

Thingkho Le Maleha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



Phaibem RELIEF CENTRE

Hills Academy, Phaibem Village, Lamka

Managed by
Kuki Khanglai Lawmpi
General Headquarters(KKL-GHQ)

Total Inmates Registered: 38*

■ Male: 14

■ Female: 24

*As on 17th August, 2023



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 10.01.2024



158
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.

MHA'S MEETING WITH ARAMBAI TENGGOL RAISES "GRAVE APPREHENSIONS" IN RESOLVING THE PROTRACTED ETHNIC CRISIS IN MANIPUR SAYS KUKI APEX BODY

The apex body of the Kuki tribes, the Kuki Inpi Manipur, or the KIM, conveyed its profound disturbance over the recent meeting between representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Arambai Tenggol amid the persisting turmoil in the state - a situation largely orchestrated allegedly by the latter, considered a radicalized influential Meitei group.

A special team of MHA headed by AK Mishra landed on a special charter flight from Delhi at Imphal Airport on Monday afternoon at around 5:30 pm and straightaway from the airfield met with the Arambai Tenggol leaders at the residence of Rajya Sabha MP Leishemba Sanajaoba.

The MHA's special team comprising of Advisor AK Mishra, Joint Director IB, Mandeep Singh Tuli, and Joint Director SIB Imphal, Rajesh Kumble was reportedly sent by Union Home Minister Amit Shah barely a few days after the Arambai Tenggol summoned a meeting of all Meitei MLAs and MPs at Kangla on January 24.

The group had demanded the compulsory attendance of all the Meitei MLAs and MPs failing which they were warned of facing dire consequences. They had also warned that none of the MLAs and MPs should resign before the January 24 meeting, amid speculation about the possible resignation of the Chief Minister and MLAs on social media and some mainstream media.

The Arambai Tenggol's leader, Korounganba Khuman, after the meeting with the MHA team, shared on his Facebook the specific demands raised during the meeting.

The demands include strict NRC in the state with 1951 as the base year, abrogation of the SoO agreement with the Kuki militants, deportation of all Myanmarese refugees to Mizoram, border fencing, removal of Assam Rifles and replacement with other central forces, and delisting Kukis from the ST list.

Alleging that it was founded and spearheaded by Rajya Sabha MP, Leishemba Sanajaoba, under the patronage of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh, the Kuki Inpi Manipur stated that the Arambai Tenggol is the principal architect of the ongoing alleged state-sponsored, and pre-planned ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki-Zo people.

It also alleged that Arambai Tenggol bears direct

responsibility for the alleged gruesome massacre of over 160 Kuki-Zos, the deliberate incineration of more than 200 Kuki-Zo villages, resulting in the forced displacement of over 41,425 people owing to the complete obliteration of their homes and possessions.

The Kuki apex body further alleged that Arambai Tenggol is illegally in possession of more than 6000 sophisticated weapons and a significant stockpile of ammunition, purportedly provided by the Manipur State Government while the group is acknowledged for harboring Valley-Based Insurgent Groups, or the VBIGs under its banner.

KIM then stated that the unsettling meeting raised "grave apprehensions" regarding the MHA's strategy for addressing the protracted ethnic crisis, now spanning eight months.

Furthermore, it seems fitting for the Ministry of Home Affairs to take decisive action against terrorist organizations like Arambai Tenggol, its patrons, and sympathizers, given the multitude of anti-constitutional activities perpetrated by the organization that is responsible for the rape, mutilation, and immolation of hundreds of Kuki-Zo people, stated KIM.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur also implored the Ministry of Home Affairs to not only scrutinize the alarming situation but also to proactively bring an end to the reign of terror imposed by entities such as Arambai Tenggol, its supporters, and those sympathetic to its alleged chauvinistic cause.

While conveying its unwavering trust in the Government of India to safeguard the Kuki-Zo community from the oppressive dominance of the alleged radical Meitei leadership, the Kuki Inpi Manipur stated that firm in its conviction, the Kuki-Zo leadership stands resolute, prepared to ardently safeguard the community's collective dignity and unwavering integrity to the utmost extent.

"In the face of potential threats to our community's well-being, we stand united, poised to confront any challenges that may jeopardize the cherished values and identity of the Kuki-Zo people", it added.

ITLF REACTS TO MANIPUR MLAS' RESOLUTION: PRIORITY SHOULD BE DISARMING ARAMBAI TENGGOL AND MEITEI LEEPUN

Vehemently reacting to the resolution adopted by 34 MLAs of Manipur on Monday, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) said that instead of pointing fingers at the Kuki-Zo community for the ongoing violence, the government should instead disarm the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun who are responsible for looting huge cache of weapons from the state government armouries and prolonging the violence by attacking Kuki-Zo areas at their whims and fancies, aided by the men in power and the state's forces.

It may be noted here that the Manipur government on Sunday adopted a series of resolution pertaining to the ongoing violence in the state during a meeting of MLAs held in Imphal. The meeting was attended by 34 legislators of the ruling government. Altogether, seven Naga legislators also attended the assembly, of which four are from the Naga People's Front (NPF), two from BJP and one from NPP.

Regarding the 34 MLAs' demand for complete disarmament of all illegal arms in the possession of miscreants and unauthorized persons in the entire State at the earliest by central and state forces, ITLF Secretary Muan Tombing said, "Why should not they disarm the Arambai Tennggol and Meitei Leepun first, instead of pointing fingers at the Kuki-Zo communities."

He said, there are many illegal arms that were looted from the state arms Cote which is estimated to be around 5000 sophisticated weapons and more than 5 lakhs ammunition that they are using to fight and kill the Kuki-Zo communities.

Denying the allegation leveled by the 34 MLAs that sophisticated weaponry such as Rocket Propelled Grenade launchers on Indian soil are used by Myanmar based armed militants, Tombing said there has been no proof of Myanmar militants' involvement



in the fight for protecting Kuki-Zo's territory.

"ITLF and the Kuki-Zo people feel that the central forces are maintaining total neutrality. The only thing is that the Meitei militants who are attacking the Kuki-Zo in the hills areas could not annihilate the Kuki-Zo because of the presence of central security forces."

Why do the central team meet the Meitei radical group Arambai Tennggol who are rather the instigator of the ongoing violence? Are they supporting the Arambai Tennggol in their attacks to the Kuki-Zo communities, he questioned.

The resolutions adopted by the Manipur MLAs on January 21 address critical issues, emphasizing immediate and decisive action to end the cycle of violence, disarmament, and ensure public safety in sensitive areas. The legislators express concerns about SoO agreements with armed militant groups, calling for the abrogation of such pacts. The resolution also urges strict instructions to forces, holding them accountable and replacing those failing to respond appropriately, to rebuild public trust, particularly in areas like Moreh, Bishnupur, Imphal West, Kakching, among others."

SECURITY TIGHTENED AT KANGLA FORT AHEAD OF LIKELY MEET BETWEEN MLAS AND MEITEI ORGANISATION

Kangla Fort, which lies in the heart of Imphal City, has been fortified with heavy state and central forces ahead of the meeting, most likely to take place tomorrow, between Meitei MLAs and Arambai Tengol, which has been called by the latter.

In Manipur, security personnel are normally positioned in Imphal a few days ahead of the Republic day. But seeing the heavy deployment of security with advanced weaponry at all entrances of Kangla Fort, it is but clear that the security arrangement is not being taken up only for Republic Day. It is being speculated that security is being tighten up in connection with the meeting called by Arambai Tengol, a Meitei socio-cultural organisation.

While there has been no official confirmation from the government or the MLAs regarding the meeting, the presence of heavy security at the Kangla Fort indicates that the meeting is most likely to take place tomorrow as per the date set by Arambai Tengol.

Earlier, the state government had planned to carry out full rehearsal for the Republic Day Parade. But as per an official order issued this evening, Republic Day rehearsal has been postponed till January 25.

It may be mentioned that Arambai Tengol had sent written invitations to all Meitei MLAs and ministers including Chief Minister N Biren Singh to attend a meeting at 10 am on January 24 at Kangla Fort. Through the invitations, the Arambai Tengol appealed to all the Meitei MLAs and ministers to be present at the meeting without fail.

In the invitation letter, the Arambai Tengol had mentioned that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss about what the Meitei community should do in the face of current crisis.



Earlier today, the Arambai Tengol members had conducted the second round of talks with the three-member special Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) team in Imphal.

As per highly placed sources, during the meet, the Arambai Tengol have put up the demand for conducting an updation of the National Register of Citizenship (NRC) in Manipur with the base year being put at 1951. Another demand put forth is for the abrogation of the Suspension of Operation (SoO) with the hill based outfits. The third demand is to deport refugees from staying in detention centres in neighbouring Mizoram. The Meitei orgsaisation has also demanded to completely replace the Assam Rifles in the state with another central force. And lastly, the demand has been made to delist all alleged illegals in Manipur from the Scheduled Tribe list.

Manipur has been witnessing ethnic strife since May last year and more than 180 people have been killed.

Source: India Today NE

LOK SABHA POLLS 'TENTATIVE DATE' REVEALED? EC CLARIFIES

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer in Delhi has communicated a tentative date for the Lok Sabha elections in a circular addressed to the 11 District Election Officers (DEOs).

According to the circular, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi specified April 16, 2024, as the provisional poll day, intending it for reference purposes and to assist in calculating start and end dates in the Election Planner.

This circular was dispatched by Assistant CEO T. Misao.

The official X handle of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi, took to social media to clarify that the mentioned date is purely for "reference" and is intended for officials to plan activities accordingly.

Responding to media queries about a circular from @CeodelhiOffice, the post emphasized that April 16, 2024, was indicated solely as a reference for officials to plan activities based on the Election Planner of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

To address any potential confusion, the poll panel issued a comprehensive statement, asserting that the tentative poll date specified in the circular holds no significance to the actual election schedule.

The statement clarified that the April 16, 2024, date was provided for reference purposes only, allowing election

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PRESS NOTE
(CLARIFICATION)

New Delhi

Dated: 23.01.2024

Some media queries are coming referring to a letter dated 19/01/2024 issued by Office of CEO, Delhi to clarify whether 16/04/2024 is tentative poll day for Lok Sabha Election 2024.

In this regard, it is clarified that in the run-up to the ensuing Lok Sabha Election 2024, it is required to plan and complete a large number of activities pertaining to election. ECI Planner enlists all such important activities and provides Start date and End date with reference to an imaginary poll date as reference point to initiate and complete those activities.

Since, most of the activities are to be undertaken at the level of all District Election Officers/Returning Officers, in order to sensitize them to ensure timely start and completion of the activities as per the Election Planner, office of CEO Delhi, issued a letter dated 19.01.2024 to all District Election Officers, indicating 16.04.2024 as a tentative poll date purely for the purpose of advance planning, preparations and completion of activities related to ensuing General Election to Lok Sabha 2024.

Therefore, the date 16.04.2024 mentioned as tentative Poll Date in the letter was only for reference purpose for the election officials to plan activities as per Election Planner of ECI and has no bearing on the actual schedule of election which shall be announced by ECI at an appropriate time.

officials to plan activities in accordance with the Election Planner of the ECI.

The official election schedule would be announced by the ECI at an appropriate time.



**Sometimes you have to pick the gun up
to put the Gun down.**

– Malcolm X



INFORMATION

The 23rd January, 2024

Following the directives from the Kuki Students' Organization General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ), the KSO Delhi General Secretary met the Director General of CRPF at the latter's office today.

Initially, they briefed the challenges faced by candidates intending to participate in the Imphal examinations. Subsequently, they requested arrangements for conducting the DIG recruitment Medical examination in both Kangpokpi and Churachandpur for Kuki candidates. The DG responded by stating that there is an arrangement in Churachandpur.

Regarding Kangpokpi, it was deemed unfeasible due to i) Time Constraints, as the examination is scheduled for January 29, ii) the absence of a CRPF camp in the district, and iii) a lack of medical experts and equipment in the area. Consequently, bonafide KPI residents were urged to undergo the Medical Examination in either Guwahati or Churachandpur.

Following this, an additional request was made to allow all Kuki candidates, regardless of their district (except CCPUR residents), to appear in Guwahati, with arrangements made for their transportation. The following instructions were provided in response: i) Compile a comprehensive list of candidates district-wise and submit it via email to the Directorate General CRPF - New Delhi. ii) For transportation from Kangpokpi to Guwahati, the DG advised the KSO to write an application to the Deputy Commissioner, copying the same letter to the General CRPF. The CRPF will also coordinate with the DC in this regard.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Arambai Tenggol's Demands: A Questionable Pathway Marked by Atrocities and Ethnic Cleansing in Manipur

You do not change the course of history by turning the faces of portraits to the wall”- Jawaharlal Nehru. Only if the Meitei in general and Arambai Tenggol in particular knew, they will not have to commit the atrocities and crimes just so they can wipe away Kuki History in Manipur.

The de-facto ruler of Manipur, the Arambai Tenggol chief listed his demands to the Central Government. One could not help but ponder after scanning through the demands, why the ethnic cleansing? Why the violent path and atrocities against the Kuki-Zo community just for these demands? Why not a democratic and constitutional path, although most of its demands are meitei-centric, against India’s national interest and are baseless? Their demands are asymmetrical to their heinous acts. Such makeover demands would never deceive any logical and rational being.

The demands of Arambai Tenggol are:

1. Strict implementation of NRC based on the 1951 census. To deport all defaulters to their respective states/countries.
2. Abrogate SoO Agreement with warring groups and take strict actions.
3. Transfer all Myanmar infiltrators who are kept at detention centres to Mizoram because Mizoram loves them dearly.
4. To start border fencing.
5. To replace Assam Rifles with other para-military forces because Assam Rifles remained mute spectators even as large-scale poppy cultivation was taking place within their jurisdiction.
6. To revoke the ST status of illegal Kuki immigrants.

Illegal immigrant issue, as far as Manipur is concerned, is not as dire and grave as those of Assam or J&K, rather is a new issue created taking advantage of the awareness of other Indians on the seriousness in those states by the majority community of Manipur just to oppress a particular community with no realistic threats. However, the Kuki-Zo community has no problem with the implementation, but if the demand for NRC is to winnow Indians from other states who resided in Manipur after 1951 NRC survey and Indians recognised under the acts of various amendments under the citizenship acts of 1951, then the demand for 1951 NRC as a base year violates the Fundamental right guaranteed under article 19(1)(e) which gives every citizen the rights to reside in any part of India. Since ILP in the Manipur regime started in December 2019 only, it does not fall under the Exceptions of Areas under Article 19(1)(e) until 2019.

India follows the principle of Jus soli until 1st July 1987, which means regardless of the nationality of one’s parents, he/she is an Indian citizen if one is born on Indian soil. From 2nd July 1987 to 2 December 2004, one is a citizen of India if either of his parents is an Indian at the time of his birth. Thus if NRC is implemented in tune with ILP of 2019 in Manipur, then it shall set another baseline altogether. If their demand for the implementation of NRC is to be granted, then our concern of its manipulation by the Meitei community who controls both the state government and all the

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important government departments that shall handle the process has to be taken seriously and a solution for fair and transparent process has to be designed as well.

Many Nations around the world considers India as a champion of Human Rights and Democracy, and India's Foreign policies declared its unwavering support for democratic movement and the fight against any oppression. The fact remains that Some illegal immigrants are Refugees, the so called illegal immigrants from Myanmar are victims of a Military Government and its violation of Human Rights in Myanmar, what message does Arambai Tenggol want the Indian government to send out to the global community, that Arambai Tenggol's demand are more important than India's Foreign Policy commitment? Rather their stay in India can be a leverage to India in maintaining a close tie with Myanmar for when the country succeeded in its war for democracy.

Meitei community's hatred for Assam Rifles goes back to history. Poppy cultivation is just another excuse to drive them away again like how they drive away from Kangla Fort in Imphal. They will create a mountain out of a molehill just to defame the Assam rifles, thus their inclusion in the list is a necessity for any Meitei organization's demand.

It is considered a success for any government when it succeeds in convincing groups and organizations that sought unconstitutional and violent paths to fight for its demands to shift their path to a democratic non-violent path under the constitutional framework. Withdrawal of SoO Agreement with concerning groups will undermine the trustworthiness of the Central Government. With many insurgent groups operating in different states, India will send out the message that an attempt by the government to reach out so as they settle the demands in a democratic way under the constitutional mechanism is just an excuse to annihilate their organization and their cause. SoO is seen as a threat as it is an institution through which the Kuki-Zo initiated and continues its political dialogue to state its demands, thus the demand for abrogation of SoO agreement is an attempt on the part of the Meitei community to abrogate the demands of the Kuki-Zo and underscore the superiority mindset that only their Way shall work undermining the Kuki needs and concerns.

With Meitei terrorist groups and militant outfits operating outside the ambit of the SoO mechanism, the abrogation will not end insurgency or militancy in the state, it will

only mean an increase in the number of groups outside the ambit of SoO. The sad truth is Unless all of them are annihilated none of it will be annihilated.

The Scheduled Tribe status of Kukis is given based on the parameters and criteria of the government of India, a particular community's hatred against a community recognised as ST cannot be the criteria for its removal.

When the Meitei community is one amongst the most literate and developed societies of India, where even the poorer and weaker sections in their community are taken care of in the upliftment process along with other Socially and Economically Backward sections of India by including them in the reservation under the OBC and EWS sections respectively. They have the population in Manipur, thus the government and executive are under their control, for democracy is a game of numbers. Their control and power in all important government departments are incomparable to other communities of the state. Sited in the most fertile land of the state, they are both the rice and vegetable suppliers of the state, they have monopoly over secondary and tertiary sectors of the state. Still, their demands for ILP to protect their socio-cultural heritage and to solve the population concern is even fulfilled, although it has been always the Central Government's goal to promote and achieve peaceful and harmonious co-existence. The question then is, what more do they want?

Yes India is a Democratic country and any section of the community has the right to demand their needs and wants, but they must not forget they live in a heterogeneous society where the cultural, traditional, social and economic concerns, needs and values of other communities has to be respected and considered as well. Why the ethnic cleansing when there are more peaceful and democratic ways or means to raise their demands and concerns. No amount of excuses and a bogus demand-list can justify and wipe away their heinous acts and evil intentions, the fact shall always remain, as it was, is and will always be a pogrom executed against the Kuki-Zo to achieve the goals unachievable under the constitutional mechanism. Thus it would not be wrong to conclude that the list of demands is simply an unfulfillable list intended to hide their real agenda.

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Complete Anarchy in Manipur: Unraveling the Nexus with Arambai Tenggol

For almost nine months, Manipur has witnessed a concerning trend where armed radical groups such as the Arambai Tenggol seized control of the law and order, posing a significant threat to the stability and peace. Motivated by a desire for power and the thrill to kill and unleash fear, these groups exploited the political instability to further their agenda of cleansing the ethnic Kuki minority. The use of force, armoured lootings, threats and intimidation became a means to an end, as they seek to impose their radical ideologies on the Kukis.

What is more interesting is the way these armed radicalised groups become key players in shaping the political landscape of the state. They have frequently even defied governmental authority, even creating their own parallel governing structures. The most recent development is the chief of the Arambai Tenggol Korounganba Khuman seeking a secret meeting at the Kangla Fort with MLAs and MPs of Manipur. An armed radical leader clandestinely convening with elected representatives has raised serious concerns regarding the integrity of democratic governance and the potential ramifications for society at large. Such secret meetings carry a host of ill effects that undermine the principles of transparency, accountability, and

the rule of law. The covert alliances between the government and the radical militia is breeding suspicion and undermining the whole law and order system in Manipur. The secrecy surrounding meetings with armed radical leaders is also a direct threat to national security.

The Chief Minister bears the primary responsibility for the non-sense law and order in the state. Biren is obviously unsuited for the position of chief minister if a militia group like the Arambai Tenggol is permitted to function unhindered and threaten the existence of ethnic Kukis. A Chief Minister who cannot rein in such a scenario risks contributing to a cycle of violence. Stepping down, in this context, is a responsible act which can prevent further deterioration of the state's governance structures. At least, stepping down will provide an opportunity and open the door for a new leader to address the root causes of the militia group's activities and implement practical solutions. This is a sincere advice to Biren if he want to avoid witnessing the Imphal Valley bleeding and being devastated by the Arambai Tenggol militia in the name of pseudo Meitei nationalism.

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Not only has this extremist militia acquired power, but it has also stifled economic activity and businesses. Criminal activity and illicit extortion by Arambai Tenggol members have been rampant in the Imphal valley. Rational members of the Meitei community have little choice but to keep quiet or perhaps flee the valley for good. The Kuki areas, very interestingly, have successfully navigated the few economic opportunities they have been offered, with the backing of public and civil society organizations. They have been deprived of their basic needs for seven months straight, but they are showing no signs of weakness and the resilience is getting stronger. The backing of their leaders from the public is the sole factor that can make this happen. In

contrast, Imphal valley appears to be bereft of any public backing and consultation with its leaders. On the verge of collapse, the Imphal valley is a scene of complete anarchy.

Biren should know that bringing Arambai Tenggol and its cohorts militias to ground is necessary for peace if he is seeking it. No amount of connections you have with this fatso self-proclaimed savior of the Meiteis can ever lead to peace. Seek guidance and assistance from the Kuki leaders if you find yourself unable to manage him. The Kukis are experts at bringing harmony to Manipur.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



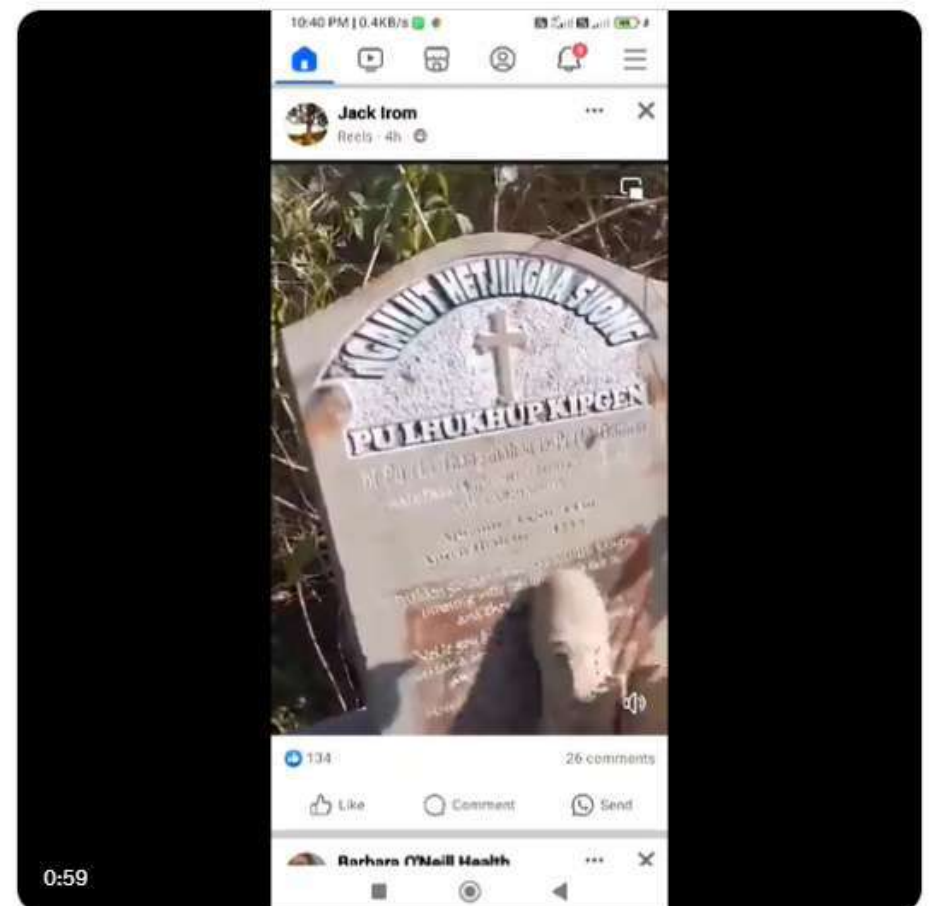
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In the aftermath of the Meitei's high-tech warfare upgrades, facilitated through diverse means of donation, state n central support the landscape of conflict takes on a new and formidable dimension. Have we, the #Kuki_Zo, now become mere test subjects for the Defence Research and development organisation of india aswell? With each new revelation the unsettling question looms as we ponder upon the possibilities, what more could/might DRDO directly or indirectly provide to the Oligarchy of Biren n his multi faceted #MeiteiTerrorist next? Will it extend to battletanks,UAVS, or even jetfighters like the old days? We the #Kuki_Zo have been facing escalating concerns with this harsh reality, casting shadows over our ill-equipped state grappling with consistent attacks combined with unending false accusations . Our struggle for survival unfolds against the backdrop of a daunting and barely capable defense of which only GOI could supposedly be our saviour but all hope seem to dissipate with each new revelations.
[#SaveKuki_ZoTribals](#)
[#SaveKuki_Zo](#)
[#SaveMorehHillTown](#)



South Asian Christians
@S_AsianXtians

Manipur Police Commandos are desecrating Christian graves of Bongbal Kuki Villagers. First, they massacred civilians; now, they are even targeting the dead? Justice is not expected from the far-right governments of India & Manipur.



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Arambai Tenggol-MHA Envoy Meet: MHA Hitting Below the Belt

The Meitei radical militia group; the Arambai Tenggol is at the centre of the present mayhem in Manipur. Since day one, they have been running the show. They terrorised and brutally killed the Kukis in Manipur Valley and openly ran riot with the backing of the Manipur Government. They were handed arms from State arsenals to run amok against the Kukis. With the patronage of the Manipur Government, they move around freely with arms in Manipur valley with certain impunity.

The Arambai Tenggol and their 'unseen' (but now seen) leaders are deeply grounded and driven by fascist tenets such as glorifying war and violence. To them, politics begins and ends with the possibility of an enemy and their total annihilation. Towards realising their objectives of achieving totalitarianism, they institutionalised violent killings against the Kukis. With the brutal execution of Kukis, they intended a strong message to other non-Kuki tribals that the same fate is awaiting them if they don't fall in line with their will and whims.

Although it has been claimed to have started as a cultural organisation, the AT militia, in fact, was intended and raised to be used as a tool to consolidate power by some fascist leaders who are in power now. It eventually becomes a killing machine. Vigilantism is their hallmark. From the highest class of the Meitei society to the lowest,

no one can move or even think without the approval of the Arambai Tenggol. Given the fear psychosis they created and injected in the Meitei society and the command they enjoyed, they now eye for absolute power. They are now seen as a threat even by people who raised and nurtured them.

It is against this backdrop that the Arambai Tenggol dares to summon all Meitei Ministers and MLAs including the Chief Minister and their titular king and MP Leishemba Sanajaoba at Kangla to decide further course of action for the war they started against the Kukis. Although what would transpire during the scheduled meeting on Wednesday at Kangla remains to be seen, one thing is certain about the swift action from the Centre by deputing three 'wise men' to meet the Arambai terrorists. First, the Centre is convinced that ATs are taking centre-stage on the current Manipur problem and manoeuvring to capture political power too. Since N Biren Singh or Leishemba Sanajaoba is no longer capable of controlling them, the Centre has to intervene at the behest of the duo as it did many times before to save the face and name of Biren Singh. In addition, the Centre's emissaries are

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rushed in Imphal to convince the Meitei radical terrorists not to shake the Manipur Government. Further, contrary to the persistent demand of the Kuki groups to outlaw the Arambai Tenggol for their terrorist and prejudicial activities since May 3rd, 2023, the MHA is legitimising their existence and their subversive activities. The demands that Arambai terrorists put forth before the MHA officials include the conduct of an NRC exercise with 1951 as the base year and to deport the illegal immigrants; abrogation of Suspension of Operation (SoO) agreement with Kuki groups and take up action against them for their aggression; sending the refugees from Myanmar staying in the

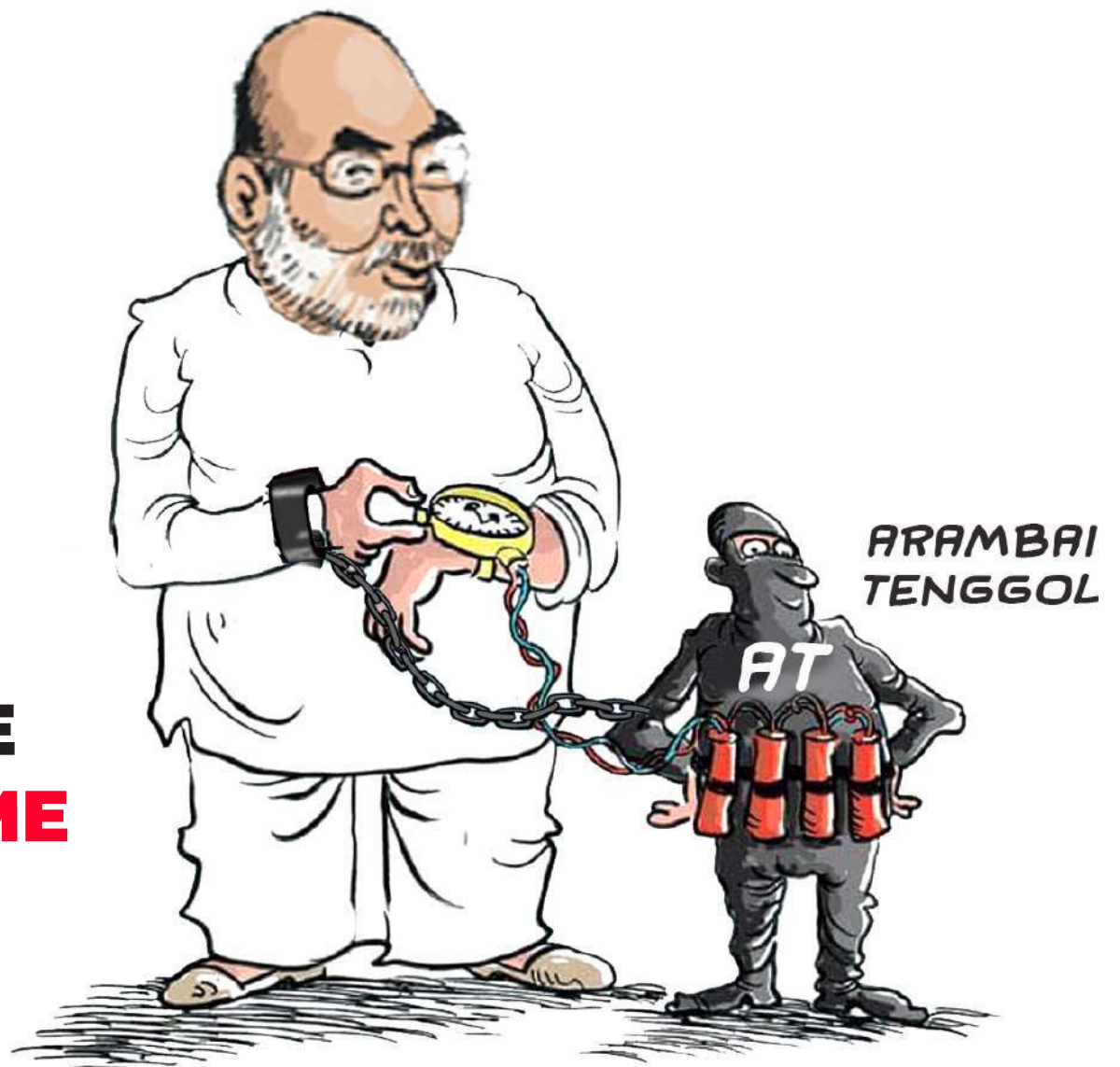
state to Mizoram; and expedite border fencing; replacement of Assam Rifles by other para military forces. Delisting of Kukis from ST list was another prominent demand placed by the Arambai Tenggol.

Should the MHA team or their 'Boss' at New Delhi's North Block realise that the mayhem in Manipur is the creation of the terrorist group called Arambai Tenggol and their patrons (they knew well), they would come out with more viable, substantive and realistic plans than 'meeting' them. Some drastic steps against the Arambai Tenggol is the need of the hour. Is New Delhi listening?



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THE INALIENABLE PARTNERS-IN-CRIME





The Journey of **A WARRIOR**

The night was nigh,
Dark and silent,
I watched my son closely,
He slept in peace.
I held him in my arms,
And put him gently down,
On his tender bed.

Suddenly, the sounds of gunfire
Struck our ears like a thunderstorm.
My son awoke and cried in fear.

Enemies advanced nearer,
Screams and cries echoed everywhere.
I stepped out of my house
And found the lifeless body
Of my father, hit by a bullet.
I talked to myself - 'No time for mourning,
No time for death.'

I searched for a safe passage,
Saved many lives that night.
But still, a few fell to the ground,
Not to wake up again.

And all houses were gone,
In ashes blown by the winds.
The next morning,
I wiped off the dust all over me,
Held my tears,
And held my head high -
And waved goodbye to my family,
And having left behind all I loved,
I took the first step,
Towards the journey of a warrior.

Call me by any names you like -
Be it Narco-Terrorist,
Refugee, or Miscreant.
But, I am just a simple farmer
Who holds a gun -
To fight for his land and his people.
For the enemies took away all I had,
Which left me with nothing more to offer!
Only blood and sweat, I have.
I will not rest,
Until freedom embraces us!

Let's all remind ourselves:
'When a nation falls, heroes must arise.'

~Jamminthang Lhungdim