

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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**KHAIZAMANG HAOKIP
KUM 43**

AWAITING JUSTICE



KHAIJAMANG HAOKIP (43 YEARS)

H/O LHINGNEIMOI HAOKIP

ADDRESS: NOMJANG, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 5TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.06.2024



186
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.

WE SHALL NO LONGER KNOCK ON BOLTED DOORS IN DELHI, IF OUR RIGHTS ON OUR LAND NEEDS DISCUSSION, LET THEM COME TO LAMKA: BJP MLA PAOLIENLAL

In a strong message to the central government, BJP MLA from 59-Saikot Assembly Constituency in Churachandpur, Paolienlal Haokip said “We will no longer knock on bolted doors in Delhi. If our rights on our land needs discussion, let them (central government) come to Lamka.”

Haokip was addressing a sea of protesters who attended the ITLF’s public rally to expedite political solution for the Kuki-Zo on Monday at Public Ground, Lamka. In his address, the BJP legislator said that the Kuki-Zo elected representatives have been seeking appointment with the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister, but our efforts have been denied for the past one year. As such, if the central government is genuinely concerned about solving the Manipur crisis, they should come down to Lamka, only then we will have talks with them, we will no longer seek appointment to meet them in Delhi, he declared.

The first time MLA from Saikot Assembly Constituency also appealed SoO leaders, CSOs leaders and elected



representatives from the Kuki-Zo community not to travel to Delhi anymore to seek appointment with the Prime Minister and Home Minister. If the concerned authority denies our efforts to meet them, why rush to the national capital, let them come to our place and only then we will talk about solution to the current violence, he added.

BOMB THREATS, EXTORTION DEMANDS PLAGUED MANIPUR’S VALLEY AREAS

Highlighting the failed law and order in the valley area, several business communities, assisted by the Meira Paibis (a women’s collective) and local clubs, staged a sit-in protest at Khongjom Bazaar in Thoubal district of Manipur on Tuesday (June 25). The demonstration was in response to ongoing bomb threats and extortion demands that have plagued the area.

Protesters gathered under a banner that read, “Sit-in protest against unbearable monetary demands from business establishments at Khongjom Bazaar.”

Placards at the site carried messages such as “We want peace”, “Don’t throw us into a state of intense fear or desperation”, “We condemn placing bombs in crowded

places”, and “Stop needless monetary demands”.

Notably, unknown miscreants placed a powerful bomb at the doorstep of a hardware store in Khongjom Bazaar on Monday (June 24) night. The motive behind the bomb threat was to enforce extortion demands, which have become increasingly frequent and intolerable for the local business community.

“We have fulfilled numerous monetary demands from various outfits, but the situation has now become unbearable for the business communities in this bazaar,” one of the protester said.

‘PEOPLE REJECTED PM MODI’S APATHY’: CONGRESS DISCUSSES WAYS TO ALLEVIATE ‘MANIPUR’S PAIN’

The Congress on Monday held an intra-party meeting to discuss ways to ‘alleviate the pain of the people in the ethnic strife-torn Manipur’.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, ex-party chief Rahul Gandhi, and general secretary KC Venugopal, attended the meeting, in which they were briefed by members of the Manipur unit of the grand old party.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Kharge wrote, “This time, Manipur voted for compassion, peace, and harmony. PM Modi’s abject apathy towards the people was soundly rejected. The BJP state govt is complicit in failing to prevent the violence, even as tens of thousands of people still suffer the unending circle of turmoil.”

“Our party high command has shown its commitment and stand for the people of Manipur. The party has given time to both our MPs to speak in Lok Sabha for Manipur,” Keishem Meghchandra, who heads the Congress’ unit in Manipur, posted on X.

In the recently held Lok Sabha polls, the Congress won both parliamentary seats in the state: Inner Manipur (won by Angomcha Bimol Akoijam) and Outer Manipur (won by Alfred Kan-Ngam Arthur).



Since May last year, the state has been witnessing clashes between its Meitei and Kuki communities; the violence has claimed more than 200 lives, while thousands have been forced to flee their homes. The BJP governments at the Centre and state have come under criticism for failing to end the violence; Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been criticised for not visiting Manipur since the crisis began and for his ‘silence’ on the issue.

In June 2023, Rahul Gandhi made a two-day visit to the state, during which he met members of both the communities. On January 14 this year, he kicked off his 66-day Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, the second edition of his Bharat Jodo Yatra, from the state’s Thoubal district.



**He will win who knows when to fight
and when not to fight.**

- Sun Tzu

BJP MINORITY MORCHA'S ASKER ALI MKM DESERVES PUNISHMENT FOR PROMOTING ENMITY BETWEEN DIFFERENT GROUPS

Amid tension between the majority Meiteis and minority communities of Kuki in the wake of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom, an obsequious or servile person has been found propagating unfounded and inflammatory messages on social media platforms, which could bring unwanted rift between two groups.

One of the boot-lickers of narcissistic Meitei leader, N. Biren Singh, named Asker Ali Mkm who happens to be the leader of BJP Minority Morcha, Manipur Pradesh, was seen indulging in promoting enmity between different groups on his Facebook account, doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony. He is liable to be booked under Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which is punishable with imprisonment up to three years, with a fine, or with both.

On his Facebook post, Asker Ali wrote a message about Kukis being ready to avenge Nagas for 1991-95 ethnic violence, which is totally false and unfounded.

In this regard, the Kuki Inpi Sadar Hills had strongly condemned the malicious and false propaganda circulated through WhatsApp groups by certain Meitei individuals, claiming that the Kuki Inpi Sadar Hills held a video conference with COTU, ITLF, and SoO groups to plan a revenge against the Naga community for incidents that occurred in the 1990s.

The Kuki apex body unequivocally stated that no such meeting had ever taken place. "This is a deliberate attempt to incite violence and create further division between communities in Manipur," it said.

"These baseless accusations are not only unfounded but also dangerously inflammatory. They are designed

**Asker Ali Mkm**

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BREAKING NEWS

KUKI VOWED TO REVENGE NAGA FOR 1991-95 ETHNIC VIOLENCE

MEETING AT KUKI INPI , KANGPOKPI DATED 23/06/2024

PARTICIPANTS ARE KUKI INPI, KANGPOKPI, CoTU, SoO KUKI ARM GROUPS, ITLF AND VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING WITH CHURACHANDPUR COUNTERPART.

Unanimously resolved to fight Naga. Kuki are ready to fight Naga. Regarding ground conditions, Kangpokpi group spoke to churachandpur team that they have enough stock of arms and ammunition and support system to fight two face war against Naga and Meitei. Churachandpur and Kangpokpi road newly constructed shall be improved very fast to face the challenges of food and essential item shortage in the war.

Further, Kangpokpi Kuki have vowed not to negotiate neither they will say SORRY to Naga. They are fully prepared for WAR against Naga. Kuki living at rent in Senapati and Maram Don Bosco have already been returned. This NEWS has been circulated today 24/06/2024 during Kuki mass rally.

to exacerbate tensions and provoke conflict, which only serves to destabilize the region further," it added.

It is crucial to understand the context of the ongoing conflict. The current strife was initiated by aggressive actions from Meitei groups aimed at the annihilation of the Kuki community. In the face of such aggression, the Kuki people have

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been forced to defend themselves, their families, and their lands.

The Kuki Inpi Sadar Hills had also reassured their Naga brethren that the Kukis did not have any ill feeling towards them and urged all the Naga population not to fall to such cheap propaganda of the Meiteis and call for an immediate end to the spread of false information that threatens the fragile stability of our region.

Interestingly, there was also a criminal case against Asker Ali Mkm for threatening one of the BJP MLA from Khwairakpam, Mr. Raghumani who had filed a complaint with the Manipur police against the BJP state Minority Morcha president for "threatening" him through a Facebook post.

Raghumani, who was one of the four BJP MLAs camping in Delhi last year had said that he interpreted a comment made by the Minority Morcha chief Asker Ali Mkm to be "a threat" to his life and urged "for action under cybercrime law and IPC section 506."

Ali allegedly commented on the four MLAs' move to sound out the BJP's top leadership, stating "Let this be the last trip to Delhi" in Manipuri language.

It is clear that Asker Ali Mkm is a habitual criminal offender and he should be booked under relevant laws of the land.



Arijit Kuki
@ArijitNobody



Times of India and the telegraph says the truth. Kukis needs separate administration for humanity. #Manipur



12:14 pm · 25 Jun 24 · 3,653 Views



Tamal Saha
@Tamal0401

"Give justice to #Manipur and save #India" said newly elected #Congress MP from outer Manipur as he took oath.

While both the Manipur MPs went up to take oath, opposition leaders shouted "Manipur Manipur". The sound reverberated louder this time inside the parliament where the previous Manipur MPs weren't even allowed to speak when their own land, our own Manipur was burning.



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**FEATURED EDITORIAL**

Alter the Status Quo: On the Conflict in Manipur

The Hindu

Expansion of conflict in Manipur calls for decisive change

More than a year since an ethnic conflagration flared up, resulting in 221 deaths and the displacement of nearly 50,000 people, something remains rotten in the State of Manipur. The conflict has now spread to hitherto peaceful districts such as Jiribam even as the Imphal valley and other areas have seen rising extortion and abductions. The increase in armed militias in both the valley and hill areas, who are armed with weapons looted from constabularies, has contributed to this situation. For the past year, the Union government has sought to maintain a tenuous peace by subjecting the State to a de facto imposition of the provisions of Article 355 of the Constitution, without officially announcing them, even as it continues with the same political leadership so as to provide a fig leaf of power to the Chief Minister who is from the Bharatiya Janata Party. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been barely involved even to seek a humanitarian pause in the conflict and to work towards a peaceful resolution, while Home Minister Amit Shah routinely calls up security briefings, but to little avail. In the latest meeting with a host of security and administrative officials, the Chief Minister was not invited. The Union government's indecisive vacillation and the State government's inability to rise above its leadership's ethnic biases have ensured that the Manipur conflict remains on a slow burn even as

the electorate in the State has already given a strong message on this situation. In the general election, the Opposition Congress party scored a decisive win in the Inner and Outer Manipur constituencies, despite the blatant intimidatory tactics by the militias to deter voters, especially in the valley.

The writing on the wall is clear. The persistence of the status quo is doing little to resolve the conflict and is only furthering the ethnic divide. The Union and the State governments must heed the people of Manipur's call for change. A change in leadership is now inevitable at the helm of affairs of government but a mere shifting of chairs will not suffice. There must be a renewed attempt to curb the antisocial militias and to disarm them in the hill areas and in the valley, while simultaneously ensuring that civil society actors, who are committed to peace and amity cutting across ethnic sections, are empowered to talk to each other and work out the modalities of bringing back normalcy. The representatives of the governments in the neighbouring States and the newly elected parliamentarians can also help in bringing about a reconciliation between the hostile ethnic groups. But all this can happen only if there is a decisive change in the current state of affairs in Manipur.

**NEWS ANALYSIS****The Shifts in Narrative: Meiteis Now Want to Pit Kukis Against Nagas**

The Meiteis in Manipur have shifted their narrative, now attempting to create friction between the Kukis and Nagas. Following over a year of state-sponsored ethnic cleansing against the Kuki minority, the once confident Meiteis find themselves restricted to a small area, realizing their initial plans to swiftly eradicate the Kukis were overly optimistic. Despite their efforts, the Kukis have stood firm, thwarting Meitei attempts to eliminate them.

The Chief architect of the current violence Mr. N. Biren Singh and his stooges – the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun, must have day-dreamed that the Kukis would easily bow before them if intimidated and could be easily crushed if subdued. However, the Kukis, beyond their wild imagination, stood their ground and thwarted the Meitei divisive ploy to annihilate the Kuki community from the state.

Now, the Meiteis who are in dilemma whether to seek for peace or continue the fight with the Kukis, have started changing narratives. In the wild effort to annihilate the Kukis, they started looking for partners in crime. They have now started spreading propaganda to incite the Naga community to drag them into this violence. The

Naga community have been maintaining neutral stance in this violence.

Here, the agents in shifting narratives are the Meitei media houses, who are now drumming up intentionally about the Kuki-Naga clash which is no longer relevant at all. The Editorial of Imphal Free Press and The Imphal Times have repeatedly written about the imaginative escalating tension between the Nagas and the Kukis.

In their attempt to drag the Nagas into this violence, the Meitei media houses have now started selective picking of news item. They carry news item pertaining to the issue between the Nagas and Kukis with louder agenda.

Interestingly, The Imphal Free Press in their editorial on June 24, the day in which the Kuki-Zo community held a public rally to expedite a political solution, wrote about the 1997 ethnic clash in Churachandpur. The editorial repeatedly tried to throw a seed of division among the Kuki-Zo tribes by bringing out the already settled misunderstanding between the same ethnic groups.

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However, the Kuki-Zo community is not a fool that can easily be swayed by the propagandas of the Meitei press. They have lived together since ages, sharing the same culture and ancestors. The Meiteis' press attempts to create division among the Kuki-Zo community will only prove futile. There may be disagreements, but they always find lines to hold them together.

After a failed attempt to divide the Kuki community, the Meitei community have now tried to provoke the Nagas, so that they can be their aid in waging war against the Kukis. But this will only prove dangerous for them as the Naga community with their integrity will never fall prey to the cheap tactics of the devilish Meiteis.

Now faced with a dilemma—whether to pursue peace or continue confrontation—the Meiteis have begun spreading propaganda to draw the neutral Naga community into the conflict. Meitei media outlets are selectively reporting and exaggerating tensions between Nagas and Kukis to fuel division and attract Naga support. Despite these tactics, the historically united Kuki-Zo community remains resilient, dismissing Meitei attempts to sow discord as futile. Aware of Meitei efforts to manipulate them, the Nagas, known for their integrity, are unlikely to be swayed into supporting Meitei aggression against the Kukis, posing a potential setback for Meitei strategies.



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and the blame
game drama**





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- Valentina Mangte

When her gentle smile warms your soul,
When her little glimpse makes your day,
When her eyes glimmer and your heart flutters,
Unaware of what they say.

You watch her with those filthiest stares as she walks,
You have malevolent intentions as she talks.
You tied her up while she tried to escape,
She begged while she cried even in that state
You shut her mouth as she screamed for her safety,
As You dragged her from her hair impatiently.

Was her fault to be pretty?
Questioning herself what she did wrong.

While all the women who suffered were struggling in society,
But those filthy men hunt another one without being guilty.

The circle never ends, as the end is never drawn,
our voice is the end but we refuse to raise it like it's gone.
Our Silence is their encouragement, our silence is their power,
And with that, They wait for another in the late hour.

Throughout their life Women live with suffocation,
And those Men live without trial in this nation.
The constitution provides a list of laws,
But still women are the ones who they flaws,
Reputation is ruined and career destroyed,

It could've been me, it could've been you!!!
Hence, Let's raise our voices in one chord,
And let those malevolent men fear us the most!!

So when the next time a woman walks by,
Malevolent men won't dare to raise their eyes.
So the next time it happens,
Women would not be blackened.
Women will not blame themselves for the act,
Instead will stand again and try to make an impact!!