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**JANGKHOLUN HAOKIP  
KUM 34**

**AWAITING JUSTICE**



## **JANGKHOLUN HAOKIP (34 YEARS)**

**S/O JANGKHAI HAOKIP**

**ADDRESS: THANGBUH VILLAGE, SADAR HILLS**

**DATE OF DEATH: 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023**

**PLACE OF DEATH: THANGBUH VILLAGE, SADAR HILLS**

**CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS**



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 11.09.2024



**199**  
DEATHS



**200+**  
VILLAGES BURNT



**7000+**  
HOUSES BURNT



**360+**  
CHURCHES &  
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



**41,425+**  
DISPLACED  
PERSONS

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

# KUKI INPI MANIPUR RELEASES STRONG STATEMENT CONDEMNING SECURITY ADVISOR KULDIEP SINGH'S MISGUIDED PRESS STATEMENT

The Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) in its Press Release dated the 22nd September 2024 has unequivocally condemned the recent fabricated inputs in a press statement by Manipur's State Security Advisor, Shri Kuldiep Singh, suggesting that 900 Kuki militants have infiltrated Manipur with intentions to conduct attacks against the Meitei community. According to KIM, such baseless allegations are not only unfounded but also reflects a grievous act of misinformation designed to target the Kuki-Zo community.

KIM also highlighted that contrary to these claims, it is the Meitei terrorist groups that have infiltrated the Manipur valley, aided and abetted by the Manipur State Government. These outfits, generally referred to as Valley-Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), have been responsible for coordinated attacks against the Kuki-Zo people in collusion with the Meitei State Police, the Arambai Tenggol, and other radical Meiteis turned militants. In light of these glaring facts, the incessant attempts to portray the Kuki-Zo people as having trans-border links are both ridiculous and appalling, stated the release.

The PR goes on to point out that the deliberate attempts to demonise the Kuki-Zo community are deeply concerning, especially amidst the state-sponsored genocide campaign perpetrated against the Kuki-Zo people. It is alarming to witness how misinformation and fabricated news are persistently employed by the Manipur state agencies and the radical Meiteis to characterise the Kuki-Zo people, who are victims of the ruthless persecution, as the perpetrators. This only implicates the complicity and the role of the Manipur state government and its agencies in the genocide campaign against the Kuki-Zo people.

"It is highly suspicious that such misinformation may have been manufactured to cause damaging ramifications, particularly against the Kuki-Zo people.



Therefore, it is essential for Mr Kuldiep Singh to disclose the authenticity of these alleged inputs, specifically whether they originate from the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA), Directorate General of Military Intelligence (DGMI), Border Security Force (BSF), Assam Rifles (AR), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) or State Intelligence Bureau (SIB), all of which have yet to corroborate the claims of Mr Kuldiep Singh.

Such fictitious claims, purportedly under duress simply to retain the post of Security Advisor, only stresses the urgency for a political solution for the Kuki-Zo people to prevent further misuse of the democratic institutions and the gross violation of Human Rights by the Manipur state government.", said KIM.

In this regard, KIM urges the media and all stakeholders to remain vigilant against misinformation that seeks to divert attention from critical issues, including the leaked audio tapes involving Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, the looted armoury, and the evident collusion of the Meitei police with VBIGs, Arambai Tenggol and radical Meitei armed groups against the Kuki-Zo people.

# KWOHR STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH IMPHAL NAGA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) has released a Press Statement expressing solidarity and heartfelt sympathy toward the Imphal Naga Business Association (INBA) in particular, and fellow tribal Nagas of Imphal in general, regarding the rampant harassment in the form of monetary demands by Meitei radical armed militia groups, especially the Arambai Tenggol (AT), since May 3, 2023, under the pretext of contributions toward the ongoing conflict in the state of Manipur.

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Lamka, the 22nd September, 2024

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The Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) appeals to our fellow tribal Nagas that it is high time for the tribals of present-day Manipur to stand united and assert our tribal rights. This is an appropriate moment for us to raise our collective tribal issues, including the discrimination, marginalization, and deprivation we have faced since India's independence. It is crucial to explore our tribal future before it is too late. The persecution is currently focused on the Kuki-Zo tribals, yet we do not know who will be next.

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# CENTRE, STATE TO REVIEW SCOPE OF AFSPA IN MANIPUR

As ethnic violence continues, the Centre and the Manipur government are set to review the scope of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the northeastern State. The periodic six-month extension of the AFSPA in Manipur comes to an end on September 30

The Union government and the State have differing views on the inclusion of more areas under the AFSPA.

While the “disturbed area” status continues in all hill districts, the Act was gradually withdrawn from all valley districts from 2022 due to a “significant improvement” in the security situation. The provisions of the Act were withdrawn from the Imphal municipality area in 2004. Manipur has 16 districts.

A senior Union government official told The Hindu that a spectacular increase in the number of armed men in the State was a cause of concern and the rising cases of extortion and abductions were also being taken into consideration.

While the presence of armed men or village volunteers is prevalent in both valley and hill districts, the absence of the AFSPA in the valley districts makes it difficult for the armed forces to operate smoothly, officials said.

A State government official, however, said, “The situation here is not like what existed in the 1990s. Extortion and abductions are there, but we are also controlling the situation. Police are active and making arrests.”

In the past 16 months, 533 arrests have been made in the State.

At least 237 people have been killed since ethnic violence between the tribal Kuki-Zo and the Meitei people erupted in the State on May 3, 2023. The valley districts



are where the Meitei people are concentrated, while the Kuki-Zo and the Nagas live in the hills.

According to data from the Union Home Ministry, 136 security-related incidents and 57 abductions were reported in Manipur from January 1 to July 31 this year, while 205 “extremists” were arrested.

The ongoing ethnic violence is said to have helped insurgent groups gain foothold in the region. The groups, mostly operating from Myanmar, advocate secession of Manipur from India.

The Kuki-Zo militant groups are in a suspension of operations (SoO) pact with the Home Ministry. Eight Meitei insurgent groups have been banned by the Ministry. In November 2023, the Pambei faction of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), the oldest valley-based armed group in Manipur, signed a peace agreement with the Home Ministry and the Manipur government.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) registered a suo motu case on July 19 last year to investigate

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transnational conspiracy by the Myanmar-based leadership of terror outfits to wage a war against the government by “exploiting the current ethnic unrest.”

More than 6,000 weapons were looted from police armouries since May 3 last year. In various operations, 2,681 weapons were recovered, out of which only 1,200 weapons were those looted from the police armouries, Manipur security adviser Kuldiep Singh said at a press conference on September 20. Mr. Singh said the recoveries showed that a large number of sophisticated weapons, which may have come from outside the country, were available among the people.

On August 8, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh informed the State Assembly that after May 2023, he was under pressure from many Central agencies to impose the AFSPA in the valley areas too. He said the imposition of the AFSPA could not guarantee ideal law and order conditions.

The 1958 law, applicable in the Naga-dominated areas of the erstwhile Union Territory since 1958 and in the whole of Manipur since 1981, gives unbridled power to the Army and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) deployed in the disturbed areas to kill anyone acting in contravention of law and arrest and search any premises without a

warrant. It also grants protection from prosecution and legal suits without the Union government’s sanction. Manipur attained Statehood in 1972.

After ethnic violence erupted in the State, the disturbed area notification has been extended twice in the hill areas — on September 30, 2023 and March 30, 2024.

The last two notifications stated that “it was not appropriate to review the ‘Disturbed Area’ status of the State at the moment” as detailed assessment of the ground situation could not be done as “the sister security agencies are preoccupied in maintenance of law and order” and the “issue is very sensitive and may likely attract public criticism and resistance if proper care is not taken”.

Both the Centre and the State government can issue notification regarding the AFSPA. Currently, the Home Ministry issues “disturbed area” notification only for Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. The notification for Manipur and Assam is issued by the respective State governments.

Source: [The Hindu](#) by Vijaita Singh



**There is no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.**

*- Collin Powell*

# MEITEI LEEPUN THREATENS HUMAN RIGHTS ALERT DIRECTOR BABLOO LOITONGBAM, ACCUSING HIM OF COLLABORATING WITH KUKIS

At a press conference held on September 22, 2024 at the Manipur Press Club, the Meitei Leepun (ML), a radical cultural organisation of the Meitei, has reportedly issued a stern warning to human rights defender Babloo Loitongbam, accusing him of collaborating with the Kuki community and acting against the interests of the Meitei people.

ML has particularly criticised Babloo's stance on sheltering illegal immigrants, referencing a letter he had sent to a human rights organisation advocating for their protection. According to ML, this stance undermines the Meitei community's interests. ML had previously directed Babloo to avoid public involvement or advocacy concerning the ongoing conflict in the state.

On the morning of September 23, a group of at least 50 individuals affiliated with ML visited Babloo's residence and issued threats to his family. In an open display of impunity, they warned the family that if Babloo makes any further public statements, they would face serious consequences.

Addressing the media, Yumlembam Prabinchandra, Tenggol Puba of Kakching, alleged that human rights activist Babloo was involved in harbouring the commander of the Women's Wing of the People's Defence Force (PDF) from Myanmar in 2023, prior to the beginning of the ethnic conflict in Manipur. The commander was reportedly given refuge in Imphal, where she was involved in monitoring local developments. ML claimed that Babloo facilitated her accommodation and travel, which they believe further escalated tensions.

The claim of Babloo harbouring the commander of the Women's Wing of the PDF from Myanmar is false; the individual in question was a Norwegian woman



who had overstayed her visa and sought legal assistance to return to her country. The source affirmed that Babloo had helped her with this process and labelled the allegations as unfounded. Additionally, claims from ML that Babloo was raising funds for Kuki groups and was in contact with organizations in Bangalore were also dismissed as baseless. The source suggested that ML's primary motive for targeting Babloo is to silence him from speaking up on human rights violations occurring in Manipur. When asked about law enforcement's response to the threats from ML, the source noted that authorities had not even investigated the vandalism of Babloo's property in October 2023, raising doubts about any action they might take against ML given the current breakdown of law enforcement and the complete absence of accountability by the Manipur state government and law enforcement authorities.

Babloo Loitongbam, a prominent human rights defender and lawyer from Manipur, India, serves as the director of Human Rights Alert, an organisation

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dedicated to monitoring, investigating, and reporting human rights violations, including attacks on human rights defenders. Over the years, Babloo has been a key advocate for victims of persecution and has provided crucial support to human rights defenders facing reprisals. He is known for his outspoken criticism of state policies that discriminate against local communities in Manipur and across other north-eastern states of India.

Since the beginning of the ethnic violence in Manipur, Babloo has received threats for all this advocacy and work to address the violence in Manipur.

On October 5, 2023, shortly after Meitei Leepun's call to boycott him, Babloo's home in Kwakeithel Thiyam Leikai, Imphal West, was attacked by approximately 30 unidentified individuals who arrived in two vehicles. They vandalised his property around 6 p.m., while Babloo was reportedly out of town at the time of the attack. Meitei Leepun also announced a boycott against former additional superintendent of police Thounaojam Brinda, preventing her from making public statements until the unrest in Manipur is resolved.

## KSO GHQ EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SECURES OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISPLACED STUDENTS AMID MANIPUR CRISIS

Under the initiative of Father Brezen and Jacob, in collaboration with KSO GHQ Education Secretary Thangmoi Haokip, ten Kuki students are set to continue their B. Tech studies at NICHE in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. This development comes as part of the KSO GHQ's ongoing efforts to support students affected by Manipur violence, which has disrupted the educational journeys of many, particularly in medical and engineering fields.

Since the outbreak of turmoil on May 3, the KSO has actively worked to safeguard students' futures, ensuring they have access to education despite the challenges posed by the state government. With support from the National Medical Commission (NMC), the KSO has successfully facilitated placements for numerous students in various institutes across South India.

The KSO GHQ Education Department expresses gratitude to NMC, NICHE Institute, and Kannur University for providing free education to disadvantaged students from Manipur. To date, the KSO has managed to send 28 students to pursue their B. Tech courses in various institutions.



In a call to action, the KSO invites aspiring engineers to enroll at the CSI Institute of Technology in Tamil Nadu, with registration open until September 25. Interested students are encouraged to contact the KSO GHQ Education Department promptly for assistance. The KSO remains committed to advocating for the educational welfare of all Kuki-Zo students, regardless of affiliations.



# NAGA VILLAGE CHIEF FEDERATION MANIPUR URGES SHAH FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF FMR

The Naga Village Chief Federation Manipur (NVCFM) submitted a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the suspension of the Free Movement Regime (FMR) and the fencing of the Indo-Myanmar border in Naga-inhabited areas of Manipur. The submission was made through Additional District Magistrate Nimmi Azingwungshi MCS at her office in Senapati on Monday.

As the apex body representing all Naga villages in Manipur, the NVCFM expressed its strong opposition to the suspension of the FMR and the border fencing, citing historical and cultural grounds. The federation emphasized that Naga villages have coexisted along the India-Myanmar border for centuries without conflict, predating the 1826 Treaty of Yandaboo between the British and Burma.

NVCFM articulated concerns that the current international boundary, a product of colonialism, disregards the rights and interests of the Naga people. The memorandum highlights the government's infringement on the rights of Naga chiefs to uphold their roles as custodians of village land, customs, and law and order, threatening the traditional village polity that has persisted throughout modern statehood.

Furthermore, the NVCFM referenced the Nagas' status as indigenous people and the infringement on their ancestral territories without consent, which falls under the protective provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The federation argued that the suspension of the FMR compromises the right of the Naga people to move freely within their ancestral lands and exacerbates existing tensions.

The memorandum also noted that the Naga community has maintained neutrality amid the ongoing Meitei-Kuki ethnic conflict since May 3, 2023. NVCFM criticized the union government's policies as biased and detrimental,



warning that the suspension of the FMR and border fencing could further divide the Naga people into "India-Naga" and "Myanmar-Naga."

NVCFM highlighted that Nagas have historically been divided into four administrative states—Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Assam—yet the federation insists on their natural right to remain united in their ancestral lands, a basic right they believe should be upheld by the Indian government.

Established in 2018 as part of India's Act East policy, the FMR was intended to facilitate trade and improve access to education and healthcare for Nagas living along the border. The federation argued that the abrupt suspension of this regime has negated the progress made and intensified fears regarding their future as traditional custodians of their lands.

The memorandum was signed by several key figures, including SA Ramnganing, President of NVCFM, and other central committee members, urging the Union Home Minister to revoke the suspension of the FMR, restore traditional boundaries of Naga villages, and cease policies that could lead to the fragmentation of Naga territories. (Morung Express)

**NEWS ANALYSIS****Unending Terror: Kuki Villages of Mongbung, Sejang Still Endure Devastating Bombardment from State-sanctioned Terrorism**

Under the shroud of darkness and amid the ongoing state-sponsored persecution of the minority Kuki community, terror once again descended upon Mongbung and Sejang Kuki Villages in Jiribam District on Saturday night.

The uneasy calm of the night was shattered by deafening explosions of mortar bombs, unleashed by combined forces of the Meitei Police Commandos, UNLF/MPA, Arambai Tenggol, and other proscribed outfits. The indiscriminate attack left a trail of destruction, fear, and despair, terrorizing the lives of innocent Kuki civilians.

The Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers, who are guarding Mongbung and Sejang Kuki villages from the Meiteis' onslaught, retrieved bomb fragments and shrapnel from the devastating attack, providing irrefutable proof that state-issued ammunition was used to target and annihilate Kuki villagers.

Such heinous acts of bombardment, accompanied by intermittent gunfire towards Kuki ancestral lands, have raised serious questions, particularly regarding the accountability of State Security Advisor Mr. Kuldeep Singh.

Will Kuldeep Singh turn a blind eye to the continued

assault on the minority community, given that the bombers are sanctioned and patronized by the State Government? Will he justify the perpetrators and deny the concrete evidence, as has been the case over the past one and a half years?

To the BJP-aligned media houses, or Godi media: Will you justify the bombings on the Kukis because the assailants are from the majority community and the victims are from a minority community? Is bombing innocent Kuki civilians legally and morally justifiable? Why are the national media houses still silent on the audiotapes of N. Biren Singh, which provide evidence of his sanctioning of bombings in Kuki areas?

The evidence of bombardment on Kuki areas unequivocally points to state complicity in violence against minorities. Such state-sanctioned terrorism, systemic impunity, and biased media silence must be condemned by all.

To deliver justice, the Kukis' demand for separate administration must be granted sooner rather than later.

# THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



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A Manipur government source said the security adviser did not say that the inputs shared by the Chief Minister's office had been verified. "What he meant was that if an information has come from the office of the Chief Minister, it cannot be taken lightly. In the wake of the input, alerts were sent to all district police chiefs and also the Assam Rifles and the Army. Ground units have been asked to check the veracity of the message which specifically mentioned September 28 as the date of entry of Kuki militants from Myanmar," the source said.

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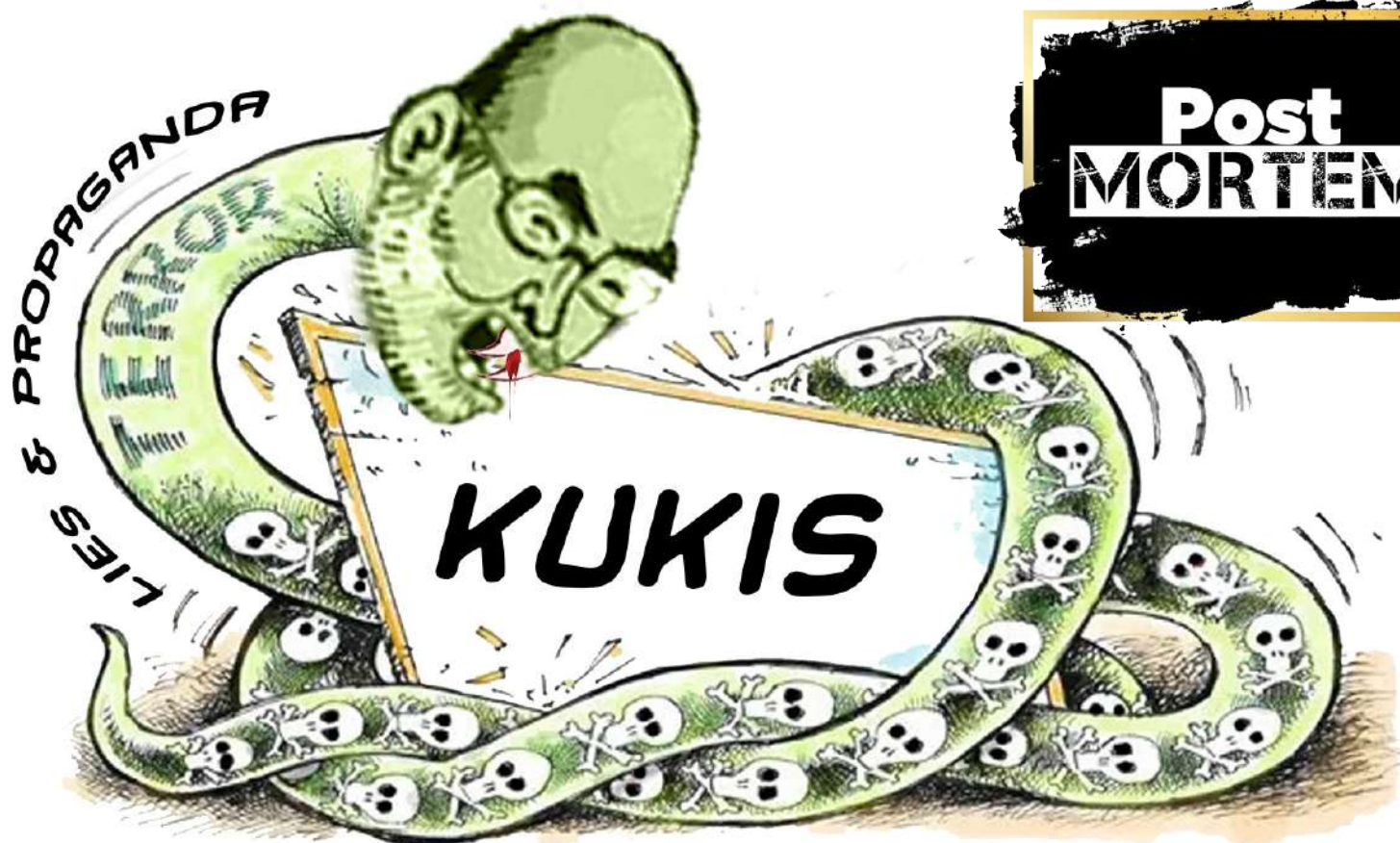
The 900 Kuki Militants Propaganda is to Give Free Passage to Meitei Separatist Terrorists.

Gol , @PMOIndia and @HMOIndia shouldn't just keep saying Biren is cooperating for the sake of politics.

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#KuldiepBirenPuppet  
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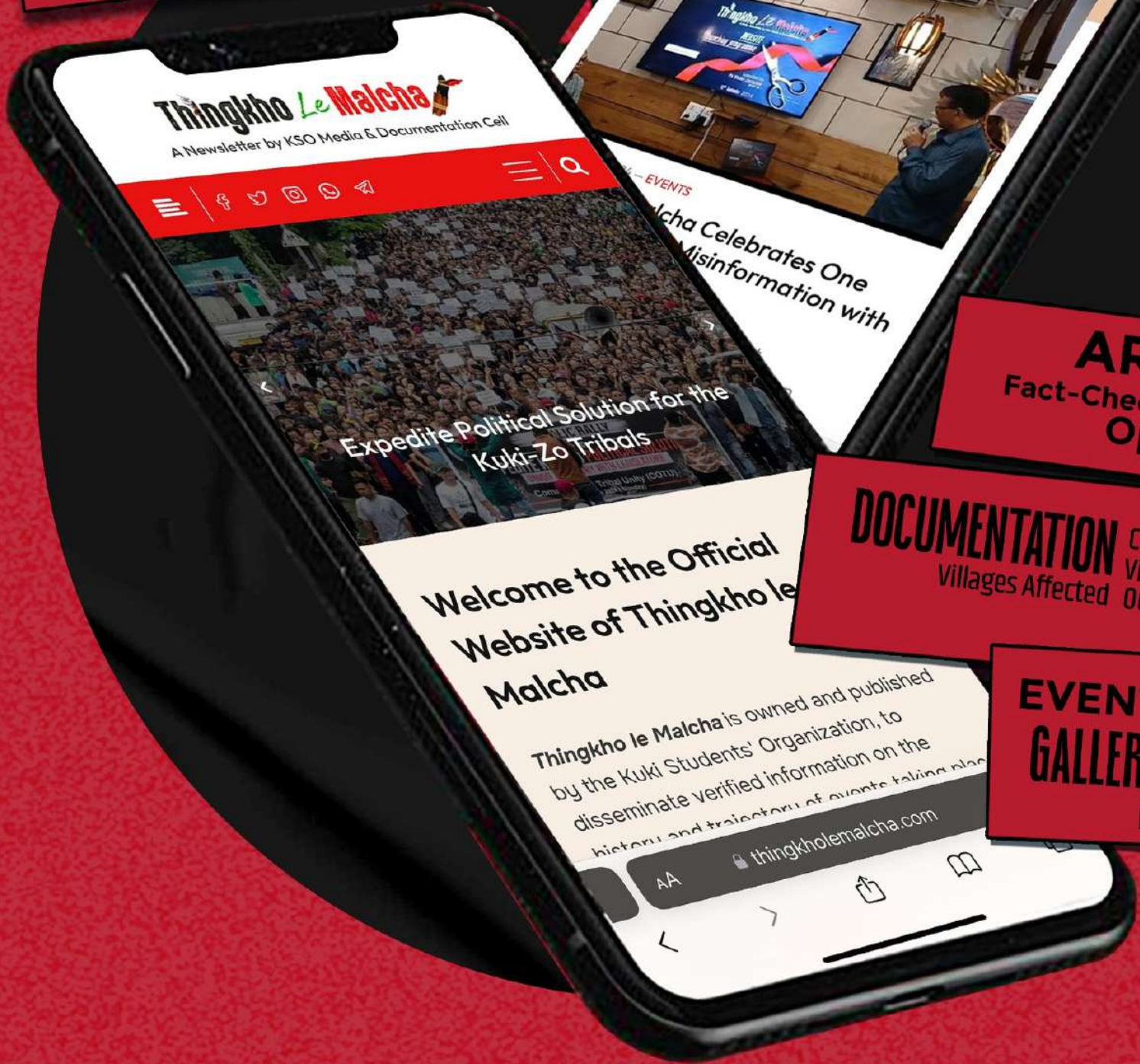


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# I HAVE A DREAM

I have a dream that one day  
We will live with the dignity we deserve, respected for the respect we give. A future where people seek our counsel on matters of importance, valuing our insights and expertise.

I have a dream that one day  
We will trade, negotiate, and make choices with pride, our decisions driven by our own self-determination. A day when our knowledge is sought, and our voices are heard.

I have a dream that one day  
We elect our own leaders with pride, governing ourselves with values that uphold our integrity. A future where we are recognized as equals, our autonomy respected.

I have a dream that one day  
We will build, manufacture, and create with pride, our innovations sought after. A day when memoranda of cooperation are signed, and we decide our own path with dignity.

I have a dream that one day,  
That we will let them rest in peace and honored their legacy.  
That our children and their children learning of the patriotism we embody today.

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~ Moses H Khongsai