

# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



## Molhoi RELIEF CENTRE

Molhoi Community Hall, Sadar Hills

Managed by  
District Administration &  
Kuki CSOs, Sadar Hills

**Total Inmates Registered: 73**





## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 20.02.2024



**164**  
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.



# SERIES OF VIOLENT INCIDENT ROCKS IMPHAL VALLEY; LAWLESSNESS AT ITS PEAK

A series of violent incidents including a bomb blast at the office premises of a student body inside the DM University complex, followed by the burning of CSOs offices located in various parts of Imphal has rocked the Imphal valley since yesterday evening.

Arson attacks and bomb blasts, acts of violence frequently leading to damage of property, injury, and loss of life are clear indicators of breakdown of law and order when they occur within a city. The Imphal Valley has been plagued by such violent incidents since the onset of the ethnic conflict last year. Meitei radical groups, militants, and armed individuals have been responsible for various acts of violence, dominating the news coverage of Imphal-based media outlets.

Two students sustained injury in the blast that occurred at around 10 PM yesterday at the office complex of a student body inside DMU complex. Among them, one student identified as Oinam Kenegy (24) succumbed to injury while another identified as Salam Michael (24) is currently undergoing treatment at Raj Medicity Hospital. Video of the blasts captured on CCTV went viral on social media platforms. Police sources suggested that the blast was triggered using remote control.

At around 11.30 PM, some unidentified persons burnt the office of the United Committee Manipur (UCM) located at Lamphel. Around the same time, office of the Coalitions Against Drug and Alcohol (CADA) located at Pureiromba Khongnagkhong, MAPI Council office Manipur at Wangkhei, and Macha Leima at Palace Compound in Imphal East district also met the same fate. A vehicle was also burnt at Mayai Lambi road near Keishampat Laishom Leirak by miscreants. Around the same time unknown miscreants also blasted a bomb at the residence of an individual at Tera Yengkhom Leirak. However, no one was reported injured in the blast.

No militant organization has claimed responsibility for the recent bombing at the AMSU office or the



*PIC: Arsoning of UCM Office*

arson attacks on several CSO offices since yesterday evening. Additionally, law enforcement agencies have not issued statements regarding these incidents, suggesting a breakdown in the State's constitutional mechanisms.

Meanwhile, reacting strongly to this violent incident, UCM consultant Yumnamcha Dilipkumar stated that whoever committed this arson should be apprehended and given strict punishment in accordance with the law. He further expressed his dismay, stating that the arson of the UCM office was heart-breaking.

UCM is an organization consisting of multiple entities, and this incident has not affected the organization itself. He added, "Those who have done this, for whatever reason, should have talked to us directly first". Lamenting the loss, he said, "All the documents that were painstakingly collected – a large collection of documents on the history and boundary of Manipur – are now turned to ashes". He further stated that this is an intelligence failure on the part of the Manipur Home Department, and the Government is responsible. Therefore, they should take immediate action. Dilipkumar

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emphasized that if the Manipur government is still in power, they should take appropriate actions.

Furthermore, the remaining Kuki houses of Vaiphei Veng, Mantripukhri in Imphal area were set on fire this evening. Deserted Kuki homes in Imphal area since the onset of violence were illegally occupied by Arambai Tenggol and UNLF to establish their offices, in defiance of the Supreme Court directives aimed at protecting the properties of displaced persons.

Frequent arson attacks and bomb blasts pose significant challenges for law enforcement agencies tasked with maintaining peace and security. However, the state law enforcement agency has failed to fulfill its duties. Notably biased against the Kukis, the state police have been unable to prevent these violent activities from occurring under their watch.

Incidents such as looting of government armories,



***PIC: Remaining Kuki houses at Vaiphei Veng, Imphal set on fire***

extortion, kidnapping, and arson have taken place unabated, while the state law enforcement agency appears to have relinquished its authority to armed radicals like Arambai Tenggol. Similarly, political representatives, including MLAs and MPs, have compromised their integrity by submitting to the influence of Arambai Tenggol, further exacerbating the breakdown of law and order in the region.

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## AFTER ITLF APPEAL TO AMIT SHAH, MANIPUR POLICE SUSPENDS TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL DUE TO 'CRISIS'

The Manipur Police have suspended the movement of transferred personnel "wherever applicable, in view of the current crisis."

They clarified that while the transfer orders remain valid, the personnel will be relocated as and when necessary.

The police explained that the transfer orders were issued to streamline excess manpower, but due to the existing crisis, there is no immediate need for the personnel to be moved at this stage.

"Reference to Manipur Police Headquarter order dated 14.02.2024 regarding transfer and posting of 177 (One hundred and seventy-seven) personnel of all communities of MR/IR units to various units, it is informed that the transfer and posting has been done to streamline the excess manpower against the

sanctioned post available in all MR/IR units and to facilitate the process for preparation of their salaries," Manipur Police posted on X on Friday.

"However, in view of the present crisis, there is no immediate movement of the personnel required at this stage," they added.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) based in Churachandpur wrote to Amit Shah on Friday, urging his intervention to halt the transfer orders. They expressed concern about the movement of Kuki-Zo police personnel to Meitei-dominated areas, stating that the "state government would not be able to guarantee the safety" of Kuki Zo personnel in districts dominated by Meiteis.

Source: [East Mojo](#)



# KYKL CADRE INVOLVE IN HARASSING NAGA TRUCK DRIVERS AT SEKMAI ARRESTED

An active cadre of the proscribed Kanglei Yaol Kan-na Lup, (KYKL) was arrested along with one magazine loaded with 11 rounds, two mobile phones, one wallet containing Rs. 1010, and one Aadhaar card, the police report issued on Friday night said.

The arrested cadre was later identified as RK Jitensana @ Nanao (43), a resident of Pangei Leiram Mapan near the Manipur Police Training Centre (MPTC) gate in Imphal East district.

He is suspected of being involved in the assault of truck drivers at Sekmai in Imphal West district on the night of 16th February 2024, the police said. The report states that the following items were recovered from his possession: one 9 mm pistol (suspected to be snatched from security forces) along with one magazine loaded with 11 rounds, two mobile phones, one wallet containing Rs. 1010, and one Aadhaar card.

It may be noted here that five truck drivers and handyman belonging to the Naga community was harassed mentally and physically by unknown Meitei armed miscreants at Sekmai on February 16. The incident condemned by various Naga CSOs has called it an 'attempted murder.'

The frequent arrest of insurgent cadre for extortion in the Imphal valley reflects a deep-rooted challenge to law and order in the region. Extortion has become a common



tactic employed by various insurgent groups to fund their operations and exert control over local businesses and communities. These groups often target businesses, transportation networks, and even individuals, demanding hefty sums of money in exchange for "protection" or to avoid reprisal attacks.

The arrests highlight the pervasive influence of these insurgent groups, as well as the complicity or coercion faced by many local residents who comply with their demands out of fear for their safety.



**Where there is no vision,  
the people perish.**

– Proverbs 29:18

## SIMILAR INCIDENT, DIFFERENT REACTION BY STATE

# GOVERNMENT: WILL INTERNET BE BANNED IN IMPHAL VALLEY?

Discrimination runs so high in the state of Manipur that it is now hard to hide it from public view. Even similar incidents have been responded to differently by the state government, and has now become clearer that the state government is Meitei centric and is only for the Meiteis.

In the past weeks, Manipur has witnessed two similar incidents – arsoning of public properties and offices that even led to death and injuries.

In Churachandpur, the Mini Secretariat Complex was partly damaged after an infuriated mob gathered at the complex on February 15 over the unjust suspension of Police Head Constable Siamlal Paul over a viral video of him seen with Village Volunteers. Two Kuki individuals got killed after Rapid Action Force (RAF) stationed at the complex opened fire at the agitating crowd. More than 30 individuals sustained injuries in the process.

Thereafter, the state government imposed internet ban in the whole jurisdictional area of Churachandpur district for five days, citing law and order situation. Various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the district also enforced 'Night Curfew' to ensure no untoward incidents happened again after the torching of district administration office. After the imposed internet ban of five days was over, the state government once again imposed another five days internet ban again even though the district has limped back to normalcy. The five day ban will get over on the coming Monday. However, it is hard to comprehend how the state government will react again.

On the other hand, a similar incident happened in the Imphal valley too on February 23. A powerful bomb blast near AMSU office located within DM University Campus killed one and left two others injured.

At around 11.30 pm on February 23, some unidentified persons burnt down the office of the United Committee Manipur (UCM) located at Lamphel. Around the same time, office of the Coalitions Against Drug and Alcohol (CADA) located at Pureiromba Khongnagkhong, MAPI Council office Manipur at Wangkhei, and Macha Leima at Palace Compound in Imphal East district were also torched. A vehicle was also burnt at Mayai Lambi road near Keishampat Laishom Leirak by miscreants. Around the same time



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However, despite the same degree of violence happening in Imphal valley, the state government did not impose an internet ban in the whole jurisdictional area of Imphal East and Imphal West district, which are the epicenters of violence.

After the Churachandpur February 15 incident, the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh took no time to make press appearance, announcing magisterial inquiry will be initiated against the incident. Yet, in the case of violent incidents in Imphal valley, the Chief Minister is yet to make any single press briefing about the incident.

The case of two similar incidents with different responses only manifests the state government's biased attitude towards a particular community. The right to the Internet, a fundamental right under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution was denied to the Kukis. It was made a fundamental right in the year 2020. Though Churachandpur district has limped back to normalcy, the people in the district still face hard times because of the unavailability of internet services in their day-to-day life.

When lawlessness has been a subject of discussion in Imphal valley, the state government is yet to take any stringent action against the criminals involved in all those activities, but they are quick enough to implement an iron fist policy against the Kukis for similar incidents.



# HAVE THE VALLEY BASED INSURGENT GROUPS TAKEN CONTROL OF STUDENT BODIES AND MEDIA HOUSES IN VALLEY?

The All Manipur Students Union has recently been in the limelight over several incidents happening inside the campus of the unions office and the internal conflicts within the union itself.

There have been many incidents happening within AMSU, with the union splitting in to two and the faction group backed by UNLF Pambei group whom on November 29, 2023 had signed a ceasefire agreement with the Government of India.

There are reports that on September 10, 2023 a group impersonating AMSU or AMSU faction group along with UNLF Pambei group tried to forcefully occupy the office of AMSU headquarters located inside DMU campus.

As a result of the incident, the state government was compelled to impose CRPC 144 in the AMSU office, thereby prohibiting entry of individuals inside the office.

However, on December 6 2023, the UNLF Pambei group and the AMSU faction violated the order of the government and reoccupied the office.

After receiving the information, vice president and general secretary of AMSU went to the union office to stop the Pambei group and the AMSU faction group from occupying the union's office.

The UNLF Pambei group who were armed mercilessly assaulted the AMSU general secretary and the vice president and kidnapped them over a night.

It is also learnt that UNLF Pambei Group and the AMSU faction are still stationed with arms inside the AMSU office.

Recently, the president of AMSU, Harideba was kidnapped by the UNLF Pambei group.

Providing a solid proof of how the valley based media houses are controlled by the valley based insurgent

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**UNITED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT: MANIPUR**  
★ CENTRAL SPECIAL FORCE ★

Ref. No. UNLF/CSF - Ltr. No. 01/2024

To,  
The President,  
EGM & AMWJU

Dear Sir,

Nolukchabaga loinana makhagi wapham asi khanghanjari.

Mr. Pambei kaangbu amasung makhoinna sougatpa AMSU saba kaangbu kharana February 24, 2024 da Chaak-Ising yaoba thouram ama yaonaba Media gi kaangbuda khanghallakliba asi Media gi Ichil Inaosing na loubikhiba warep "AMSU manung gi chayetnaba leiribamakhei Maheiroi Lup asigi thabak thouram amattada saruk yadaba amadi Ee-pao phongdaba" haiba adugi matung inna yaopham thokte haina ningsingjari. Loinana, chayetnaba asi karamna thorakhiba amadi kangbu asigi gundaism gi thabak thowong sing adusu media gi ichil inaosingda amuk hanna ningsingbinaba thamjari.

Houkhiba September 10, 2022 da DMU Campus ta leiriba AMSU gi Mayai Loisang Office asibu AMSU saaba kaangbu asiga Pambei kangbu gi khutlai paiba mecoi kharana namduna munnaba hotnarakpadagi Manipur leingak na Office asida CRPC 144 thamjinduna Office asida kana amata changhandana thamlakhibani. Adubu athingba asi thousadana cikhoi Govt. ga yanaraba kaangbuni, leingakna sougatpani haibagi matagum houkhiba December 6, 2023 da kangbu asina AMSU Office asida changsillaga leisinkhi amadi madu thingnaba changsinkhiba AMSU gi VP amadi GS yaoba team amabu Pambei kaangbugi khutlai paiba kaangbuna tamthina phu cheibaga loinana phaduna pukhaga ahing chuppa ot-neirakhiba adugi achouba leibak wathok leikhrabani. Hairiba numit December 6, 2023 dagi Pambei kangbu gi khutlai paiba mecoi sing AMSU Office asida changsillaga leisinduna, AMSU saba khutlai paiba maheiroi sing aduga mapham asida ngasi ngasimaksu thamli haiba Media gi ichin-inaosingnasa khangbiribani.

groups in Manipur, United National Liberation Front Central Special Forces sent a letter to the president of Editors Guild Manipur and All Manipur Working Journalist Union on February 23 informing them that the media houses in valley must refrain from participating and covering an event hosted by a faction of All Manipur Student Union faction group and UNLF Pambei group on February 24.

UNLF Central Special Forces stated that the journalist body had earlier resolved to cease coverage and publication of news related to AMSU unless the internal conflict within the union (AMSU) was resolved.

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As such there is no point of the journalists participating in the said function hoisted by UNLF Pambei group and faction of AMSU, the letter added.

The UNLF CSF also reminded the journalist body to recall how the internal conflict in AMSU began and also the violent activities of the AMSU faction group backed by UNLF Pambei group.

There are past incidents in the valley wherein the media houses were forced to cease publication over threats by the valley based insurgent groups.

Besides the threat faced by the media houses from valley based insurgent groups, the media

houses in Manipur are also not free from the scanner of the State BJP government.

There are also past incidents wherein the present state government has filed a criminal defamation case against an Imphal based local paper and also an arrest of a journalist over his Facebook post.

With all such incidents in the valley, it will also not be wrong to say that there is no media freedom in Manipur with the media houses having to publish reports based on the interest of the insurgent groups and the state government.

## NEWS IN PIC

# MEDICAL TEAM FROM NAGA HOSPITAL REACHES SAIKUL

The medical team from Naga Hospital in Nagaland has arrived in Saikul, Kangpokpi District today.

The team will also visit Molkon Relief Centre and Saijang Relief Centre to conduct free medical camps.

For the past nine months, the Kuki-Zo community has been unable to access medical facilities in Imphal City, where advanced healthcare services are available in the state of Manipur. Apart from the district hospital in the Kuki Hills, the state government has not established any other advanced medical facilities in the area for many years.





**OPINION****Fighting the Giant Goliath: Were the Meiteis Chosen to Slaughter, or be Slaughtered as the Sacrificial Lamb?**

There is a popular story about David and Goliath in the Bible. Goliath was a giant who thought he was the strongest man on earth. His tribesmen also took pride in having such a great warrior on their side. To them, he was invincible to the enemy, and hence immortal.

On the other, David was a young shepherd known for his aptitude in humming hymns with his musical instruments in the woods. During the day, he used to play different tunes with his harp, and during the night, he used to defend his lambs against wild beasts coming to snatch them. Even tigers and leopards often found themselves in trouble as he would easily break their jaw-bones and kill them bare-hands without much effort.

One day, this little boy went to the frontline with tiffin where his brothers were guarding the buffer zones like many of our brave soldiers do today. There, he heard a voice from the other side of the border in quest of a man who dared to fight him. This giant named Goliath was naming and shaming his people, and blaspheming their living God.

To cut the long story short, David picked up a slingshot with few stones and faced the Giant Goliath who was in full combat armour, brandishing spears and sword. In the ensuing battle, Little David killed the Giant Goliath, and put an end to the war in their favour. The death of Goliath not only ended the nightmares his people faced on daily basis in the midst of the

dreaded standoff between the two tribes but also saved them from possible heavy casualties and destruction of properties.

The current ethnic violence between the minority Kukis and the dominant community Meiteis is comparable to the state Little David and the Giant Goliath were in in terms of population, arms and ammunition, and strategic as well as logistic support from the state. In fact, the dominant community's population in the state is almost four times that of the Kukis. They control 90% of the state's economy with the authority to take away arms and ammunition from the state armouries anytime with all the state forces on their side. In strategic locations like Moreh, the Meitei forces are even backed by the central forces in terms of ammunition and security coverage provided at critical junctures.

Moreover, the newly emerging militias like the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun along with the Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), including the surrendered UNLF (Pambei faction), are openly hand-in-hand with the state forces in attacking the Kukis all along. In many cases, the so called intellectuals, social activists, and local celebrities are willingly calling for genocide against the Kukis.

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All these crimes against humanity which might have invited serious legal repercussions in normal circumstances are now committed without fear of the law and the law enforcing agencies. In fact, being the dominant community in control of the state machinery, the Meiteis can freely twist the laws and bend the rules to serve their community's interests.

In contrast to this, the Kukis are not only the minority in terms of population but also lack almost all the amenities accessed by the dominant community. People who are critical of the state are slapped with FIRs, anyone can get arrested on mere suspicions, state employees get suspended on flimsy grounds, and there are no such armouries and state forces to fight for them.

However, the Kukis have the same living God whom Little David had worshipped. And as the Giant Goliath did, the Meiteis have been burning and desecrating churches and blaspheming their God. Till now, the Kukis are defending their ancestral homelands from the Meitei intruders using mostly country-made cannons and weaponries, which constitute the main source of their military strength. The country-made cannon series which they fondly call PP23, including those named after David Thiek and Baby Issac, have done most of the work in pushing the marauding Meiteis back in frontlines.

Considering the size of population and the kind of resources and state-support the Meiteis have at their disposal, they are not a match for the Kukis. Yet, the war is a must win for the Kukis as it is not just against the Meiteis but something designed within a bigger scheme to annihilate the minority Christian tribals from the country. To stop this majoritarian ploy to further suppress the voice of the minorities largely depends on how the Kukis fare against the onslaught of Meiteis' majoritarianism.

Anyway, if it were not planned by somebody else, and if the lives of the minority communities really matters, the concerned authority would have long applied its thinking-mind to stop the violence. They didn't stop it because the actual resolve is to experiment whether annihilating the minorities using violence wrapped with ethnicity as its clothing works or not. The radicalized

sections within the dominant Meitei community were probably in fools' paradise to have agreed to the responsibility assigned to carry out this experiment!

Remember this war was never initiated by the majority within the Meitei community but a radicalized section who believed in carrying out genocide against the Kukis. This was presumably intended to snatch away their properties and lands to be redistributed to the Meiteis to end all miseries, as Hitler once did to the Jews. Instead they are inviting perpetual misery!

Now that the Meiteis have started the war, cleansed the Kukis from their territory, and openly declare the "Manipuri National War", the Kukis can only look forward. In the current scenario, it is a matter of a serious existential threat for the Kukis as the minority community. They do not have the resources, manpower, technical know-how and the logistic support from the state to win this war. But they can defeat the Giant Goliath and end the war if they have Little David who had the Living God.

In other words, this war is a must win for the Kukis not only for their survival but also to stop the majoritarian design to suppress the rights of the minority communities in this great nation India. Here, the impression is to force the minorities to submit to the majoritarian rule, or face its wrath, for being a minority is already a curse deserving of the worst punishment. The Nagas, the Mizos, and all the indigenous tribal communities in central India know this with the Manipuri Nagas possibly as the only exception though their existence itself is under threat particularly in Imphal and its periphery!

Remember, the current state-sponsored ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kukis is just the beginning of the larger scheme of things designed to establish the perpetual reign of the majority. And for them, the Meiteis' winning or losing doesn't even matter, because it wouldn't affect them! The two warring parties here are mere actors in a play which is produced and directed with the blessings of powerful players within a clique whose ultimate objective is to see the rise of tyranny of the majority.





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# THE BUZZ

SOCIAL MEDIA

Replying to @ShefVaidya

I'll give you a better cartoon:  
PM Modi's 'no-show' in Manipur!  
[#ManipurViolence](#)



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Thongkhola Haokip  
@th\_robert

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Read more here: [tinyurl.com/yc6hcyhf](https://tinyurl.com/yc6hcyhf)



7:16 pm · 24 Feb 24 · 968 Views

## Post MORTEM

### THE HABITUAL ARSONISTS







# WHO ARE YOU?

Who are you, whose sleeve drips with the blood of innocents?

Who are you, that touch your country's women?

Who are you, that vocalises the urge to kill an infant?

Who are you, that steals your fellow's fruit?

Who are you, that frights the naked truth?

Who are you?

Who are you?

The hills and the valleys call out your name.

The world peeks through your windows.

Your reflection tells you the truth,

But oh! you hide so smooth.

*- Alish Sangneihoi Touthang*