its dehumanising and discriminatory policies and actions against the Kuki-Zo community, second,

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to bulldoze its share in the current ethnic conflict in the state, and third, to justify and bail out its “boys” from the heinous crimes against humanity, the ethnic cleansing pogrom against minority tribal community.

Furthermore, in a bid to curb violence in the strife-torn state, Biren Singh should desist from continuously spreading fake news, rumors, or misinformation regarding the prevailing situation in the state. CM’s deliberate attempt to stoke the violence with his anti-immigration metaphor that Manipur was literally ‘under siege’ is nothing but a justification for his state-sponsored genocide against the Kuki-Zo people. It is high time for the Government of India to take a stand and initiate action against such false assertions and dehumanizing propaganda. The Kuki-Zo people continue to face violence, displacement, and discrimination. Nevertheless, the Kuki-Zo people will

fight relentlessly and fiercely against the targeted discrimination, oppression and persecution of our people as per the guaranteed constitutional rights and provisions. The Kuki Inpi will not rest until justice is served; the truth of the ongoing ethnic persecution against the Kuki-Zo people is acknowledged, and concrete actions are taken to ensure the safety and security of the Kuki-Zo people and their community’s existence as equal citizens of India is valued and preserved.

“The creation of a Union Territory with legislative powers alone can offer a permanent solution for the ongoing ethnic persecution against the Kuki-Zo people for lasting peace and stability in the region.”

4 INSURGENTS OF UNLF (P), PREPAK ARRESTED IN IMPHAL

Security forces have arrested four active members of the proscribed outfits UNLF (P) and PREPAK from Imphal West in two separate incidents, according to police.

Police officials reported that Asem Nabachandra Meitei, 41, from MI Road in Imphal West, was arrested on Sunday. The cadre of UNLF (P) was allegedly involved in extortion cases in the state. A .32 pistol, a magazine, and nine live rounds of ammunition were recovered from his possession.

In another operation, four active members of the People’s Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), also involved in extortion activities, were apprehended from Thangal Bazar in Imphal West on Friday. The arrested cadres were identified as Konthoujam Kumar



Singh (46), Ankur Mahawar (40), and Naveen Mahawar (48). During the search, the police recovered Rs 1,90,000 in cash and three mobile phones from the arrested individuals.

Source: [East Mojo](#)

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA DIRECTS GOVERNMENT TO TRANSFER KUKI STUDENTS OF NIT MANIPUR TO OTHER NIT INSTITUTIONS

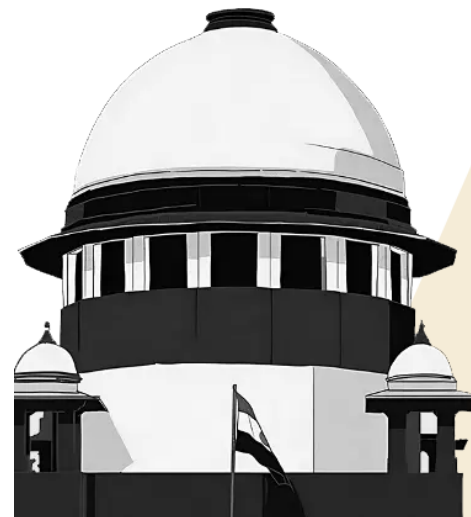
In the Case of *Kuki Students' Organisation Delhi & NCR Vs The Union of India & ORS*, the Supreme Court of India has directed the government(s) to transfer the Kuki students of NIT Manipur to other NIT Institutions.

However, it has been stated that the final degrees will be awarded by the NIT Manipur.

There are 51 students of NIT Manipur including two PhD candidates, out of which 9 would be passing out shortly as they are in their final year.

The Writ Petition (Civil) No. 165 of 2024 was filed in the Supreme Court by the Kuki Students' Organisation, Delhi & NCR.

The state counsel stated that the online examination for the semesters was just concluded on Wednesday, 15th of May, 2024. Therefore, the necessity for transfer of final year students did not arise. However, keeping in mind the need for campus experiences, the Supreme Court of India has ordered for the transfer of the rest of the students after the petitioner side adduced the evidence of the challenges faced by the NIT students



after taking their individual preferences, subject to administrative exigencies.

Aishwaryya Bhati, Additional Solicitor General, appearing on behalf of the Union of India, consented that the above arrangement would be put into place for the semester which will begin in July 2024.

Notably, the Kuki Students' Organisation, Delhi & NCR had also pursued the case of dental students and Manipur LMS Law students in the Supreme Court, later in the High Court of Manipur; the final order of which is awaited after the Court's vacation.



**The further a society drifts from the truth,
the more it will hate those who speak it.**

— George Orwell

KNA (B) REFUTES NSCN-IM ACCUSATION; SAYS ‘ALLEGATIONS INTENDED TO TARNISH THEIR IMAGE AND POLITICAL STANCE ADVOCATING FOR THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY IN MYANMAR’

In response to a media report by The Hindu Bureau dated May 16, 2024, titled “Indian Forces helping Kuki Militants to wage war against Meitei groups in Myanmar: NSCN-IM,” the Kuki National Organization/Kuki National Army-Burma (KNO/KNA(B)) has issued a statement on Sunday denouncing the accusations as baseless and unfounded. The KNO/KNA (B) asserts that these allegations are intended solely to tarnish their image and undermine their political stance advocating for the restoration of democracy in Myanmar.

The KNO/KNA(B) clarified their position contradicting the claims made by the National Socialist Council of Nagaland-Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM). “A video clip recovered from an abandoned camp of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) shows a PLA member in military uniform thanking Manipur’s Chief Minister N. Biren Singh for supplying weapons”, the Kuki group stated.

This, according to the KNO/KNA (B), exposes the reality that Meitei militants are being sheltered in Myanmar army camps and used to crush pro-democracy movements in exchange for support against India. The KNO/KNA(B) in the press statement issued by its Information Secretary, Francis Kuki further reiterated their alliance with ethnic nationalities across Myanmar under the National Unity Government (NUG), fighting against the military regime to restore democracy. The groups emphasized that their struggle is based on democratic ideals rather than ethnicity.

The organizations while appealed to the people of India, as the world’s largest democracy, to support Myanmar’s pro-democracy efforts, they also urged the NSCN and Meitei militants to cease supporting Myanmar’s repressive military regime. The KNO/KNA(B) warned that continued support for the Myanmar regime



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KNO/KNA-B PRESS STATEMENT

The media report of the NSCN-IM’s statement posted on ‘The Hindu Bureau’ dated May 16, 2024 with headline “Indian Forces helping Kuki Militants to wage war against Meitei groups in Myanmar: NSCN-IM” accusing the Kukis being used by the Indian security forces as frontal forces to engage in bloody discord against the Nagas, the KNO/KNA-B, would like to clarify that the allegation is baseless and unfounded, and is apparently done with the sole motive of tarnishing KNA-B’s image and its political stand i.e. restoration of democracy in Myanmar.

It may be noted that a camera recovered from the abandoned camp of Peoples’ Liberation Army(PLA) has a video clip in which a PLA member is seen standing in front of the gathering in military uniform and thanking the chief minister, N. Biren Singh for supplying powerful weapons to the PLA. This reveals the truth that, it is the Meitei militants who are illegally being sheltered in Myanmar army camps situated along the border towns and are being used in crushing the pro-democracy movement. In return, the Myanmar Army supports the Meitei militants waging war against India for independence of Manipur.

The KNO/KNA-B would like to reiterate that we are part of the alliance army which comprised of all ethnic nationalities across Myanmar under the National Unity Government(NUG) and are fighting against the military regime with the goal to restore democratic form of government in Myanmar. We are committed to our stand with unwavering belief that we will achieve victory sooner than later. Our stand for democracy in Myanmar is not based on ethnicity but purely on democratic ideology.

While the whole of Myanmar is in turmoil for the cause of democracy, we expect and appeal to the people of India, the largest democratic nation on earth to extend all possible help to the people of Myanmar. We also particularly appeal to both the NSCN and the Meitei militants to immediately stop fighting alongside the repressive military regime of Myanmar. However, in case the NSCN and PLA continue to choose to side with the military regime and fall victim, they should not blame the KNA(B) and democratic alliance army but accept their fate with content.

Instead of lending support to the anti-democratic Meitei militants at whose hand many of Manipur Naga civilians have fallen victims in Imphal, the NSCN should raise voice and defend their defenceless people who are being targeted in the Imphal valley by the Meitei miscreants. As fellow Christians, we would also remind the NSCN to uphold their organisation’s beautiful theme, ‘Nagaland for Christ’, in all their political moves and activities.

Info Secy,
Francis Kuki
KNO/KNA-BKNA/KNO Burma

would lead to dire consequences, for which they should not blame the democratic alliance army, the statement maintained. Additionally, the KNO/KNA(B) called on the NSCN to protect Naga civilians in Manipur from Meitei militants and to uphold their organization’s Christian values in their political actions and to uphold ‘Nagaland for Christ’, in all their political moves and activities.

LOCAL RESIDENTS HIT BACK HINDUSTAN TIMES' REPORTS OF 75 MEITEI WOMEN BEING RESCUED FROM "KUKI MILITANTS" BY ASSAM RIFLES

The tribals, particularly the Kukis in the buffer zones, have categorically denied any gunfight which lasted for 2 hours, as opposed to the Hindustan Times reports on Sunday.

Hindustan Times, one of the most reputed media firms in the country, has erroneously reported that Army and Assam Rifles rescued 75 Meitei women from an attack by "Kuki militants" on Friday night after 2-hour gunfight in Manipur.

The news report was filed by one Prawesh Lama, who covers crime, policing, and issues of security in Delhi. Raised in Darjeeling, educated in Mumbai, Lama also looks at special features on social welfare in the National Capital.

However, what concerned most citizens is that how can such highly educated person who is an expertise in the field of security matters wrongly reported a firing incident occurring in Manipur. Maybe he has fallen into the prey of Imphal valley based newspapers, which have the habit of villianizing Kukis on every issue.

It is interesting to note that, the Assam Rifles in their official X handle stated that Army and Assam Rifles rescued villagers from armed attack by "miscreants," but not "Kuki militants" as claimed by the Hindustan Times. The Assam Rifles who carried out the rescue operation did not mention anything about Kuki militants attacking Meitei settlement, nor holding captive to 75 Meitei women. The Assam Rifles clearly states that the attack was by "armed miscreants". How and where did Mr. Prawesh Lama get his quote from? It is quite uncanny that an experienced journalist like Lama jumps to illogical conclusion without any iota of shame in becoming a tool for further persecution of the already persecuted Kuki minorities.

On the contrary to the Hindustan Times report, the local residents in the buffer zones and other sources from the ground said it was the Meitei armed radical group who fired few rounds of bullets towards the



Kuki settlement in the foothill areas, adjacent to the Bishnupur district. The Kuki volunteers who were guarding their villages did not respond to the Meiteis' armed provocation, but the personnel of central security forces who manned the buffer zone firing flare-up guns to repel the assailants.

Neither 2-hour gunfight had occurred in the area, nor the presence of Meitei women felt by the Kuki residents. If at all the Meitei Meira Paibis came towards the Kuki areas, it would be their sinister design to help those Meitei militants in assaulting the Kuki civilians. The Meira Paibis are known for their illegal activities of blocking the CAPF from performing their diligent duties while maintaining to de-escalate the two warring communities.

Media reports of Kukis being the aggressors is often seen in the Meitei media and is already a new normal, as the Meitei media have become blind to facts and figures in their effort to malign the image of Kuki tribal group in front of the mainland Indians. Even when the Meitei armed radical group attacks Kuki settlement in foothill areas, the news report of Meitei media would be published as "Kuki Militants Attacking Meiteis". By the way, who take this compromised media house of the Meitei seriously anymore. They have become propaganda tools to instigate the Meitei youths in their desperate attempt to let them hate the Kukis.

BIREN'S PATRONISED MILITIA GROUPS CREATE HAVOC TO MEITEI SOCIETY IN IMPHAL; ONE INJURED IN GUNSHOT, MARKETS SHUT

Under the present narcissistic regime of N. Biren Singh, the chief minister of Meiteis, crimes and criminal activities have become the daily affairs in Imphal Valley, the Kukis' Valley of Death. His patronised militia groups such as the Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun and proscribed militant outfits are let loose to carry out their ill-perceived desires as per their whims and fancies.

With the reign of terror activities, the Meitei populace has to face the brunt of their self nurtured armed groups creating havoc in their society. Also with the absence of AFSPA, the Meitei society has been talibanized, especially since the beginning of their communal ethnic cleansing pogrom against the minority Kuki community.

The complete breakdown of law and order is evident in that a Meitei individual yet again has sustained severe injuries as the Meitei armed cadres opened fire at a shop located in Lamphel, Imphal, under Lamphel Police Station on Sunday (19th May, 2024). The incident occurred at around 8.10 PM when the armed gang fired 2 rounds at 'People's Store' located at Thangmeiband Khomdram Selungba Leikai near BRTF complex under Lamphel Police station, Imphal West.

The store under attack is owned by one Salam Suresh (60) S/o (L) Rotonmani of Khomdram Selungba Leikai. The salesman identified as one Thounaojam Pari (33) S/o Th. Ibotombi Singh of Nambol Kabowakching, Bishnunpur district, sustained injuries after being struck by shards of broken glass on his temple and on the left side of his chest.

In another incident, cadres of the Meitei armed groups fired several rounds of at a hotel located in Kakching Lamkhai at around 7.30 PM on 18th May, 2024. The hotel under attack is called 'PS Hotel', located in Kakching Lamkhai.

In the aftermath of the gun attack, the residents of Kakching Lamkhai gathered in protest under the aegis of Kakching Lamkhai Bazaar Welfare Board. The owner of the hotel, Pukhrambam (O) Puspolata @



Inao expressed that her family had not received monetary demands from any organisations and they have no enmity with anyone. Fortunately, there was no injury in the incident.

Meanwhile, decrying various problems of intimidations, threats, rampant monetary demands and absence of law in and around Khwairamband Bazar area of Imphal, the Bazaar Shop Owners' Community has called for a 24-hour total shutdown in the Khwairamband Bazar area.

The total shutdown is effective from Monday midnight to midnight of Tuesday.

In a statement, the members of the Bazaar Shop Owners' Community stated that due to various problems being faced in the bazaar area, the community, including all the small and big shop owners, have unanimously taken the decision for shutting down shops in the market.

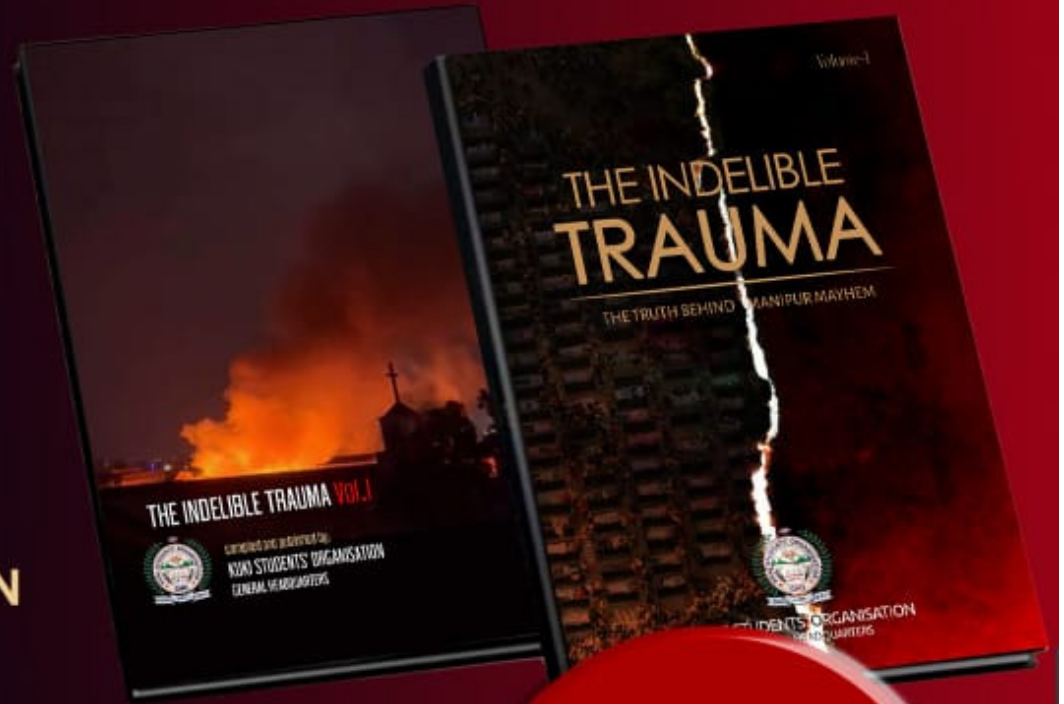
Recently, multiple incidents occurred in which some residents of Thangal Bazaar were physically assaulted by some Meitei assailants at night, a CCTV footage of which went viral on social media platforms. The victims were non-locals or mainland Indians who were living and running business establishment in the Imphal valley.

Mention may also be made that one mainland Indian labourer from the state of Jharkhand was mercilessly shot dead by the Meitei armed miscreants while two others sustained injuries on the 18th of May, 2024.

THE INDELIBLE TRAUMA

THE TRUTH BEHIND MANIPUR MAYHEM **VOL. I**

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ABOUT THE BOOK

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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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**OPINION**

Not All the Meiteis are Evil: But How Did All These Atrocities Happen?

Anthony Shongthu

Since the beginning of the current ethnic turmoil, I have been closely following the development from both sides. So, with a fair amount of confidence, I can say that I have gathered enough knowledge to give a preliminary judgement on the role of the silent majority within the Meitei community. In other words, I can confidently say that not all the Meiteis are evil!

As a person who has been brought up in Imphal, mostly among the Meiteis for the last 20 years, I have encountered many sane Meiteis, and many of my friends are also from the same community.

Moreover, being from a humble background, I am what I am today largely from the many kind-hearted persons I met during these two decades. There were many individuals who helped me when I was in need of financial as well as moral support. Out of these, a reasonably good numbers were Meiteis. If I had not met these generous people, my career could have ended prematurely.

To come straight to the point, when the Meitei mob began attacking the Kuki-Zo community in Imphal, I was in my university hostel pursuing my higher studies. We never knew it was a well-planned attack aimed not only on the lives and properties of the minority Kuki-Zo people but also their intellectual property. What was more intriguing was that we never knew that the unruly mob will attack educational institutions. Even though churches were among the first targets, educational institutions and education related materials

such as books, certificates, etc. were expected to be spared. Yet, in total contrast to what we have anticipated, the intellectual property of the Kuki-Zo, particularly those of University students, scholars, and professors, were not to be left behind.

However, despite the attack on the “Kukis” being well-orchestrated, there were many saner persons among the Meiteis who did their best to save their friends and their neighbours. In my own University, I could see many students and scholars involved in attacking the “Kukis” but there were also others who did whatever they could to protect their “Kuki” friends. In one such case, when a Meitei mob numbering about a hundred stormed every hostel and residential quarters, a Kuki boy was ingeniously escorted by his Meitei friends by disguising him as a non-Kuki. Anyway, the similar looks the Kukis, Nagas and Meiteis have come in handy in a situation like this. Later, he was evacuated to the Assam Rifles post like many others.

In my case, I didn't received any help worth sharing from my Meitei friends when the mob attacked our hostel on the 3rd of May 2023. It was just a miracle that I, along with some of my friends, had a narrow escape through the back door to hide behind the bushes. Yet, there were few friends, belonging to both the Naga and Meitei community, who were

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really concerned for us. Even when the Army vehicles arrived for evacuation, it was these few noble souls who gave us the signal when to come out and when not to.

Moreover, during our five days stay at 1st Bn. Manipur Rifles, many Meitei friends had called or texted us to inquire about our situation. I am sure they were helpless but the fear of being caught by the radicalised section within their own community did not deter them from at least showing their sincere concern through mobile phones. There were also Nagas, Pangals and even friends from outside the state who keep encouraging us and keep praying for our safety. They will not be forgotten!

Nevertheless, there were two individuals within the Meitei community who stood above all the others who were also equally kind-hearted. I will neither disclose their names nor their profession for their own safety, but I will simply share a little bit about how they walked the extra-mile to help me during those challenging times. For the convenience of the readers, I will simply call them Tomba and Chaoba.

Mr. Tomba is a much older person. I have known him for the last 15 years. And he has been so kind to me that our father-son-like friendship has grown beyond all social boundaries. He would often visit my village, and I will usually return the same favour whenever I can. So, when Tomba heard about the mob attack at my hostel, he rang me up to inquire about my situation. On the next day, i.e., the 4th of May 2023, as he was aware that we had reached 1st MR, he immediately came to see me, and handed over whatever amount he had at that moment. He also took the trouble of picking up some of my relatives who were stuck in different locations. Since then, he kept asking me to update my situation till we were safely evacuated to Kangpokpi on the 8th of May 2023.

Similarly, Chaoba is also a senior to me in academics though he is not as old as Tomba. Our relationship was also not as close as with that of the former, but close enough to count him as one of my few valued Meitei friends. While we were in 1st MR, he called me up and asked if he could do anything for me. So, I told him the little things I badly needed at that moment.

One fine morning, he came to see me with a lot of things such as mat, mosquito net, bedsheet, pillow,

quilt (thin blanket), shorts, t-shirt, a pair of towels, socks, slippers, and even a used-underwear. Apart from these, he also brought a packet of 1 Litre package drinking water bottles, cold drinks, juice, biscuits, and many more. Not done with this, he also gave me some amount in cash before he left. He too kept inquiring about my situation till we reached our hometown safely.

Now, my intention in sharing all this is nothing but to show that there are still saner human beings in the midst of madness where murdering and chopping off of human bodies are openly celebrated as a sign of victory reminding us of the past headhunting days we listened to. In other words, I am pretty convinced that it is only a minority within the majority Meitei community who have been engineering all these deaths and destructions.

One may ask how violence in such an unprecedented scale happens if it is only the minority within the Meitei community. The answer is simple: first, it is a well-planned project; second, it is tacitly supported by the state government since the inception of the plan; third, the use of different tactics including the spread of fake news, control of the media, silencing the intellectuals, etc., have been crucial in the success of the plan, and fourth, it is also partly because of the silence of the majority which enabled the radicalised section within the dominant community to run the state.

Now, as all the intellectuals who do not subscribe to the dominant narrative advocated by the radicalised section, such as the Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, Meira Paibi, UNLF-P, etc., are forced to shut their mouth; as all the media houses are controlled by these groups; and as nobody dared to speak against the narcissistic leadership and his private militia groups, the current ethnic cleansing pogrom is unlikely to end soon. However, a day will come when the leaders of these private militia groups may be awarded for fulfilling the assignment, but the silent majority and the whole state paying the price collectively. Let us also remind ourselves of what Desmond Tutu said: "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."



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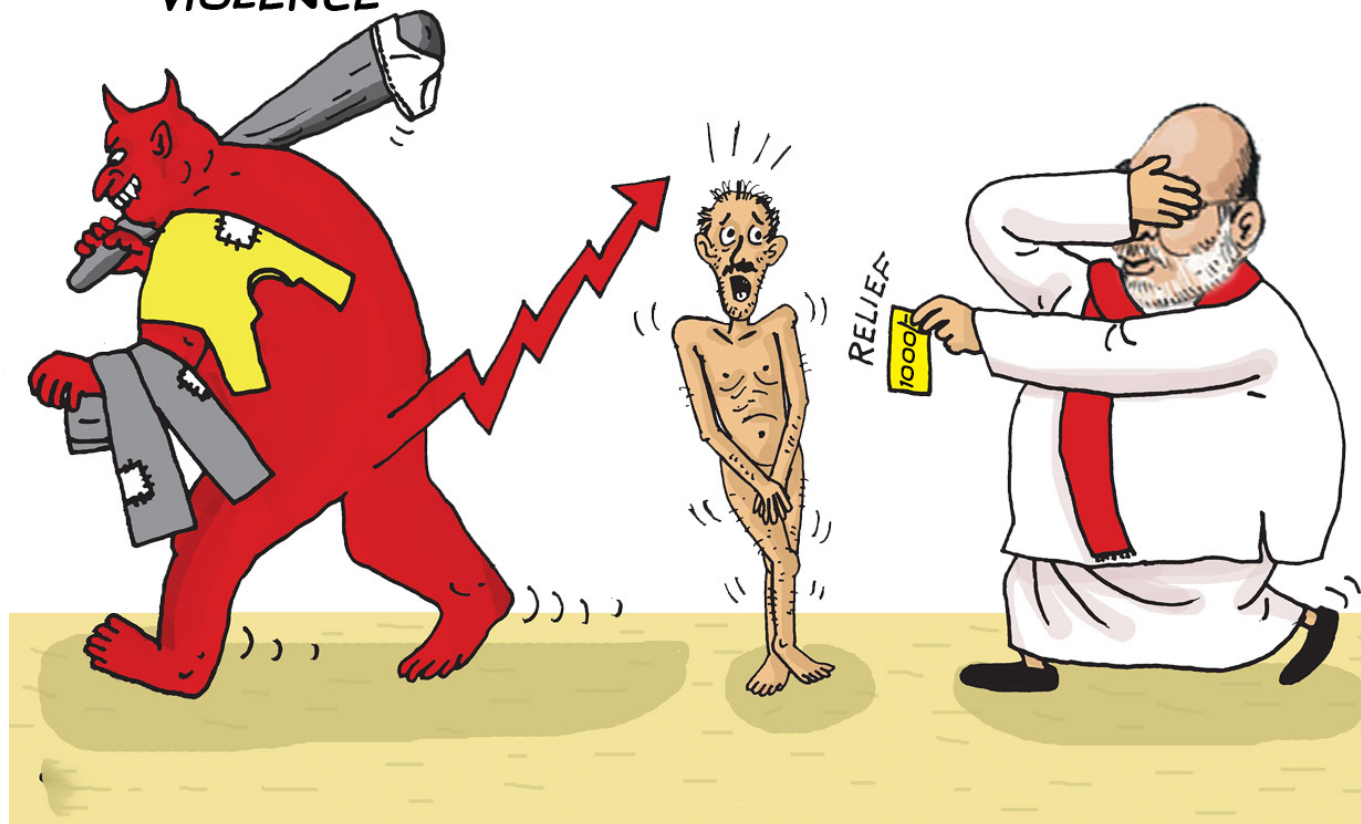


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THE HILLS HAVE EYES AND THEY ARE STILL CRYING

The hills have eyes and they are still crying
All the four seasons have passed by but these tears and wounds haven't.
The green fields are veiled by outposts,
the rats and squirrels make their rounds along with my band of brothers.
The clouds would often pay a visit and then leave when the wind whistles,
the streams and rivers hum a serenade for the wailing mother sitting beneath the willow tree.
The kids waving their fathers with the happiest goodbye because,
"my dad will come back home a hero"
Their mothers' eyes tell a different story.
The relief camps bustles with the children's laughter as they play "Line Cross".
At one corner you may hear the teens chirping as their little fingers carefully sew the last strand
of wool to make a nice warm sweater..
Yet, the air echoes a chilling sadness and grief
"Where is home?"
"Where is my sister? I haven't seen her since the war."
"I miss my grandmother's homecooked meal."
"I want to eat chicken curry"
"When i grow up, i will join the Indian army and protect my family."

Everyone's smiling but we're still grieving
Everyone's trying but the heart's still heavy
Everyone's hurting but we're still praying
The hills have eyes and they are still crying
If only i could scatter flowers on the road for you...

-Jacquelyn Laltanpuii Suantak