

# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



## AWAITING JUSTICE



### HAOKHOLET @ DANIEL HAOKIP (27 YEARS)

S/O (L) JAMTHANG HAOKIP  
ADDRESS: CHANGPIKOT, LAMKA  
DATE OF DEATH: 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023  
PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA  
CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.06.2024



**186**  
DEATHS



**200+**  
VILLAGES BURNT



**7000+**  
HOUSES BURNT



**360+**  
CHURCHES &  
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



**41,425+**  
DISPLACED  
PERSONS

**Thingkho Le Malcha (charred wood tied with chilli):** A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.

# JOINT KUKI BODIES OPPOSE ABROGATION OF FMR, PROPOSED ADC ELECTION; CALL FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

Various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) of the Kuki community have voiced vehement opposition against what they describe as state-sponsored ethnic cleansing and political marginalization. For over a year, the Kuki community has faced persecution, including violence aimed at driving them from their lands.

In a joint statement issued by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), Committee On Tribal Unity (CoTU), Indigenous Tribes Advocacy Committee (ITAC), Kuki Inpi Chandel and Kuki Inpi Tengnoupal, community leaders expressed their determination to fight for a dignified life free from fear and oppression.

Central to their grievances is the proposed removal of the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the Indo-Myanmar border, which they argue would forcibly separate families and communities. The tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Mizoram have also voiced solidarity against border fencing and FMR removal. "We urge everyone—officials, contractors, and others—to refuse to participate in any FMR-related activity."

Furthermore, the Manipur government's decision to suddenly conduct Autonomous District Council (ADC) elections amidst ongoing conflict has been met with strong resistance. The community leaders accuse Chief Minister Biren Singh of attempting to sow division among tribes by manipulating electoral processes. The statement also urged the public not to participate in the elections unless our political demands are met.

With violence flaring up in Jiribam district, which remained peaceful for the past year, the radical Meiteis are intent on destroying the last vestige of tranquility in the state. The joint statement requests the central government to set up a buffer zone to safeguard the lives of hapless minority tribals in the area. Lastly, it is clear that violence in Manipur will not end without a political solution that takes into account the needs and aspirations of minorities.

## JOINT STATEMENT

21st June 2024

After more than a year of state-sponsored ethnic cleansing in Manipur, the minority tribal community continues to be under siege from a malevolent majority that is intent on killing us and driving us out of our lands. But we will continue to fight for a dignified life for all tribals that is free from fear and oppression.

We are opposed to any move to separate or disunite us. In this regard, we are resolute in our opposition to the removal of the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the Indo-Myanmar border, as this will result in the forced separation of blood brothers on both sides of the border. The people of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Mizoram are also against border fencing and the removal of FMR.

We urge everyone—officials, contractors, and others—to refuse to participate in any FMR-related activity.

We are also opposed to the Manipur government's plans to conduct Autonomous District Council (ADC) elections, as it is clearly an attempt to create division among us by pitting us against each other. Chief Minister Biren Singh refused to conduct ADC elections for the past seven years (ever since he came to power in 2017) and emasculated all bodies that he did not control directly. The decision to suddenly conduct elections amidst the conflict is clearly an attempt to show division among the tribals. We urge the public not to participate in the elections unless our political demands are met.

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Lastly, it is clear that violence in Manipur will not end without a political solution that takes into account the needs and aspirations of minorities. And this should come at the earliest to end the suffering of the people. We urge the central government to expedite our demand for a Union Territory with a legislature under Article 239A. In this regard, a mass rally will be held on June 24, 2024, in Lamka, Pherzawl, Kanggui, and Tengnoupal districts. It is time for the center to listen and act.



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In a bid to push for their demands, including the establishment of a Union Territory with a legislature under Article 239A, the leaders of the CSOs have announced a mass rally scheduled for June 24, 2024, in multiple districts including Lamka, Pherzawl, Kanggui, and Tengnoupal.

The joint statement concludes with a plea to the central government to address their political grievances promptly, emphasizing that a lasting solution is essential to end the suffering of the minority communities in Manipur.

# INDEFINITE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY 37 CALLED OFF AFTER AGREEMENT WITH TAMENGLONG POLICE, AR, CRPF

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As per the agreements, the concerned district police of Tamenglong/Jiribam and other Security Forces deployed in both the district will ensure safety and movement of essential commodities and commercial vehicles to Kuki communities of Jiribam and Tamenglong including medical facilities etc.

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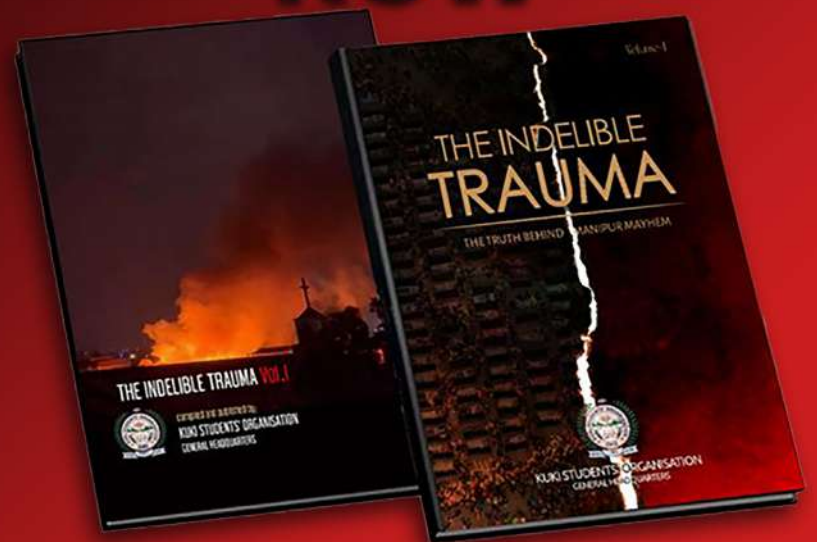


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## AVAILABLE AT

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- 2. Sadar Hills:** Thangrijoy (70857 76180)
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# MANIPUR GOVERNOR MEETS POLICE CHIEF, DIRECTS SWIFT ACTION IN VIOLENCE INCIDENTS

The Manipur Governor reviewed the law and order situation in the state on Thursday and directed the state police chief to initiate prompt actions against those involved in the recent violence.

Governor Anusuiya Uikey held a discussion with Director General of Police Rajiv Singh at Raj Bhavan in Imphal after fresh violence was reported from areas of Jiribam and Kangpokpi districts.

The Governor asked the police chief to ensure necessary security measures in Kangpokpi, Tengnoupal, Churachandpur, and all the valley districts.

Governor Uikey also asked DGP Singh to provide possible help to the displaced people in Jiribam district.

The DGP briefed the Governor about the recent incidents in Jiribam district and the follow-up actions taken by the state police with Central forces, while outlining security measures in other parts of the state.

She also stressed the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of security coverage along the two national highways to ensure the free passage of petroleum products and other goods-laden vehicles.

Security Advisor Kuldiep Singh also called on the Governor to apprise her about the security situation.



He informed the governor that adequate security forces, comprising state and Central security forces, have been deployed at many vulnerable places, including the interior far-flung areas of the district.

Even after a year of bloody ethnic violence between the Kuki and Meitei communities, tension grips many parts of the state, with fresh incidents of violence often being reported.

Earlier this week, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the central government will initiate talks with both the Meitei and Kuki communities at the earliest to bridge the ethnic divide in Manipur.

Source: [India Today](#)



**If you're a true warrior, competition doesn't scare you. It makes you better.**

*- Andrew Whitworth*

# MANIPUR WITNESSING 'UNDECLARED PRESIDENT'S RULE': MPCC PREZ

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Sushant Singh  
@SushantSin



This is what BJP's Manipur CM says about thousands of weapons from state armouries with the Meitei militia, Arambai Tennggol: "The organisation has pledged to surrender their weapons once the indigenous communities are provided safety from aggressors"

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# MANIPUR CHIEF MINISTER DENIES LINGERING VIOLENCE, PROMISES IMPROVED SECURITY MEASURES

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has reiterated his stance amidst ongoing unrest in the state, asserting that incidents of violence have reduced significantly despite sporadic outbreaks. Speaking to news reporters, Singh pointed out that out of the past 14 months, the state witnessed intense crisis for only 6-7 months, indicating periods of relative peace.

Singh highlighted that despite pockets of violence, schools and businesses have reopened, suggesting a return to normalcy. He attributed recent disturbances to temporary shortages in security personnel due to election duties but assured that reinforcements have been deployed to vulnerable areas, promising an improvement in the situation.

Since violence erupted on May 3rd, 2023, Singh has consistently denied persistent turmoil under his



administration, often stating that peace has been restored in Manipur. However, incidents like those in Jiribam district continue to challenge claims of complete normalcy or lasting peace in the region.

The chief minister remains optimistic about achieving a solution to the state's issues within the next 2-3 months, emphasizing ongoing efforts to stabilize security and restore order across Manipur.

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## MANIPUR CABINET APPROVES JOINT LOCAL ELECTIONS FOR ADC, PANCHAYATS AND MUNICIPALITIES IN SEPTEMBER 2024

In Manipur, the State Cabinet has greenlit the simultaneous conduct of local elections for Autonomous District Councils (ADC), Panchayats, and Municipalities tentatively scheduled for September 2024.

Moreover, the Cabinet has also approved seeking the viewpoints of the Hill Areas Committee (HAC) concerning ADC elections.

In response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis of internally displaced persons (IDPs) within Manipur, the State Cabinet has established a dedicated Cabinet Sub-Committee under Rule 13 of the Rules of Business of Government of Manipur. The Sub-Committee's primary mandate is to oversee the rehabilitation and resettlement efforts for IDPs affected by the current crisis.

Chaired by Minister of Works and YAS, Shri K. Govindas

Singh, the Sub-Committee comprises key ministers including Shri Awangbow Newmai (Water Resources and Relief & Disaster Management), Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh (Medical Health & FW and IPR), and Shri Khashim Vashum (A.H. & Vety. and Transport). Commissioner-cum-Home, Shri Gyanprakash Huirem (IAS), will serve as the Member Secretary, with the Committee directly reporting to the Chief Minister.

Recognizing the urgent need to address the aftermath of recent floods, the Cabinet has instructed Deputy Commissioners to swiftly complete damage assessments within one week. Immediate relief of Rs. 10,000/- per flood-affected family has been sanctioned to provide timely assistance and support during this challenging period.

**FEATURED EDITORIAL**

## Act Swiftly, End Manipur Strife Before It's Too Late

It is a welcome development that the Union government has chosen to take the path of talks to end the ethnic strife in Manipur after it broke out more than a year ago but the latest instance where a mob set fire to a bus that transported troops of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) after asking them to dismount points to the speed with which the situation in the border state is slipping out of hand.

Union home minister Amit Shah's statement after a review of the situation in the state that the Union government will be talking to the warring groups — Meiteis and Kukis — and ensure that the ethnic divide is bridged at the earliest follows reports of increased violence of a grave nature almost every day for the last several weeks. They are taking place in the capital Imphal as well as in remote areas. In fact, in the latest bout, around 2,000 villagers were forced to flee the border village of Jiribam and seek asylum in neighbouring Assam fearing more violence. It was only last week that rebels targeted the advance convoy party of chief minister N. Biren Singh. The Union government is justifiably worried about the strife spreading to new areas.

The public expression of angst by Mr Mohan Bhagwat, the leader of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, which is the ideological mentor of the leaders of the BJP including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr Shah, that it is time the Union government restored peace in the state after a year of mayhem, may also have prodded the Union home ministry into action.

Mr Shah's directive that Central forces be deployed strategically to restore peace and tranquillity in the state is a late but reassuring intervention. The Kuki tribes, one of the parties to the conflict, have long been complaining that the state police have been partisan. They have been favouring the Meities, the valley people. In fact, the Kukis have been seeking that the Central forces replace the state police for quite some time. Their deployment will go a long way in fulfilling the home minister's assertion that the government is fully committed to ensuring the safety and security of all the citizens in the state.

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But administrative actions alone cannot instill confidence in the people for the purpose of starting a meaningful process to return to normalcy. The very fact that the same people who wanted Central forces deployed in the state chose to attack their vehicle shows the desperation the rebels are forced to live with. At the same time, the incident ended without loss of lives which signals that there still exists mutual trust between the people and the forces.

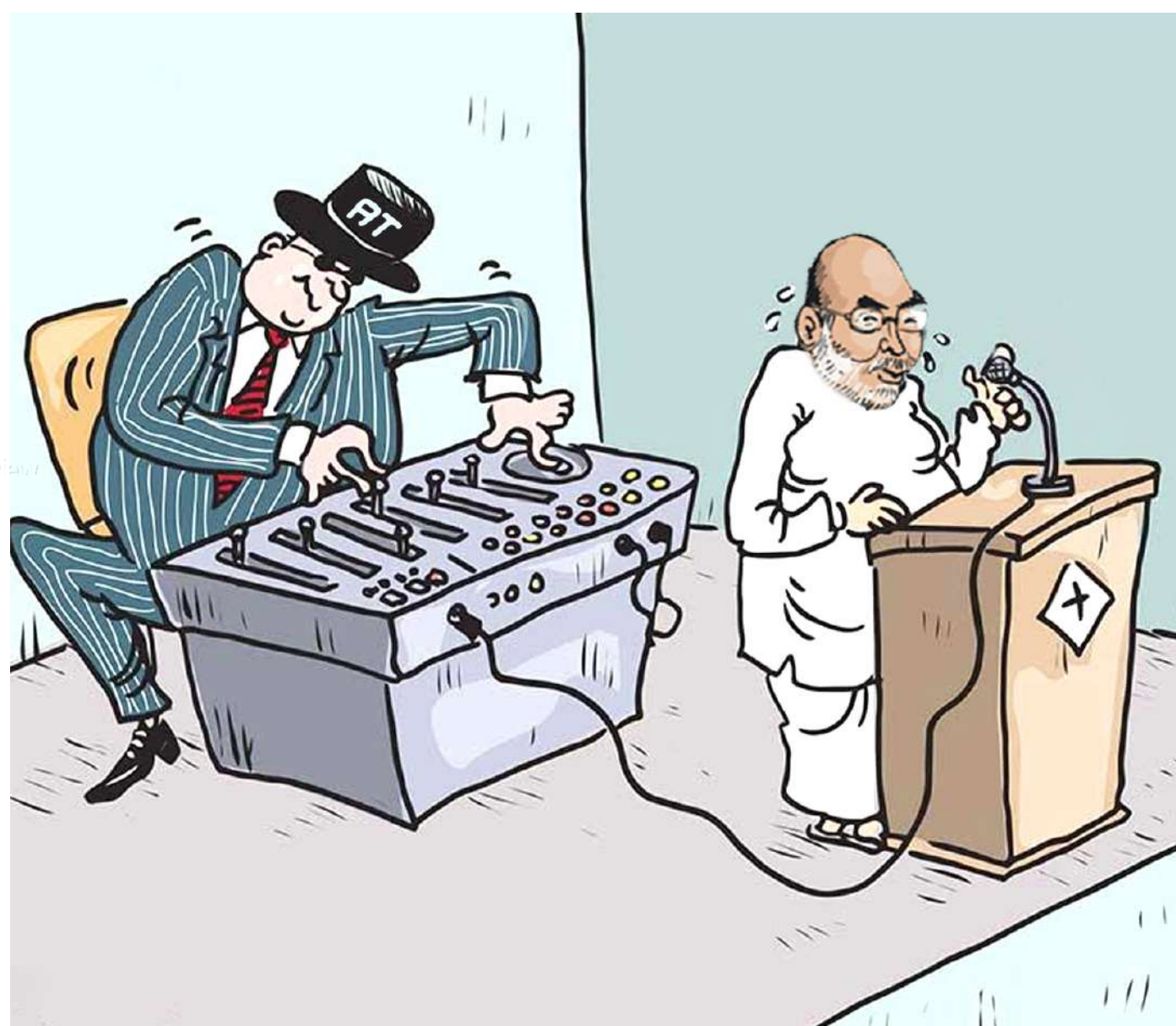
down in the state but the Union government did very little to address basic issues, one of which is the unacceptably partisan attitude of the police and administration at the behest of the chief minister. The Union government has given him a long rope but he has not been able to deliver. It is incumbent upon the government to be realistic and make honest moves while there is still some goodwill among the people.

It has been almost a year since the Supreme Court lamented that constitutional machinery has broken

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**THE  
MOUTHPIECE  
OF ARAMBAI  
TENGGOL**





# THE LAND WHERE HEARTS ARE STRONG

- Diana Phiamphu

Kuki voices rise with ancient pride,  
In unity and strength, side by side.  
Seeking justice, a rightful claim,  
To a realm where they can stake  
their name.

Mountains echo with their song,  
For independence, they've waited long.  
Each step forward, a tale of grace,  
For a separate path, their rightful place.

In the tapestry of their heritage deep,  
The seeds of freedom softly creep.  
A vision bright, a future grand,  
A land of their own, where they can stand.

With courage bold, they carve their way,  
Through trials faced, by night and day.  
For the Kukis dream of a land so free,  
Where they can live in harmony.

O, hear their call, let justice reign,  
Through storm and sun, through joy and pain.  
For a separate home where they belong,  
**In the land of the Kukis,**  
where hearts are strong.

