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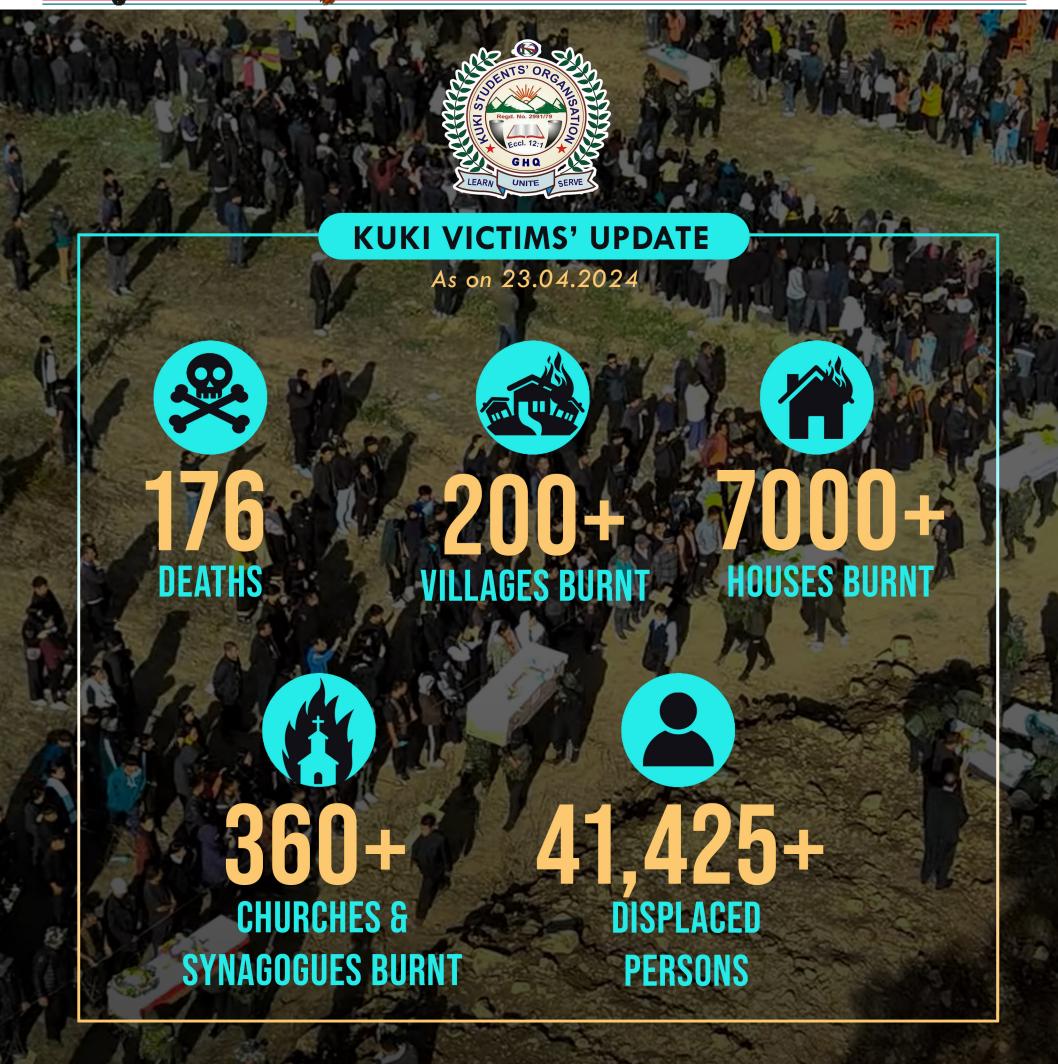


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S/O L. NGULKHOKAM KIPGEN ADDRESS: K. PHAIJANG, HENGLEP, LAMKA DATE OF DEATH: 3RD MAY, 2023 PLACE OF DEATH: PHOUGHAKCHAO IKHAI CAUSE OF DEATH: BEATEN TO DEATH BY RADICAL MEITEI MILITANTS

<u>Thìngkho Le Malcha</u>

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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 IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION OVER MEITEIS' INCESSANT ATTACKS ON Kuki Areas; urges goi to expedite separate administration for kukis

While appealing the Government of India's immediate intervention and impartial investigation over the incessant attacks on Kuki dominated areas, the Kuki Inpi Manipur, apex body of Kuki Tribes, has said that the Meitei terrorist groups should curb the culture of hatred and religious discrimination and stop playing a victim card while continuously provoking and attacking Kuki villages and refrain from disrupting the upcoming Lok Sabha election in the hills.

In a statement on Thursday, KIM urged that the Government of India should ensure the safety and security of the minority community by initiating legal action against CM N. Biren Singh and his cohorts, and stop embarking on a communal agenda against tribals and immediately intervene and expedite the Kuki-Zo tribals demand for 'Separate Administration' for lasting peace.

The Kuki apex body condemned the incessant attacks on Kuki villages and the recent attempt to disrupt the crucial economic lifeline of the state before the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency by the combined forces of the valley-based insurgent groups, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and MP Sanajaoba's private militias like Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun.

"Manipur is presently bedevilled by an abundance of security challenges that gnaw at the very soul of the nation's existence as the attacks and killings by Meitei terrorists with impunity have become daily occurrences even when the reportage is repetitively downplayed," KIM said, adding that such attacks by those misfits was pervasive and have the potential to exacerbate Manipur precarious state of fragility. It demonstrated the highest level of insecurity in the state and the government's loss of its internal security mechanism due to its inaction on Meitei armed militias in the state, it stated.

By all accounts, KIM continued, the Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun and Meitei CSOs including COCOMI



and Meira Paibis who introduced the notion of 'Narco-Terrorism' and 'Burmese illegal immigrant' as a pretext to justify the continuation of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing against the minority Kuki-Zo tribal Christians should be held accountable as the ongoing crisis in Manipur is all about annihilation and grabbing of land belonging to minority community in the state.

The statement further said that the impunity of Meitei perpetrators who openly called for such annihilation and inaction of the state forces due to communal bias and dilution of charges against such perpetrators was the main reason behind the continuation of violence in Manipur.

"It is imperative for the sake of justice that all perpetrators pertaining to the ongoing ethnic cleansing should be held accountable and brought to justice as per the law of the land but invocation of ethnic or communal affiliations in criminal investigations risks inflaming tensions and undermining the impartiality of law enforcement," KIM added.

The Kukis' top body urged that the central investigative agencies should investigate the issue and pursue justice based on evidence and legal principles, not on ethnic or tribal lines which would further fuel the ongoing conflict.





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UNC TAKES U-TURN, ADVOCATES FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTION

The apex Naga body in Manipur, the United Naga Council (UNC), has advocated for free and fair election in the ensuing 18th Lok Sabha election, advising all Naga communities to ensure that peace and tranquility take place during voting, nullifying the earlier stand of the Council in endorsing a particular candidate.

An advisory issued by the Naga Apex Body said: "An "Instruction" rolled out from the office of the United Naga Council (UNC) on April 17, 2024, following the Resolution vide No. 5 of the Presidential Council Meeting of the United Naga Council held on 27 October 2023 shall stand null and void, and declare for a free and fair election in the interest of Naga public and in promoting peace and tranquility in our land."

The UNC office after much observation and consideration concluded that since all the intending candidates are from the Naga community, and in the understanding that any of the candidates shall work for the interest of the Naga people, the office of the UNC takes immense pleasure to declare that all the Naga people living across the Outer Manipur Constituency may exercise your adult franchise in a free and fair manner in the upcoming 2nd Phase of MP Election which will be held on April 26 2024. The concept of Naga's "consensus candidate" stands invalid to instill the spirit of democratic republic practices in Naga society respecting the sanctity of individual rights since time immemorial, it added.

Considering the statements above, this declaration The UNC then urges all Naga tribes, councils, letter is issued to all the constituent units and sub- civil society organizations, and regional bodies ordinate units of the United Naga Council to ensure to unite in support of the chosen candidate, that your respective Village Authorities and village-level demonstrating the unity and determination of the CSOs are well-instructed regarding the same. It may be Naga community to ensure effective representation noted that whoever wins this 18th Lok Sabha - Outer and progress for their people. Manipur 2024 Election shall work for the interest and aspiration of the Naga people, informed UNC.



Notably, the United Naga Council (UNC) has declared its support for the Naga Peoples' Front (NPF) candidate, urging the Naga community in Manipur to come together ahead of the forthcoming MP election.





ARAMBAI TENGGOL'S UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES MEET STRONG RESISTANCE FROM KWAKTA; BOMB BLAST INJURES ONE INDIVIDUAL IN IMPHAL

As a consequence of their persistent unlawful activities within their 700 square miles of the Meiteis' Kangleipak, the people of Kwakta, a Muslim dominated locality, have given a befitting reaction to the cadres of Arambai Tenggol, thus burning down their vehicle used for perpetrating the crime.

Taking the law into their own hands amidst the complete breakdown of law and order in the valley, the members of N. Biren Singh's private militia group- Arambai Tenggol, purported as 'Anti-Drug Cell', went to the Muslim locality of Kwakta under Bishnupur district on Thursday, and allegedly carried out monetary demand to some of the local individuals. However, they were met with stiff resistance. A violent commotion occurred wherein some of the private militias were overpowered by the local people. In the melee, their gypsy vehicle used for perpetrating the crime was burnt down and the police fired teargas shells to control the situation.

Sources said that the Arambai Tenggol, pretending to be volunteers in the Anti-Drug Campaign, attempted to abduct a Muslim man for failing to provide money as demanded by the group in Kwakta Municipal Council at around 1:30 PM. In response, an irate mob attacked the Arambai Tenggol and set fire to one of the Gypsies used by the militia. The mob managed to capture one of the individuals involved in the abduction. Subsequently, security forces intervened, using tear gas and mob bombs to disperse the crowd and retrieve the captured individual from the mob's custody. Police used force in the rescue operation of AT members.

The injured AT member was identified as Khundrakpam Joy, son of Khundrakpam Joykumar of Ningthoukhong Ward No 6, Kha Leikai.

The incident marks the complete reign of the Arambai Tenggol in the valley of Manipur, taking over the power of law enforcement agencies. Extortion is rampant in the Meiteis' Kangleipak with no sign of abetment in the near future.

Nestled in the picturesque landscapes of India's must realise the need for re-imposition of AFSPA Northeast region, the erstwhile Manipur was renowned in the valley areas.



for its natural beauty, characterized by rolling hills and lush greenery. However, beneath this serene facade lies a region plagued by civil unrest, with tensions escalating since 2023.

Central to this turmoil is the ruthless campaign of the Arambai Tenggol militias and their cohorts. They have unleashed a wave of destruction, targeting Kuki homes and churches, resorting to barbaric acts such as burning people alive, leading to the abandonment of entire villages. This reign of terror has plunged the region into fear and despair. The Arambai Tenggol not only targets the Kukis but also the Muslims living in the state.

Meanwhile, in a clear sign of law and disorder under the narcissistic Chief Minister of the Meiteis, N. Biren Singh, a pipe bomb was blasted at the main gate of the quarter of one Individual at Langol Housing Complex, Imphal, thus injuring one Meitei individual, on Thursday evening.

The bomb blast occurred at the time when the victim was trying to cut the pipe. He was later rushed to SHIJA Hospital, Langol, for medical treatment.

When the security forces inspected the spot, they also detected another pipe with the presence of explosives. The bomb squad team later diffused the bomb at a safer place at Langol, Imphal.

With complete chaos and disorder continuing in the Meiteis' Kangleipak, the government of India must realise the need for re-imposition of AFSPA in the valley areas.





PREPAK TO COMMEMORATE 'COLONIALISM RESISTANCE DAY'; CALLS PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THEIR MOVEMENT AGAINST INDIA

The People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) on the eve of its eleventh Colonial Resistance Day to be observed on the 26th of April 2024 has issued a statement wherein it has blamed the Indian Election as the reason for disunity among the communities in Manipur.

In the statement titled, "Division among communities is a result of Indian election", the secessionist group has reminded the people of "the atrocities committed under the the protection of the black laws by Indian armed forces, such as extrajudicial murders, rapes and torture inflicted upon the people of Manipur". "Remembering these atrocities and the reprehensible and beastly conduct of the Mayang army at Patsoi-Langjing, since 2014, Indian Colonial Resist Day has been commemorated", the letter said. The commemoration this year will be observed at various locations including CHQ, GHQ, THQ, Transit Camps, Training Centres and Offices.

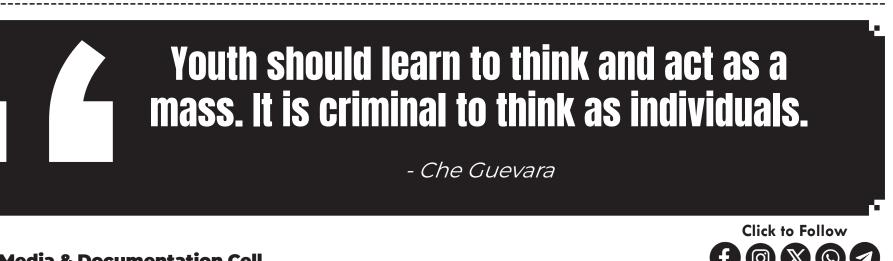
The statement urged the people of Manipur to resist and condemn the atrocities committed by the Indian armed forces. It highlighted the "slave mentality" of the people, stating that the people has given a backseat to the mentality of Masters and that of Patriotism replaced by the competition for wealth and power halting the emergence of capable individuals, inhibiting the productive utilisation of human resources, which flowered from the seed of division sown by the introduction and acceptance of Hinduism. "The divison and disunity of among the people of Manipur have emerged due to the lack of the mentality that we are



the owners of Manipur and we are responsible", read the statement.

The organisation also emphasised that the ongoing and prior elections in Manipur have been conducted and meant not to give the people their rights but rather only for show to the world that Manipur elect its own government and to create disunity and sow the seeds of division amongst the people of Manipur.

In a show of their secessionist ideology, the banned outfit has called for mass public support in their stand against India and their movement to break away from the Indian Union stating that the "endeavour of gaining freedom requires a revolutionary freedom movement". Acknowledging the fact that not everyone is capable of a direct participation, the statement thus urged for the phsyical, moral and intellectual support from the people. Further the press statement also stated, "If we desire to save our motherland, we have to attain cultural and political freedom from india".



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KSO-GHQ'S REQUEST FOR SSC GD SELECTED CANDIDATES APPROVED BY MHA

The Kuki Student Organization, General Headquarters Moving forward, the Kuki Student Organisation had appealed to the Ministry of Home Affairs for changing Imphal as a reporting center for the selected Kuki candidates in the recently declared SSC GD examination due to the prevailing law and order situation in Manipur. The Ministry had complied with the request and the twelve Kuki candidates whose reporting center falls in CRPF GC Imphal are now allowed to choose either Guwahati or Silchar centers.

More than 150 Kuki candidates were selected in the recently declared SSC GD amidst revision of the selection after Meitei Manipuri candidates' complaint to the authorities. Notably, most of the Kuki candidates had already opted for outside Manipur in any competitive Delhi & NCR for their assistance on the matter. examination.

aims to continue supporting and empowering Kuki youths in pursuing their academic and professional aspirations. The organisation remains committed to advocating for the rights and interests of the Kuki community while fostering unity and collaboration among its members.

For promptly approving the request to change the reporting center from Imphal to other neutral centers, Mr. Thangmoi Haokip @ Jackson, the Education Secretary of the Kuki Students' Organisation General Headquarters, expressed gratitude to the concerned authority and to KSO-

ZO UNITED ADVISES KUKI-ZO BODIES TO OBSERVE MAY 3 UNDER COMMON BANNER

The Zo United has issued an advisory to all the Kuki-Zo As per the letter, the day should be observed bodies in different parts of India to observe May 3 under the common banner "Unrelenting resurgence and unity : one year of state sponsored ethnic cleansing against God's own community Kuki-Zo" in all Kuki-Zo inhabited districts of Manipur, cities and metros in India and abroad.

On April 19, Zo United sent a letter to the leaders of Indigenous Tribal leaders' Forum, Committee on Tribal Unity, Hill Tribe Council, Kuki Zomi Hmar Council Pherzawl and Jiribam, Manipur Tribal Forum Delhi, Zomi Council Steering Committee, KEUW, Guwahati Unau Forum and others from various metros and cities, and issued various advisories to be followed on the day.

The decision for observation of one-year of statesponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against Kuki-Zo on 3rd of May, 2024 was taken in the executive body meeting of Zo United on April 9, 2024.

by hoisting of black flag in every household, thanksgiving and commitment fasting prayer from 6-9 am in every Churches/convenient to locality/ villages.

Zo United also advised the people to visit Martyrs Park/burial site in Lamka, Kangpokpi, Moreh to offer prayers and pay tributes and respect in the form of condolence Salute (in the morning) by the leaders of the district, with thanksgiving & commitment fasting prayers to follow.

The observance shall then be followed by lighting candles in every houses in the evening, candlelight vigil ceremony at the Wall of Remembrance in the evening and submission of a joint memorandum on a Separate Administration to the Prime Minister of India through the concerned Deputy Commissioners.





STAGE SET FOR SECOND PHASE LOK SABHA POLLS IN MANIPUR AMID CALLS FOR 'FREE AND FAIR' POLLING

Election authorities in Manipur are all set to conduct the second phase of Lok Sabha elections on Friday, April 26.

In the second phase of the elections, voting will take place in 848 polling stations spread across 13 assembly segments falling under the Outer Manipur Parliamentary constituency.

A tight security arrangement has been put in place. A total of 529 internally displaced voters will exercise Apart from the deployment of over 4000 police their franchise in their respective special polling personnel, a total of 87 companies of Central Armed stations tomorrow. Police Force (CAPF), an official statement said.

The second phase of general elections to the 18th Lok up for only one voter in the Tengnoupal district. Sabha in respect of Manipur state is to be conducted in the remaining 13 assembly segments falling under Over 3400 polling personnel are being deployed the Outer seat spread across eight districts.

The 13 assembly segments are spread across the districts As done in the first phase, provision for pick up/ of Ukhrul, Kamjong, Tamenglong, Noney, Senapati, Jiribam, Pherzawl and Tengnoupal.

The voting in all the 848 polling stations will start at 7 am and will continue till 4 pm, the CEO Manipur said in a statement today.

A total of 484949 voters including 239140 male, 245807 female and two transgender voters are eligible to cast their votes in the second phase.

One polling station will be exclusively managed by all PwD polling personnel. Besides, there will be welldecorated and beautifully designed 22 model polling stations.

In addition, nine polling stations have been set up for internally displaced voters, out of which four are in Ukhrul and Tengnoupal districts and one in Jiribam district.



Interestingly, a special polling station has been set

for the second phase poll in the state.

drop facilities for PwD and aged electors are made available along with wheelchair facilities. A total of 2747 PwD electors and 454 centenarian voters are expected to exercise their franchise tomorrow.

Two volunteers have been engaged in each polling station to assist voters. Voter Assistance Booths have also been set up in all polling stations. ASHA workers have been identified for every polling station to provide immediate health care for the voters.

In addition, Anganwadi workers have been engaged to facilitate the pregnant and lactating mothers to vote with ease. First Aid kits have been provided for all polling stations.

A total of 28 assembly segments constituted the Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary constituency and of these 15 assembly segments had already

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polled on April 19, the first phase of the Lok Sabha elections. In the 15 assembly segments, 61.98 % voter turnout was registered.

Meanwhile, as Manipur is all prepared to hold the second and final phase of Lok Sabha election on Friday, April 26, the general mood is about whether it will be a 'free and fair' one. As the tempo rises, organisations, one after the other, have been issuing press statements urging the concerned authorities and the voters to ensure that there should be 'free and fair' pollings.

Today, United Women Organisation of Tamenglong has made an appeal to "all the leaders, voters and the general public of Tamenglong to exercise their franchise in a free and fair manner" when they go to the polling stations on Friday "by maintaining peace and harmony" during the polling period. "We encourage civil societies and leaders to instill social consciousness to gain momentum for clean election and avoid unethical practices," it added.

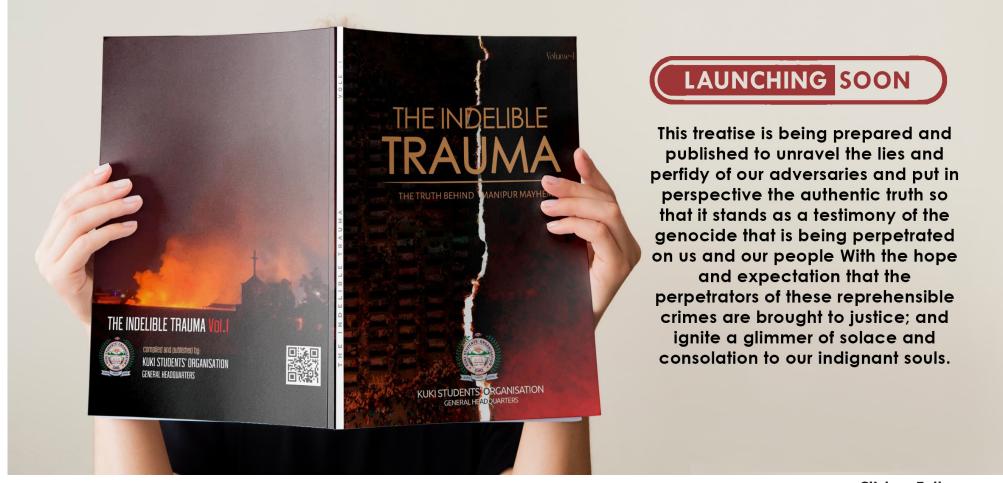
Also, Mao Inter-denominational Churches Fellowship has also made an appeal to all the voters for a 'free and

fair' election on April 26. In a statement, the joint fellowship appealed to the Mao people to "uphold secularism, protect minority rights, and serve as custodians of the Constitution, recognizing the pivotal role of elected leaders in governance".

The statement then said, "As the nation commemorates the cornerstone of democracy, the credibility of the electoral process and candidates hinges upon ensuring every citizen's freedom to vote for their chosen leader". Earlier, similar appeals were made by All Manipur Christian Organisation (AMCO), Interfaith Forum for Peace and Harmony (IFPH) and many more organisations.

In the Outer Parliamentary constituency of Manipur, Alfred Kan-Ngam Arthur of Indian National Congress, and Kachui Timothy Zimik of Naga People's Front, Dr. Alyson Abonmai and S. Kho John as independents are in the fray.

Source: Ukhrul Times





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Dear Brethren, we will be embarking on a new journey was witnessed in some other pockets as well. soon as we are electing a new Member of Parliament (MP), I am delighted to pen down a few words from the Unlike Churachandpur, the Kukis of Kangpokpi bottom of my heart. This message is for all the tribals of Outer Manipur, particularly the Nagas, who will be voting in the second phase of polling on 26 April 2024.

Brethren, we all know that the first phase of polling for brutally killed and their bodies were chopped into the Lok Sabha elections in Manipur was held on 19 April 2024 amidst uncertainty and fears. In many parts of the Valley districts, the festival of democracy was marred by unprecedented violence in which at least three people were reportedly arrested for violent activities. Following massive outrage from the opposition parties, repoll was also conducted in 11 polling stations on 22 April.

During the first phase, we observed two contrasting pictures in the Kuki dominated districts of Churachandpur and Kangpokpi. Whereas Churachandpur district reported a reasonably high percentage of voting, most of the polling stations in Kangpokpi wore a deserted look, much like what was witnessed in Eastern Nagaland. For the first time in the hills of Manipur, voting was not on ethnic lines but against Mr. N. Biren Singh and his government for what they have done to the minority Christian tribals, particularly the Kuki-Zo community. Similar pattern

district decided to abstain from voting to show their respect to the departed souls who lost their lives in the ongoing ethnic turmoil. As recently as on 13 April, two innocent Kuki village volunteers were pieces in the most barbaric manner by radicalised Meiteis in the name of Arambai Tenggols in Phailengmol Area of Kangpokpi district. One of the hands was seen fixed on a tree presumably as a sign of victory, or to show that the Kukis shouldn't vote in the election.

As we are aware, the tribals follow the tradition of giving utmost respect to the deaths, even if it belongs to the enemy, and until final rituals are performed for their deaths, a gena must be observed. So, under such circumstances, it was not possible for the Kukis of Kangpokpi district to participate in the festival of the largest democracy in the world. This tradition of showing respect to dead bodies is very much in contrast to the moral principles of the Meitei community as witnessed

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on multiple occasions. If they have the heart of a real human being, they could have at least handed over the dead bodies to the concerned authority instead of dumping in an undisclosed location. But this is what they are.

For the Kukis of Kangpokpi district, since we lost two previous lives in such a gruesome manner with their heads and limbs chopped off, we were compelled to abstain from the poll. If it were not for this barbarism, we would have voted as our counterparts in Churachandpur and other districts. However, it shouldn't be forgotten that most of the Nagas and Nepali voters of Kangpokpi district were allowed to exercise their franchise as usual.

It should also be noted that, unlike the valley where there was unprecedented violence, booth capturing, proxy voting, destruction and vandalisation of polling booths, and even gunshots near polling stations, videos and images of which went viral, not even a single violent incident or electoral malpractices was reported from the hill districts covered by the first phase of polling.

Now, as the second phase of the poll arrives, it is expected that voting in the remaining districts will also witness free and fair elections as in the Kuki dominated districts where polling was held in the first phase. Since all the candidates belong to the Naga tribes, who are all well suited to represent the Outer Manipur (ST) constituency, it is our earnest appeal that any form of violent activity which could tarnish the beauty of democratic elections must be avoided. Let free and fair elections be given a chance as whoever gets elected will represent not only the Nagas but the whole Outer Manipur.

In the previous Lok Sabha elections, voting was usually on ethnic lines, but this time, even though the new MP will be a Naga, he will be elected with the votes of all the tribal communities.

It is also worth noting that the prevailing circumstances had compelled the Kukis from contesting. This is, in a way, a blessing in disguise as it will go a long way in bridging whatever ethnic divide the two tribal communities have in the past. To be honest, there was no dearth of candidates willing to contest this Lok Sabha elections, but the community leaders of Kuki top bodies decided not to sponsor candidates from the Kuki community to avoid any misunderstanding that may crop up during the process of election.

Here, whether the Kukis were in a position to win or not is a different area of concern altogether, but giving a free hand to the Naga brethren this time amidst an ethnic cleansing campaign spearheaded by the dominant community is a message loud and clear enough for all who can hear.

Moreover, since it is difficult to erase digital footprints once left behind in today's world, violent incident or electoral malpractice that could tarnish the image of the tribal community should be avoided at all cost. Rather, it is high time to show the world that the tribals of Outer Manipur are no longer what they think as in the past--uncivilized, barbaric, and savage. Unprecedented violence and electoral malpractices in the valley, and free and fair, and peaceful elections in the hills, will send a clear message to the corridors of power that be. After all, whoever wins will be a Naga!

We wish all the tribal communities within the Outer Manipur, and the four candidates, the very best! May the Almighty lead us towards a new path for a better future. And may whoever wins this election be a symbol of peace and unity among the tribals of Outer Manipur and beyond.





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The Arambai Tenggol along with State agencies preparing & attacking Kuki-Zo Village (Phaileng-Luwangsanggol) areas for 2 consecutive days.

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United States International media has covered the persecution of Tribal Kukis in Manipur.

Thousands died but the government has been looking the other way.

Another International shame for India because of Modi.

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Beautiful Woman Cry Too!

Kim, a brave mother of two, a lovely wife, Her husband lauds her before God and men, But she blushes, half-smiling, signals him to stop, Her beauty melts the hearts of all, young and old. Her noble character is the talk of the town, Envied by neighbors' wives, praised by their husbands.

Her husband left home to fight the war in the front, She alone manages the affairs of her home and her kids, She prays for him every night after her children sleep, Home becomes quieter in his absence, At night, she's exhausted from the hard toils of the day, And now they follow - Early to bed, early to rise.

Finally, the echoes of gunfires around midnight, Seem so near, yet still far away, Her older boy awfully cries, awakened from his nightmares, She sings a lullaby to hush him back to sleep, Now, the sound of bombs and gunfires approaches nearer, Then, her neighbors softly whisper, "Kim, we had to flee..."

She back-carries one child, front-lifts the other, both tied tightly, They flee to the forest through the dark, in deep silence, They survive two nights and a day, without food, under the cold, I look into her eyes when she cannot feed her child, "Pearly tears flow down - Oh! Beautiful women cry too," I say, Nothing is sadder than seeing a beautiful woman in tears.

(This poem is dedicated to the tough Kuki-Zo women who manage homes and children while their men fight on the front lines. Salutations to all brave daughters too!)

-Hillsman J. Tearsworth

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