

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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THE TOLL OF INJUSTICE



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.

KIM APPEALS GOI, WORLD LEADERS, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES FOR INTERVENTION AND RESOLUTION TO END ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST KUKI CHRISTIANS IN MANIPUR

In the backdrop of the ongoing state-sponsored ethnic cleansing against Kukis in Manipur, Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex body of Kuki Tribes, has condemned the alarming indifference of the concerned authorities to the Kukis' genuine cause and called upon the Government of India, world leaders and international communities to acknowledge the generational subjugation and marginalisation of the Kuki community under the state government of Manipur.

The Kuki apex body appealed to all concerned parties to reject the imposition of a majoritarian Meitei appeasement politics as a mean to political coercion against the minority Kuki community that impedes the safety and security of the Kuki Christian community in the state of Manipur.

On behalf of the Kuki Christian community in Manipur, the Kuki Inpi Manipur expressed its sincere applause to the Arizona State Senator of the USA, Mr. Ken Bennett's concern and campaign which highlighted the need for justice and responsibility while seeking international attention to the ongoing genocide against the Christian community in Manipur by the Meiteis backed by the chauvinist Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and his private militia groups namely the Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) and the banned secessionist and valley-based insurgent groups (such as United National Liberation Front/UNLF, People's Liberation Army/PLA, Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup/KYKL, etc.)

In a statement issued on Sunday, the Kuki apex body accused the state machinery under the bigoted and communal Chief Ministership of N. Biren Singh as directly responsible for engineering and escalation and prolongation of the violence, displacement and killing of hundreds of Kuki Christians who have not only played a vital role in safeguarding Manipur but also sacrificed their lives during the Indian freedom struggle when the



Indian National Army (INA) led by Netaji Subash Chandra Bose marched in to India in the 1940s.

“The Northeastern Indian state of Manipur, which has plunged into total anarchy since May 2023, stood witness to a new low of lawlessness on January 24, 2024 when the Chief of an armed militia, the Arambai Tenggol, administered an oath to 37 members of the state legislative assembly and 2 members of the Parliament to carry on the systematic persecution and unremitting demonization of the Kuki Christian community in the state”, KIM said.

By all accounts, it alleged, members of Arambai Tenggol armed militia have been at the forefront of the ongoing persecution of the Kuki Christians by indulging in harassment, extortion, rampant rape, slaughter, arson and attack on villages. “Rampant injustice carried out by such militia group can also be visibly seen in the ongoing 18th Lok Sabha elections where Election Commission of India has ordered re-poll in 11 polling stations in the state after incidence of mob violence, shooting, booth capturing, and destruction of Electronic Voting Machines/EVM at various polling stations across

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Imphal by such armed militia aided and abetted by the CM as reported in the New York Times”, KIM added.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur also expressed deep concerns over the reign of anarchy of the Manipur state government and the indecision of the Central government to protect the community from further persecution by failing to grant the Kuki community the right to self-determination and governance within the realm of the Indian Union and address the urgent need for justice and accountability despite repeated appeals for assistance and intervention.

The statement also alleged that the Manipur government had submitted its authority to the armed militia groups to dictate the terms of the state administration while the Central government remained a mute spectator to such groups openly displaying the hundreds and thousands of looted sophisticated weapons and publicly giving

speeches, calling for the attack and annihilation of the Kuki Christians in the state.

“Despite tall claims on the oneness of the hills and the valley, today it is only the political boundary which forcefully binds them together as the hills and the valley have emotionally and physically departed since the eruption of the violence”, KIM said.

Stressing that the hollow chants of oneness of the hills and the valley must be stopped as no history can be placed on invented truth, the Kuki Inpi Manipur asserted, “The only lasting solution to Manipur violence is by granting separate administration for the Kuki community as they can no longer live with the perpetrators of the ongoing genocide”.

KYKL, PREPAK, NSCN-IM CADRES ARRESTED AHEAD OF 2ND PHASE POLL

Ahead of the second phase of elections to the Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency reserved for scheduled tribes, Assam Rifles, and Manipur police launched a series of combing operations along the Manipur-Myanmar border resulting in nabbing of seven insurgents of different outfits with the recovery of a huge case amount and arms and ammunition, officials said here on Monday.

The operations succeeded with the nabbing of five insurgents of the hills and valley underground groups.

Acting on specific intelligence of the presence of cadres in the general area Kangkum village, Kamjong District, Manipur, Assam Rifles launched an operation resulting in the apprehension of five hardcore cadres affiliated with the proscribed Kanglei Yaol Kanna Lup (KYKL), People’s Revolutionary Party



of Kangleipak, (PREPAK), and National Socialist Council of Nagaland -Issak Muiva (NSCN-IM).

An amount of Rs 1,86,720 was also recovered from them.

RE-POLL IN 11 POLLING STATIONS CONCLUDED; RECORDS 81.64% VOTER TURNOUT

Eleven polling stations in Manipur's valley area of the Inner Manipur constituency completed re-polling on Monday evening, recording a voter turnout of 81.64% as of 5 p.m.

After incidents of violence reported at these polling stations in Manipur on April 19, the Election Commission had ordered the re-polling.

Candidates from all political parties diligently inspected the polling stations located at Moirangkampu Sajeb and Thongam Leikai in the Khurai constituency, four stations in Kshetrigao, and one in Thongju within the Imphal East district. Additionally, re-polling was conducted at three stations in Uripok and one in Konthoujam, both situated in the Imphal West district.

Manipur, which has been grappling with instances of violence, intimidation, and disruptions to the electoral process, particularly witnessed during the Lok Sabha elections on Friday, experienced a day of peaceful re-polling. The earlier incidents included reports of firing, intimidation tactics, destruction of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), and allegations of booth capturing at various polling stations across the state.



To ensure a peaceful election, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Manipur has implemented stringent security measures across all polling stations. Heavy deployments of state police and Para Military forces were observed at the sites where re-polling was conducted today. Additionally, bulletproof vehicles were prominently positioned at nearly every polling station.



**There are no personal
sympathies in politics**

– Margaret Thatcher

POLICE PERSONNEL FROM MEITEI COMMUNITY REFUSE TO EXECUTE ELECTION DUTIES IN TAMENGLONG

Many Manipur police personnel who were assigned for election duties staged a demonstration at Imphal on Monday and refused to resume their duties in Tamenglong district which will go to the elections for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency reserved for scheduled tribes on April 26.

These striking police personnel in the Meitei community fear for their lives to render their election duties in the Tamenglong district as they have to pass through the Kangpokpi district predominantly inhabited by the Kukis, to reach Tamenglong.

The Manipur government has issued an order for 260 police personnel for election duties in Tamenglong of which 197 belong to the Meitei community.

On Monday, these 197 police personnel assigned for election duties staged a demonstration in front of the Ghanapriya Women's College, Imphal refusing to report to the concerned officials.

Police personnel tasked with the election duties in Tamenglong said, "We are not refusing our bounden duties. We are requesting the officials concerned to allot the election duties at the less vulnerable district/locations."

Despite the neutral stance maintained by the Naga community in the ongoing crisis, state Police personnel from the Meitei community felt unsafe in the hill areas predominantly dominated by the Naga community. This has exposed the deepening divides among the community and the mistrust between communities. The state and central government,



prior to Lok Sabha election, on many occasions, has claimed that the state is heading towards normalcy. But the reluctance of Meitei police personnel to go in hill areas have nullified the tall claims of the government. This only indicates that normalcy in the state is still a far cry.

For the second phase of elections, Manipur will go to the poll on April 26 in 13 assembly segments of eight districts located in the border areas of this strife torn state.

The first phase of elections for the Inner Manipur Lok Sabha seat and Outer Manipur LS seat in 47 assembly segments was held on April 19 with 72 per cent voting.

For the Outer seat, a total of four candidates — Indian National Congress, Naga People's Front, and two independents are in the electoral fray.

NSCN'S KITOVI ZHIMOMI IMPEACHED, ALEZO VENUH TAKES CHARGE AS GENERAL SECRETARY

In a significant development within the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN), N Kitovi Zhimomi, the Ato Kilonser (General Secretary), has been reportedly impeached. This move has stirred discussions within the political circles of Nagaland.

The acronym "GPRN/NSCN" stands for the Government of the People's Republic of Nagalim/National Socialist Council of Nagaland, representing a prominent Naga nationalist group involved in political activities in the region.

According to credible sources within the GPRN/NSCN, Alezo Venuh, who serves as the envoy to the collective leadership of GPRN/NSCN, has been unanimously elected as the new Ato Kilonser/General Secretary. This decision marks a significant shift in leadership dynamics within the organization.



Notably, Kitovi Zhimomi not only holds the position of Ato Kilonser but also serves as the convenor of the Working Committee of NNPGs (Naga National Political Groups), a coalition of Naga political groups engaged in peace talks with the Indian government. On the other hand, Alezo Venuh is the coordinator of the Working Committee/NNPGs.

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.

'TRIAL HAS TO GO OUTSIDE MANIPUR' : SUPREME COURT ON CASE AGAINST KUKI REVOLUTIONARY ARMY CHIEF & UKLF LEADER; SEEKS NIA RESPONSE

While hearing a petition filed by Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) Chief David Hangshing and United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) leader Lhunkhoson Haokip seeking transfer of trial of the arms theft case against them from Manipur to Assam, the Supreme Court today asked Additional Solicitor General Vikramjit Banerjee appearing for respondent-NIA to take instructions on which court/state would be more convenient.

The Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan listed the matter for next Monday (April 29), to enable the ASG to take instructions.

At the outset of the hearing, Justice Oka enquired from the petitioners' counsel as to which court the transfer was sought.

In response, the petitioners' counsel said "Guwahati". But on behalf of the NIA, ASG Vikramjit Banerjee pointed out the sensitivity of the matter and suggested that hearing could take place via video conferencing.

Unconvinced, Justice Oka said to Banerjee, "Why VC? The witnesses have to identify the accused who are present in the court, can't be done...".

The ASG sought to impress that it would be difficult to transfer witnesses (as many as 138 in number) out of the state, but to no avail. Countering his submission, Justice Oka recalled that one criminal case has already been transferred out of Manipur.

"This has to go out of the state. You tell us which state is more convenient", Oka J expressed.

A counsel appearing for respondent No.10-Yamthong Haokip, former Member of Manipur Legislative



Assembly, supported the plea for transfer saying it was a matter of his client's life. He suggested that the transfer may be made to Nagaland, which is at a distance of 140 kms from the village where most of the accused are.

Highlighting that judges should be available to try the case, Justice Oka instructed the ASG, "you find out which court will be more convenient, where adequate number of judicial officers are available... in the jail, those are in custody they can be taken there. Come back next Monday".

On a specific query, the petitioners' counsel could be heard informing the court that all accused now stand impleaded in the matter.

Background

To recapitulate briefly, between 2016 and 2017, a theft of 56 pistols and 58 magazines took place at Director General Pool Armory inside the 2nd Manipur Rifles Battalion premises.

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As per the prosecution case, the stolen pistols were sold to various separatist outfits (including the KRA and the UKLF) and the petitioners were involved in the conspiracy to sell. David Hangshing, in particular, was stated to have received some firearms from Yamthong Haokip.

The probe was undertaken by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which registered a case under Sections 120B/409 IPC and Section 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. A chargesheet was filed in 2019, wherein the petitioners were arrayed as accused No. 10 and 11. In 2020, the charges came to be framed under the IPC, UAPA and Arms Act.

While David Hangshing got bail in 2019, Lhunkhoson Haokip got bail in 2022.

As on May 3, 2023, the prosecution had examined 48 witnesses. However, the trial's progress was marred by ethnic clashes in Manipur. Accordingly, the plea for transfer of trial was filed emphasizing the need to ensure safety of the petitioners and a more accessible, secure, and transparent legal process.

In November, 2023, while issuing notice on their transfer plea, the Supreme Court stayed the trial against the petitioners.

Case Title: David Hangshing and Anr. v. National Investigation Agency and Ors., T.P.(CrI.) No. 671/2023

Source: [Live Law](#)

DOCTORS IN IMPHAL TO HOLD SIT-IN PROTEST OVER DEATH THREATS BY MEITEI GUNMEN

The Resident Doctors Association at JNIMS, along with all resident doctors and CMOs, will stage a sit-in protest following recent alarming incidents where doctors received death threats from unidentified gunmen within the ATC premises. These threats have deeply shaken the medical community, occurring twice within a mere four-day span.

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the protest aims to stand against such acts of violence and intimidation. The association has called for the participation of all resident doctors and CMOs, emphasizing solidarity in the face of adversity. Seeking support from JNIMS authorities and department heads, the association highlights the urgent need to address the prevailing lawlessness, particularly concerning the influence of gunmen, militants, and Arambai Tenggol in the valley.

These threats, suspected to be linked with

monetary demands by Meitei gunmen, Arambai Tenggol, and Meitei militants, underscore the widespread impact of mass extortion activities. The doctors' plea sheds light on the relentless activities of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei militants, implicating them in various antisocial behaviors, including violence and intimidation.

Despite mounting evidence and social media documentation implicating the involvement of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei militants in violent disruptions during the recent polling stations' incidents, reluctance persists within the Meitei community to acknowledge their role. However, the doctors' courageous stance signals a growing awareness of the Meitei populace it was the Arambai Tenggol who have creating chaos in the valley all this while.





NEWS ANALYSIS

After Unprecedented Violence Marred the Lok Sabha Elections in Imphal, Will the Meiteis Learn Their Lessons?

Since the beginning of the current ethnic violence, the Kuki-Zo community has never blamed the entire Meitei community for initiating the violence, but rather placed the responsibility on the radicalized sections including the Arambai Tenggols, Meitei Leepuns, the titular King Leishemba Sanajaoba, and Mr. N. Biren Singh.

This stance has been corroborated by the Indian Army, including the Assam Rifles, and a few Meitei intellectuals and social activists. However, anyone speaking the truth has been labelled as anti-Meitei, and against the state. As such, any dissenting voices have been silenced for good.

While neutral voices such as the Indian Army have faced FIRs and public shaming for allegedly taking sides, Meitei social activists have often been threatened or their houses vandalised. Notable figures whose homes were targeted by unruly mobs include former decorated Police Officer Thounaojam Brinda, noted human rights activist Babloo Loitongbam, and Hon'ble MP and Union Minister of State Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.

In the case of Th. Brinda, her house was attacked and she was also coerced into apologizing on camera by violent mobs for disclosing that the current ethnic turmoil was instigated by Arambai Tenggols and Meitei Leepuns on at least two occasions. Similarly, Babloo was compelled to issue a public apology for an interview

he gave to a national media outlet. The residence of Inner Manipur MP RK Ranjan was vandalized twice for being critical of the state government led by N. Biren Singh.

What these public figures have in common is that they all belong to the Meitei community and have never sided with the Kukis. Instead, they advocate for effective handling of law and order by the state government. Secondly, they are not against the Meiteis but are critical of the role of the state, including Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, and Meitei militias like the Arambai Tenggols, Meitei Leepuns, and M. Barish Sharma-led BJYM.

It is noteworthy that the rise of such radical neo-Nazi-like Meitei militia groups has coincided with the rise of Biren Singh as the nincompoop Meitei-centric communal leader. In fact, since Biren has failed to deliver on the education, economy, and development front, the primary agenda of his government, or for that matter the BJP, has been to suppress any dissenting voice.

Now, with the conclusion of the first phase of elections for the two Lok Sabha seats in Manipur, albeit with 11 polling stations recommended for repolling tomorrow, it has become evident that all

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these neo-Nazi-like militia groups are supported and sponsored by Biren Singh's government to perpetuate its kakistocratic regime.

For a long time, the Kukis have lamented how these radicalized Meitei groups have unleashed such a violent ethnic pogrom, but, the common people among the Meiteis have been indoctrinated with anti-Kuki sentiments to the extent that they are unable to discern right from wrong. Though belated, the actions of the Arambai Tenggols, Meitei Leepuns, and Barish Sharma-led BJYM thugs on election day have somewhat opened the eyes of the Meitei masses.

Following the unprecedented violence and multiple acts of terrorism involving gunmen wielding sophisticated weapons such as AK-47s, INSAS Rifles, and SLRs in support of the BJP candidate, some individuals have begun to speak out against the role played by these militias. Despite the Meitei community's pride in their 2000-year-old civilization with advanced culture and tradition, their failure to recognize the danger posed by such Meitei militias demonstrates their intellectual bankruptcy. If they had realized sooner, much of the destruction since May 3, 2023, could have been avoided, and the Kukis and Meiteis could have continued living together peacefully.

However, the question remains: Have the Meiteis learned their lessons? Perhaps, the answer could be affirmative. Then, will the Meitei masses continue supporting such terrorist groups hell-bent on destroying the idea of Manipur? It is up to them to decide if they still possess a sense of humanity.

At this moment, it is unlikely that the Meitei community will acknowledge their mistakes soon for various reasons. Firstly, they have been fed with one-sided news all along since day one through the Imphal-based propaganda outlets, making it extremely challenging for them to separate the grain from the husks, or the truth from propaganda. Secondly, since all rational voices have been forcefully silenced, there is no one to enlighten their wicked minds. Therefore, the dissemination of fake news and false propaganda is likely to persist.

Among the Meiteis in Imphal, the unwritten rule is: either support Biren Singh and his cohorts or remain silent!

It is also worth noting that even their professors like Dr. A. Bimol Akoijam who took pride in being a faculty of one of the most prestigious universities in the country have repeatedly spoken in support of the Arambai Tenggols and the likes, but only to face consequences, and had tasted a dose of his own medicine. Similarly, the dumbass politician Maheshwar Thounaojam is now seen shedding crocodile tears after performing poorly in the election. Perhaps, he was also part of the voices that actively contributed in shaping what he is crying foul about now.

Given the sequence of events in the past 11 months, during which the Meitei community has lived under the false hope of defending its motherland with the help of Meitei militias like the Arambai Tenggols, Meitei Leepuns, and Manipur Police, it is unlikely that they will learn from their mistakes soon. Instead, they might continue to think that it is these pseudo-nationalist groups who have been defending them against the stronger 'Kuki militants'. Even if they somehow recognize that Biren Singh and his private militias are behind all the chaos and destruction, the majority of them will prefer to remain silent. For, as the saying goes, it is better to be safe than sorry in the midst of mad dogs.

Whatever may be the outcome of the current ethnic cleansing campaign initiated by these militias with the open support of Biren Singh government, the future generations will blame the silent majority within the Meitei community more than the radicalized sections. The sooner they realize this, the better it will be for the Meiteis and their beloved Kangleipak. For the Kuki-Zo community, it will no longer make any difference, anyway.



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ARAMBAI TENGGOL IS READY TO ANNIHILATE KUKIS.

Details of Arambai, its Chief Korounganba & members are available in public domain but why are they still not banned or arrested?

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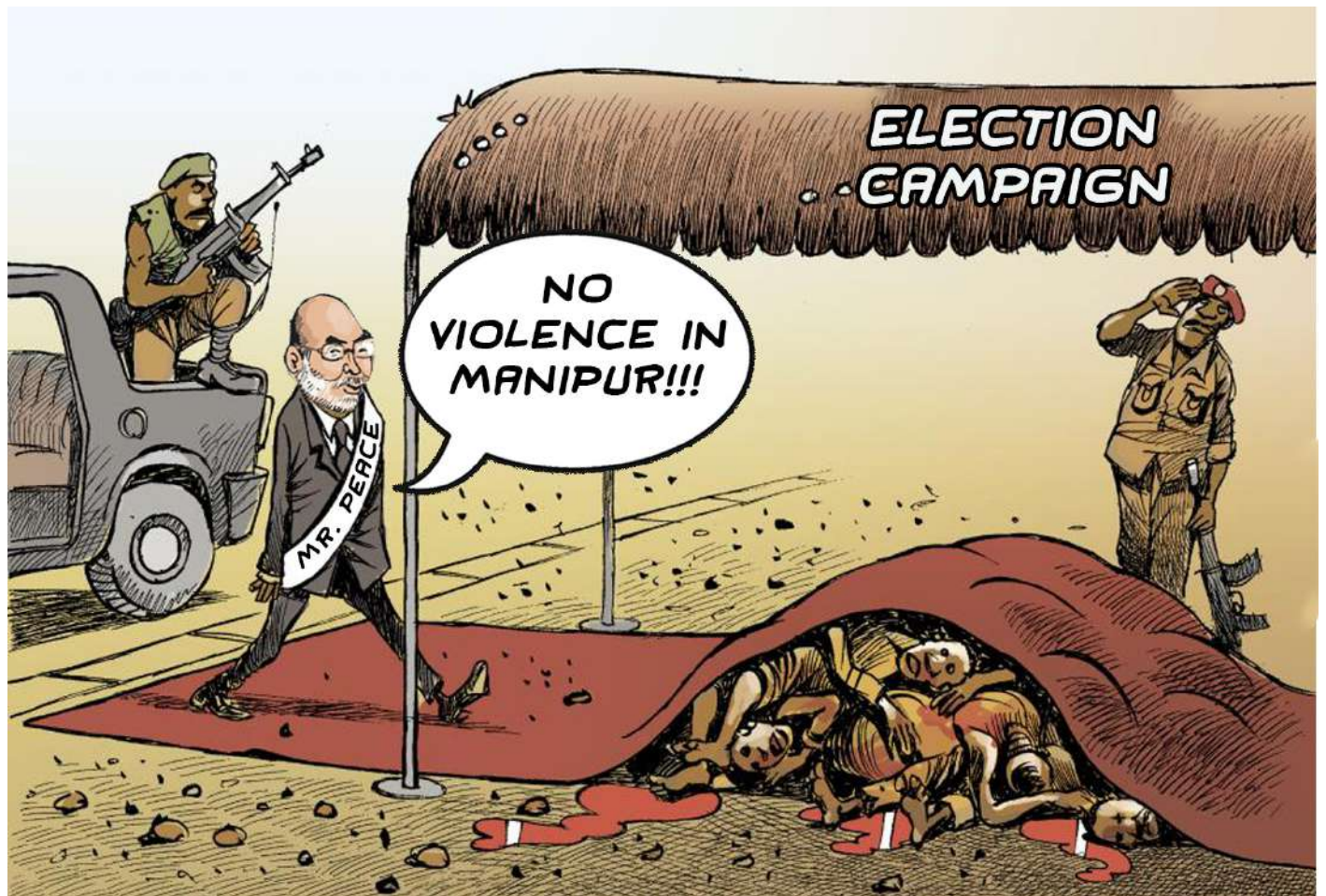
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Manipur:— Indian elections phase 1 update

- The first phase of India's 18th Lok Sabha Polls began on April 19, covering 102 seats across 21 states.
- Amidst reports of chaos, including alleged threats by Arambai Tenggol at the Eroisemba polling booth, concerns over fair... [Show more](#)



THE BIREN'S 'PEACEFUL CAMPAIGN'





The Forgotten People

The people who once fought hard to sets the Country free from the Britishers.

The people who fears none, standing brave and bold.

The people who once was known as a warrior.

The people who fought a war with KHANKHO in them.

“KUKI” we are named!

The people who deserve its own land yet forgotten long.

Today may seem dark!

Today we may be left with no rights to even get our education.

Today we may be hurt and sad.

Today we may be torn into pieces with a heartache.

Today we may be homeless.

Today we may be left forgotten.

But Tommorrow we will rise!

Tomorrow we will have our own land.

Tomorrow we will have our own freedom.

Tomorrow we will be unforgotten.

Today we still have our hope for tomorrow,

Because the God we have will make it happen when the time is right.

-Tingngainem Lhungdim