

# Thingkho *Le* Malecha

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**DOUTHANG HAOKIP  
KUM 86**

## **AWAITING JUSTICE**



### **DOUTHANG HAOKIP (86 YEARS)**

F/O THANGKHOHAD HAOKIP

ADDRESS: S. GAMNOMJANG, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: MURDERED BY MEITEI MILITANTS



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 19.07.2024



**194**  
DEATHS

(+8 FROM LAST UPDATE)

LETMINTHANG MATE  
MANGMINTHANG KHONGSAI  
JOHN THANGGINLAL CHONGLOI  
LALLUNGAWI HMAR  
LALBIEKKUNG  
JOSHUA LALRINSANG HMAR  
MARANGNIR CHIRU  
LALLIANMUNG (MISSING)



**200+**  
VILLAGES BURNT



**360+**  
CHURCHES &  
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



**7000+**  
HOUSES 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.

# INDIGENOUS GROUP DEMANDS PROBE INTO KILLING OF 3 'HMAR MILITANTS' IN CACHAR

The Indigenous People's Forum (IPF) has strongly condemned the killing of three youths belonging to Hmar community in an alleged encounter with Assam Police in Cachar district on July 17.

Three Hmar youths- Lallungawi Hmar, Lalbiekkung Hmar and Joshua Lalringsang were gunned down by police at Bhuban Hills jungles in Cachar district.

The Cachar Superintendent of Police (SP) claimed the three were arrested on July 16 and later revealed information leading to an operation where "militants" were killed in a crossfire.

However, the IPF raises several questions about the official narrative, IPF general secretary L. Hlima Keivom and president L Kuki said in a statement.

Firstly, the group points out a discrepancy between the police account and videos circulating on social media.

One video allegedly shows the youths being peacefully apprehended in an autorickshaw, not in combat gear as the police claim. Another reportedly shows them bound and taken away.

These inconsistencies, along with the sudden appearance of "bullet-riddled bodies" at the hospital morgue, have led the IPF to believe this is a case of extrajudicial killing.

"As per the statement of the SP, Cachar, 'Three youths were arrested at Krishnapur Road around 4.30 PM on July 16, 2024 and were interrogated, during which they revealed that their counterparts were taking



shelter in Bhuban Hills. A special operation was launched on the morning of July 17, 2024 around Bhuban Hills during which three militants wearing bulletproof jackets and helmets were apprehended after being injured in crossfire. Later, they were pronounced dead at the Silchar Medical College Hospital (SMCH)'.

"If the bullets riddled dead bodies at the SMCH were that of the so-called militants who were apprehended from the Bhuban Hills during the so-called special operation in the morning of July 17, 2024 after being injured from a cross firing, then where are the three youths who had been arrested the previous day? Where have they gone?" IPF questioned.

The forum demanded an impartial judicial inquiry and urged the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to investigate the deaths. They also sought compensation to be paid to the families of the deceased.

# KUKI-CHIN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATION CONDEMNS BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT FOR GRAVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

The Kuki-Chin Human Rights Organisation (KHRO) is deeply concerned and outraged by the ongoing human rights violations perpetrated by the government of Bangladesh. Reports indicate an alarming increase in the killing and arrest of innocent civilians, including university students, raising urgent questions about the state's commitment to human rights and the rule of law.

## Targeting Innocent Kuki-Chin Civilians

The government of Bangladesh has been systematically targeting the Kuki-Chin ethnic group, resulting in the death and detention of hundreds of innocent civilians. This egregious violation of human rights has created a climate of fear and oppression within the Kuki-Chin community. The KHRO unequivocally condemns these actions and demands an immediate cessation of violence against Kuki-Chin civilians. These actions not only violate international human rights standards but also betray the principles of justice and equality.

## Repression of University Students

The targeting of university students by the Bangladesh authorities is particularly disturbing. Students, who are the future leaders and thinkers of the nation, have been subjected to brutal crackdowns, resulting in numerous deaths and arrests. This violent



repression is an assault on the fundamental rights to freedom of expression, assembly, and education. The KHRO stands in solidarity with the students and calls for the immediate release of those unjustly detained and an end to the use of lethal force against peaceful protestors.

## Call for International Action

The KHRO urgently calls on the international community, including the United Nations, human rights organizations, and foreign governments, to take immediate and decisive action to hold the government of Bangladesh accountable for these human rights violations. It is imperative that these actions are condemned in the strongest terms and that steps are taken to ensure the safety and security of all citizens in Bangladesh.



**War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight,  
the lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade.**

*- Percy Bysshe Shelley*

# CHOPPER SERVICES BETWEEN MANIPUR AND MIZORAM RESUME

After initial hiccups, helicopter flights between Churachandpur in Manipur and Aizawl have officially resumed with a chopper from Churachandpur landing at Mualpui helipad on the southern outskirts of the city at 1.30 pm on Friday, state civil aviation officials said. The Manipur govt had withdrawn the service on June 27.

The officials said 11 flyers flew here from Churachandpur, while nine left Aizawl for Churachandpur on Friday.

During its return journey to Churachandpur, the helicopter made a stopover at the lone Lengpui airport near Alzawi for refuelling.

The helicopter services between the two sister states could not resume on Monday, as planned, owing to the alleged delay by Manipur govt in intimating Mizoram govt about it.



An official of the state civil aviation wing here said they received the official intimation from Manipur's transport department only last Sunday and there was no time for prospective passengers to book their tickets. "We have tickets but there is still no facility for booking them online," the official had said.

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# ONE CADRE OF KCP – TAIBANGGANBA ARRESTED BY SECURITY FORCES

In the early hours of today, at 2:10 a.m., a Commando team from Kakching arrested a cadre of the KCP-Taibanganba group at Tajpur Makha Leikai, Kakching district. The individual, identified as Ningthoujam Ashakumar Meetei, alias Abung, aged 33, is suspected of being actively involved in extortion activities targeting the general public in the Kakching and Thoubal areas.

Ningthoujam Ashakumar Meetei, son of N. Tomcha Meetei from Laphupat Tera Part-II, was residing at Tejpur Makha Leikai, Mayenglamjao, Kakching District. He operates under the command of one s/s Vice Chairman Rajesh, alias Malemnganba Meitei, of the said organization. The items seized from him include Redmi Note 10 Pro, Nokia Mobile phoy, gorty-four ₹500 notes totaling ₹22,000 and our ATM cards.



A case has been registered at Waikhong Police station, Kakching and is currently under investigation. (Source: NET)

# COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER: BOMB AND GUN CULTURE PREVAILS IN MEITEIS' ANCESTRAL LAND OF IMPHAL

The Meiteis' ancestral land of Imphal Valley has become the hotbed of all crimes perpetrated by the proscribed Meitei militant outfits including the radicalised private militia groups of Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun and others.

In the wake of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the minority communities of Kukis, the Imphal valley has been talibanized on the pretext of saving the territorial integrity of erstwhile Manipur. However, the then United Manipur has already been separated on ethnic lines and it is not more a State but two states. Ethnic cleansing of the Kukis had been completed in Imphal valley and, therefore, an assertion of "territorial integrity" is not only absurd but also not practicable in reality.

With all the sophisticated weapons looted from the Police armouries are still in the hands of the radicalised armed groups, the Meitei common people have nothing to say but to follow the dictates of the radicalised armed outfits. Even the legislative pillar of the State had bowed down before the Arambai armed militants. Since then, the law and order has been taken over by the militant outfits, thus threatening not only the safety and security of the minority communities but the National security as a whole.

A clear evidence is visible as the Imphal valley has been witnessing a complete chaos of law and order situation. Rampant extortions, threats, intimidation and gun/bomb culture have become everyday affairs of the Meiteis' ancestral land.

In the latest episode of chaotic society, two bombs had exploded inside the residential gate of one of the Board of Directors of the Salai Holdings Private Limited Company, Chingtham Samson, 45, of Mayengbam Leikai, Imphal under the Singjamei Police station in Imphal West district, causing damage to five vehicles parked inside the residential area in the early hours on Saturday.



As per Police report, two masked men, suspected to be from the Proscribed armed outfits, coming out of a car parked on the roadside was captured in the CCTV camera installed on the roadside at the Singjamei Mayengbam Leikai along NH-102 and lobbed one grenade each inside the residential gate of Chingtham Samson at around 12:12 am.

After throwing the grenades, the masked man managed to escape from the scene in the same car.

The explosion caused damage to the windows, doors, and walls of the house and extensively damaged five vehicles parked inside the residence. Fortunately, there was no casualty reported in the blast, being the late night.

A team of Singjamei Police Station rushed to the spot and registered a case in this regard. Investigation is underway, the police said.

One must note that till the security forces are given the power to act under the Armed Forces (special powers) Act, 1958, any sort of illegal or anti-social elements are bound to take place in the valley areas. Central authorities must realise that lifting of AFSPA in the Valley was detrimental to the safety and security of the citizens as well as a constant threat to the National security.

# MISCREANTS SHOOT MAN ON BOTH LEGS IN MANIPUR

A 36-year-old man was shot by armed men in both his legs at an area of Lilong Nganglong Manung under the Lilong police Station in Thoubal district of Manipur on Friday night, the police said on Saturday.

Md Abdul Salam, (36), a resident of Golapati in Imphal East district was shot and injured in both his legs at around 9 pm on Friday.

Md Salam, son of Md Ito, was reportedly picked up by unknown armed men from his residence and shot one bullet each on his legs.

He has a record of illegal drug business in the state.

He is stated to be picked by some cadres of an armed outfit and later released with a warning not to step

into the shady drug business.

The injured person was rushed to the Noor Hospital in Lilong about 14 km from Imphal and given treatments.

The motive behind the attack would be imparting punishment for trading in the illegal drugs business, the report said.

Meanwhile, police said a suo-motto case was registered in this connection.

No outfit or individual claimed responsibility for the incident so far.

Source: [NE Now News](#)



Lianbawi @the\_singtangpa



The Union government's continued support for Biren Singh despite the violence. The statement by Amit Shah is that the chief minister has not been removed because "he is cooperating".

#ManipurViolence



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This threat does not come from China and Pakistan, but from an armed Meitei #ArambaiTenggol chief to the central government. This group once humiliated the Manipur government at Kangla Fort on Jan 24. This poses a serious threat to national security. How long will the central [Show more](#)



**FEATURED ARTICLE**

## Why the Centre Must Act in Manipur

**Deepak Sinha**

The mainstream media recently reported that the Union home minister, Amit Shah, after having reviewed the deteriorating communal situation in Manipur, has directed his ministry to organise a face-to-face meeting of representatives of both the Meitei and Kuki communities. While the intent behind this move is welcome, it can be nothing other than an exercise in utter futility. Truth is, talks would have had a positive impact if undertaken in full earnest when the ethnic clashes first broke out last year. Not only is it now a case of 'too little too late', but also suggests the MHA is completely out of touch with ground realities, as a civil war rages, that is slowly, but surely, engulfing the North East

Over the past year we have been witness to a car wreck in slow motion that has destroyed decades of socio-political progress and economic development in the State. Incidentally, this was only possible thanks to the efforts and sacrifice on the part of the Army, Assam Rifles and the CAPF that waged a relentless campaign against separatist elements. Unfortunately, over the past year, the Central Government has remained curiously ambivalent and disconnected from the state. As Lt

Gen Nishikanta Singh (Retd) recently tweeted, "I am just an ordinary Indian from Manipur living a retired life. The state is now 'stateless'. Life and property can be destroyed anytime by anyone just like in Libya, Lebanon, Nigeria, Syria etc. It appears Manipur has been left to stew in its own juice. Is anybody listening?"

The rift between the two communities appears unbridgeable as they face off along the Manipur River in Churachandpur District, and in Tengnoupal and Kangpokpi Districts. The Kuki/Zo communities find themselves totally isolated and besieged by militias owing allegiance to the majority community, openly supported by the State. The local government administration in the hill districts has become virtually non-existent. These communities can no longer travel to Imphal for any reason and in the event of having to travel outside the State are forced to make an arduous 16 hour road journey to Aizawl from Churachandpur. District Hospitals are perennially short of medical

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supplies and provide basic healthcare with funds collected from within the community. Reports allege that Lakhs of Rupees worth of medical supplies sent by NGO's as relief disappeared, allegedly with government connivance.

Surprisingly, despite the difficulties and inconvenience caused by this blockade, the Kuki community as a whole, while keen on peace, is reluctant to join any attempt to bring about reconciliation. They are quite happy to be free of the earlier endemic discrimination and constant humiliation they were subjected to by Meiteis occupying the higher rungs within the state and district administration and the police. This new-found freedom has led to a change in attitudes within the community. They no longer wish for a return to the pre-violence days status quo, but want the Centre to enact legislation that will give their districts greater administrative and financial autonomy within the state under Schedule 6.

The chief minister, Mr. Biren Singh, of the BJP, bears much of the responsibility for this tragic turn of events over the past year and is perceived to be openly supportive of the Meitei militias. Armed cadres belonging to the Arambai Tenggol and the separatist terror group, the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), openly roam the streets with their weapons, displaying their new found power, and are bent on loot and terrorising the locals. While much of the mainstream media continues to avoid covering the dire situation there, the people have clearly shown their displeasure with the current state of affairs by voting in Congress MPs for both the Inner and Outer Constituencies.

This has come as a huge embarrassment for Mr. Biren Singh and his militias, as also for the Tangkhul

dominated NSCN(IM). Despite the Nagas having been involved in the initial tribal protests opposing the grant of ST status to the Meitei community, which was the trigger for the targeting of Kukis and the ongoing violence, the NSCN ensured the Naga community remained 'neutral'. This has cost the NSCN(IM) hugely, both politically and in terms of credibility. By appearing to ally with the Meiteis, it has placed its claim for Greater Nagalim in complete jeopardy. This has led to rise of opposing factions within the Tangkhuls for the first time, challenging the dominance of the NSCN(IM). The Outer Manipur MP Elect, Alfred Kan-Ngam Arthur, himself a Tangkhul, is a beneficiary of this factionalism having won by 85000 votes. Given that the Naga talks with the Centre seem to be going nowhere, the NSCN(IM) finds itself becoming increasingly irrelevant, which may force it to take actions inimical to our national interest, in an attempt to gain sympathy within the community.

The existing state of affairs was not possible if the Army, Assam Rifles and the CAPF were not sidelined by the Centre. This was done by removing AFSPA from the Meitei dominate valley, thereby ensuring the Army and Assam Rifles have been put in veritable cold storage and left to fend for themselves with no clear mandate. As and when detachments are deployed for missions within the Valley, they are routinely subjected to harassment and abuse by the local police, Meitei Leepun, Arambai Tenggol and their separatist allies. There are numerous videos that have gone viral on social media showing cadres of the UNLF and Arambai Tenggol proceeding in armed convoys,

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in what appear to be SUV's looted from Automobile showrooms, openly threatening and abusing military personnel deployed at a checkpoint somewhere on the Imphal- Jiribam Road. The impact of all this on morale of troops is easy to visualise.

If it has already not done so, it is only a matter of time before the Chinese start pouring oil over troubled waters in this strategically important border state. This in turn, will add to the vulnerability that the entire North Eastern States already suffers. Clearly governance in the state is wholly compromised and in the hands of militant leaders, who are a law unto themselves. In these circumstances the Centre can no longer afford to be complacent and must act firmly with all powers at its command. There are four actions it needs to take. At the outset, it needs to appoint an experienced Governor who understands the complexities of tackling militancy, preferably a

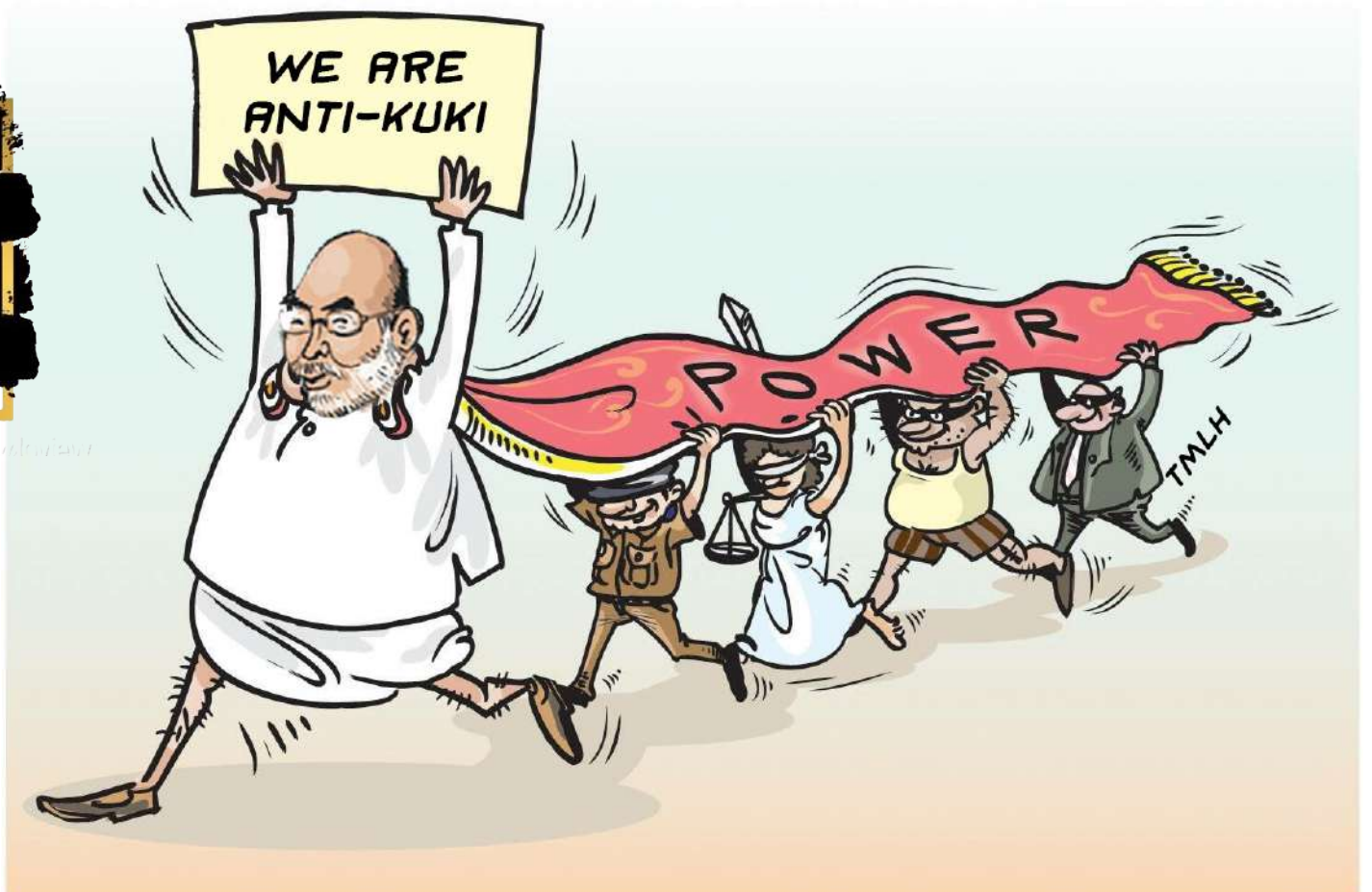
senior retired bureaucrat or military veteran from within the State.

Secondly, the Biren Singh government has lost its ability to govern, which implies the necessity for a declaration of President's Rule. Thirdly, there is a need to issue a proclamation declaring the complete state as a "Disturbed Area" thereby allowing for the promulgation of AFSPA for the entire state. The Army and Assam Rifles, should be tasked to neutralise all those involved in waging war against the state. Finally, before the SF commence action grant of amnesty should be announced for all militant groups and their cadres that turn themselves in, along with arms and other war-like stores in their possession, within 72 Hours at designated camps. It is only then that talks would have some hope of success.

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Lost in a lovely dream  
I slumbered so sweet,  
Clinging to each blissful scene,  
I feared to be stirred awake,  
Yet soon gone in morning's cut.

The sun sneaks in through the window,  
Glimpses of the future taunting,  
But in the summer sun I can only stare,  
When there is not much to say  
Than comment on the wilted May.

Ode to the moments that pass,  
To all the secrets left unsaid,  
Nostalgia of our blues every so often,  
So very vibrant and very real,  
Of which was once a floral May.

Now we stand on the sacrifices  
Of the innocent bloods of his and hers,  
In this episode of diaspora we must strive,  
For our Zalen and a better tomorrow,  
For their lives to not be in vain.

The once sweet colored memories  
Now tainted with reds and grays,  
The waking world cold and harsh,  
I crave for my dreams' warm embrace,  
Almost always I yearn for my sleep.

~ANGIE DOUNGEL