

# Thingkho *Le* Malecha

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# AWAITING JUSTICE



## THANGKHANLAL TONSING (42 YEARS)

S/O HAUZALIAN

ADDRESS: VENGNUAM, NEW LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: MURDERED BY MEITEI MILITANTS



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 22.07.2024



**191**  
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 STUDENTS' ORGANISATION APPRAISES NCST FOR SPEEDY TRANSFER OF MANIPUR UNIVERSITY'S DISPLACED KUKI STUDENTS

The Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) General Headquarters has made an appeal to Nirupam Chakma, a member of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, seeking urgent action in facilitating the transfer of displaced Kuki students from Manipur University to North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) and Assam University as mandated by the order of Supreme Court of India.

In a formal representation to the NCST member, the apex student body emphasized the dire need for intervention, highlighting the plight of hundreds of students who have been unable to pursue their education due to administrative delays.

KSO Education Secretary Thangmoi Haokip's representation brings to light the inaction on the part of educational authorities in implementing a Supreme Court order from eight months ago. The apex court had mandated the transfer of displaced students to ensure their uninterrupted education amid ongoing conflicts in Manipur.

Outlining several critical issues faced by the displaced students, Thangmoi Haokip stated despite the Supreme Court's directive, there has been no progress in the transfer process for the displaced students of Manipur University and the students' repeated applications and follow-ups have gone unanswered, causing immense frustration and uncertainty.

He also stated that Ph.D. scholars are facing severe setbacks in continuing their studies online while the retirement of their supervisors and complications with migration certificates from Manipur University have further exacerbated the situation.

The delay has left 284 students in a state of limbo, eagerly awaiting the opportunity to continue their



higher education and such prolonged inaction has had a detrimental impact on the academic aspirations of these students, he stated.

Highlighting the tireless efforts of the student body in actively advocating for the rights of the displaced students since the onset of the conflict in Manipur, Haokip stated that they had submitted numerous representations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman, seeking swift action, however, they have received no response from the relevant authorities till date.

In light of these challenges, the KSO appeals to Nirupam Chakma for his immediate attention and intervention urging him to facilitate the expedited transfer of displaced students to NEHU and Assam University, as per the Supreme Court's directive in W.P. Civil No. 1307 of 2023 (Manipur University Eimi Welfare Society & ANR vs Union of India & Ors.).

The student body also conveyed hopes that prompt action will alleviate the distress faced by Kuki community students and allow them to resume their educational pursuits without further hindrance.

# TRIBAL RIGHTS VIOLATED IN SPORTS UNIVERSITY: KSO-GHQ CONDEMNS DISREGARD FOR RESERVATION NORMS

The Kuki Students' Organisation General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) has strongly condemned the recent actions of the Manipur state government, led by Chief Minister Biren Singh, of depriving tribal communities of their rightful educational opportunities. The declaration of admission results at the National Sports University Imphal (NSUI) has blatantly violated the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Bill, 2012.

According to the KSO-GHQ, the Bill reserves 2% for SC, 31% for ST, and 17% for OBC. However, the NSUI admission results allocated 15% for SC, 7.5% for ST, and 27% for OBC, ignoring the established reservation norms.

“This systematic deprivation of tribal educational rights is not an isolated incident,” said a KSO-GHQ spokesperson. “Tribal students have faced similar manipulations in admissions, job recruitments, service promotions, and other areas.”

In 2016, the Academic Council of Manipur University also disregarded the CEI Amendment Act, 2012, choosing instead to follow the CEI 2006 Act, which allocates lower percentages for ST. This decision, made by a council predominantly composed of Meitei professors, led to significant protests by tribal students under the All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM) and a subsequent mass exodus from the university campus.

Despite repeated appeals by ATSUM to implement the CEI Amendment Act, 2012, the Academic Council persisted in following the CEI 2006 Act. It was only after validation by the High Court of Manipur and later the Supreme Court that Manipur University adjusted its reservation quotas for admissions.

The KSO-GHQ has expressed frustration with the continued discrimination under the Meitei-led



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**PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ**

The Kuki Students' Organisation General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) is not surprised to witness once again the ongoing deprivation of tribal rights in the state of Manipur by the Biren-led government. The recent declaration of admission results at the National Sports University Imphal (NSUI) has blatantly disregarded the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Bill, 2012. This Bill, passed by the Rajya Sabha on April 27, 2012, and the Lok Sabha on May 16, 2012, and assented to as Act No. 31 of 2012 on June 19, 2012, reserves 2% for SC, 31% for ST, and 17% for OBC. However, the admission results allocated 15% for SC, 7.5% for ST, and 27% for OBC, thus violating the prescribed reservation norms (as per the admission notification and result declaration of NSUI).

Such systematic deprivation of tribal educational rights, by manipulating their rightful share of reservations for entry into central universities, is not an isolated incident. Tribal students have experienced such manipulations in admissions, job recruitments, service promotions, and other areas.

For example, in 2016, the Academic Council of Manipur University disregarded the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Act, 2012, opting instead to follow the CEI 2006 Act (Reservation in Admission) for admissions (i.e., 7.5% for ST, 15% for SC, and 27% for OBC). This biased approach by the Academic Council, predominantly composed of Meitei professors, sparked strong protests by tribal students under the banner of the All Tribal Students Union Manipur (ATSUM), leading to a mass exodus of tribal students from the university campus.

Despite repeated appeals by ATSUM to the Manipur University authorities for implementing the CEI Amendment Act, 2012, the Academic Council, favoring a particular community, remained steadfast in following the CEI 2006 Act. It was only after the High Court of Manipur and later the Supreme Court validated the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Act, 2012, for implementation in Manipur's central institutes that Manipur University adjusted the reservation quotas for admissions.

The KSO and the Kuki people are weary of the continued discrimination under the Meitei-led Manipur state government against tribal. We have tirelessly fought for justice, including equal distribution of developmental funds between the hills and the valley, protection of tribal reservations in admissions, job recruitments, service promotions, filling of tribal backlog seats in government jobs, healthcare, education, and other areas.

The Kuki Students' Organisation General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ) had enough bitter experiences and believes that justice will never be delivered under this incumbent Govt. administration. KSO wishes a positive outcome to the All Naga Students Association Manipur (ANSAM) in their efforts to rectify the recently declared admission results at the National Sports University Imphal (NSUI).

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Manipur state government. “We have tirelessly fought for justice, including equal distribution of developmental funds between the hills and the valley, protection of tribal reservations in admissions, job recruitments, service promotions, filling of tribal backlog seats in government jobs, healthcare, education, and other areas,” KSO-GHQ added.

The organization also extended its support to the All Naga Students Association Manipur (ANSAM) in their efforts to rectify the recently declared admission results at NSUI.

# FORMER MEITEI BJP MLA SUMMONED FOR DRUGS-RELATED ISSUE, OFFICIAL RESIDENCE ATTACKED; RAMPANT EXTORTIONS DISTURB EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Amid dehumanizing and labelling the minority communities of Kuki as “drugs peddlers” by the communal Meitei leaders including the narcissistic Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, the proscribed Meitei militant outfit, KCP-MC (Progressive), has served an ultimatum to the former BJP MLA from Kshetrigao Constituency, Nahakpam Indrajit Singh, with related to “Illegal Drugs Trade” issue.

A statement posted on its official Facebook page, the KCP MC (Progressive) militant group has given a stern warning to former Meitei MLA to clarify within five days; failing which, a shoot-at-sight order would be given against him. This shows that most of the Meitei MLAs/ex-MLAs, Ministers, Politicians, etc, are deeply involved in drugs businesses in the state.

Mention may be made that the former decorated Police officer, Th. Brinda, had already submitted an affidavit to the High Court of Manipur over the deep involvement of the incumbent Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh and his second wife in drugs businesses worth crores of rupees.

With the complete breakdown of law and order as a result of N. Biren Singh’s incompetency in governance, the Meitei militants and radicalised armed groups of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun have ruled over the populace of the Meiteis.

Killings, bomb-threats, intimidations, extortions, etc., all anti-social activities have become part and parcel of the daily affairs in the Meiteis’ ancestral land of Imphal valley. Not only business establishments in Imphal, educational institutions too have to face the brunt of extreme extortion rackets from the Meitei armed groups.

Consequently, hundreds of teachers from various schools under the Government of Manipur’s ZEO Zone 1 today held a one-day sit-in protest today at



Naoremthong Bazar, Imphal West. The protest was organized to oppose the intolerable monetary demands imposed on the teaching community.

Teachers voiced their concerns, urging the government to make education a disturbance-free zone. They emphasized the need for a stable and supportive environment to ensure quality education for students. The demonstration saw widespread participation, reflecting the collective frustration and determination of the educators.

On Wednesday, unidentified Meitei armed outfits had opened several rounds of gunfire at the residence of Robertson Asem, Director of Manipur Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution (CAF and PD). The incident, which took place at around 10:30 PM under the jurisdiction of Singjamei Police Station in Imphal West, left no one injured.

However, a white Alto car parked outside the residence was hit by 4-5 bullets, sustaining significant damage. As per Police, a case has been registered at Singjamei Police Station, and an investigation is underway to identify and apprehend the culprits.

# MANIPUR'S MUSLIM BODY SLAMS MEITEI MILITANT OUTFIT FOR 'SELECTIVE TARGET' OVER DRUGS-RELATED ISSUE

Pangal Kanba Lup - Manipur, an organisation aiming to resurrect the glory of Pangal (Muslim) identity, has slammed the Meitei militant outfit, KCP (Taibanganba), over the alleged selective target of the Muslim minority community in drugs-trade issue.

In a statement on Thursday, the Pangal Kanba Lup - Manipur said, "KCP (Taibanganba) group is not an underground outfit but an extortionists' group."

"A list of drugs peddlers was wrongly published by the KCP (Taibanganba) group, which has selectively targeted the Muslim community. The list includes many Muslim individuals who have no connection with drugs trade," it stated, adding that such mis-information was uncalled for, and strongly condemned the militant outfit's action.

The association also stated that there were many drugs peddlers from different communities, but the Meitei militants' deliberate target on the Muslim community was unacceptable. "It is nothing but to dehumanize or vilify a particular community (Muslim) of Manipur in the wrong light," it alleged.



The Pangal Kanba Lup - Manipur has warned that the Meitei militant outfit, KCP (Taibanganba), should not continue dehumanizing the Muslim community of Manipur, and added that the Muslim community should collectively fight against those individuals or associations or outfits who try to work against the Muslim community.

It also warned the Meitei militant group not to spread wrong information which can give bad light to the Muslim community.



**It's one thing to be a part of an organization. It's another thing to be a part of the community.**

*- Travis Kelce*

# MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER ETHNIC VIOLENCE HIT THE STATE, PM MODI TO MEET MANIPUR CM IN DELHI SOON

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh, who left for Delhi on Thursday, will have his first meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in more than 14 months since the ethnic violence between Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities broke out on May 3 last year.

Singh told the media in Imphal on Thursday that he was visiting Delhi to attend a meeting of the NITI Aayog and a conclave of the chief ministers.

“I am visiting Delhi especially to attend a meeting of the NITI Aayog. It will be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji. After that, I will attend the chief minister’s conclave in the presence of the PM,” Singh said.

“We will discuss different issues. I will have the privilege to discuss the prevailing situation (in Manipur). I will make a request seeking an immediate solution to the present crisis,” he further stated, exuding confidence that something positive will come out.

Replying to a WhatsApp query from this newspaper if he would have a one-to-one meeting with the PM, Singh wrote, “Sure”.

Last month, over 20 NDA MLAs from Manipur visited Delhi and camped there for a few days to secure an audience with the PM to seek his intervention in restoring peace in the state. It was not known if they could meet him.

As for the PM, he was criticised by the opposition parties for not visiting Manipur, even once, during the conflict which left at least 219 people dead and over 60,000 others displaced. A large majority of the displaced people are still languishing in relief camps.

Since the violence, Manipur has remained ethnically partitioned with people from the two communities in conflict not even able to visit areas where the rival community is dominant. The Kukis are confined to the



hills while the Meiteis are confined to the Imphal valley. They have no contact whatsoever with each other.

The state government have come under criticism for allegedly discriminating against the Kuki community and siding with the Meiteis during the violence.

Meanwhile, Singh on Thursday “personally” invited 10 Kuki-Zo legislators, including two ministers, to attend a session of the Manipur Assembly that will be held from July 31 to August 6.

“They should come and join. We will cooperate,” Singh said.

However, given the animosity and the feeling of insecurity, it is very unlikely that the Kuki-Zo legislators will attend the Assembly session. They had not attended the previous two sessions.

Speaker T Satyabrata Singh also said that the Assembly had written to all MLAs, including the 10 from the Kuki-Zo community, to attend the Assembly session.

“We had written to them (Kuki-Zo legislators) five-six days ago. They haven’t yet confirmed their participation. We hope they will attend the session,” the speaker said. (TNIE)

# TELIS IN MANIPUR SEEK GOV'S INTERVENTION ON PRC, ILP ISSUES

Members of the Teli community, a small group residing in violence-plagued Manipur, have appealed to Governor Anusuiya Uikey to expedite the issuance of Permanent Residence Certificates (PRC) and Inner Line Permits (ILP).

The leaders of the community claimed that difficulties in obtaining these documents have exacerbated their challenges amid the ongoing unrest in Manipur.

A delegation of five representatives from the All Manipur Teli Association, led by secretary Ashok Prasad Sahu, met with the Governor at Raj Bhavan on Thursday to submit a memorandum outlining their concerns.

They reiterated earlier demands made in a May 17 memorandum, emphasizing that recent developments



have heightened the community's need for PRC and ILP certificates.

The Governor assured the delegation of her support and directed them to submit copies of their grievances to the Chief Minister and Chief Secretary for further action. (NE Now News)



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**NEWS ANALYSIS****Manipur Assembly Session: N. Biren Singh's Invitation to Kuki-Zo MLAs Unnecessary, Another Ploy to Create Confusion**

In what could be considered as the most unlikely circumstances, Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh informed on Thursday (July 25) that he will personally send invitations to the ten Kuki legislators to attend the forthcoming assembly session in the state.

This announcement comes as Manipur prepares for the sixth session of the Manipur legislative assembly, scheduled from July 31 to August 6.

Speaking to the media, Manipur CM N Biren Singh stressed on the importance of unity and cooperation.

“I will personally extend the invitations, as well as through the assembly. They (Kuki MLAs) should join us, and we are ready to cooperate,” Manipur CM N Biren Singh stated.

The ten Kuki MLAs, including two ministers, have been absent from the last two sessions of the Manipur assembly due to ongoing ethnic violence in the state.

The fifth session, held from February 28 to March 05, and the fourth session, which was adjourned after just 11 minutes on August 29 last year, saw no attendance from these legislators.

However, many keen observers of political development in Manipur see the statement of narcissistic chief

Minister N. Biren Singh as a hollow statement. All Tom, Dick and Harry knew that the Kuki MLAs will not fall in the trap laid by Mr. Biren Singh. It is evident from the past experiences that the Imphal valley is no longer safe for the Kukis including the law makers. It may be noted here that even BJP legislator Vungzagin Valte was almost hacked to death. His driver was killed in the attack during the initial stage of violence.

Sources close to Kuki MLAs informed this bulletin that the reply to this invitation will be a flat ‘No’. It is believed that the ten Kuki MLAs will come-up with a statement a day or tomorrow, flatly rejecting the proposed invitation to be send to them.

Biren Singh in his dim knowledge must be well aware of the impossibility of Kuki MLAs coming down to the valley of death to attend the Assembly session. Biren Singh though aware of the impossibility, throws ‘bone’ to create a myriad of mistrust and confusion among the general public and the ten Kuki MLAs. Biren has often stated that he is in constant touch with some Kuki MLAs, which on several occasions was negated by Kuki MLAs and CSOs. This could well be just another ploy of

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chauvinistic Biren to create misunderstanding between the Kuki populace and their elected law makers.

Biren even assured security for the ten Kuki MLAs to attend the assembly session, but how will Arambai Tenggol – his private militia, reacted to this, is a matter of concern as they are the one always advocating annihilation of Kukis. Biren inefficiency in providing adequate security measure to the Kukis is already well experienced, as such; none will fall again in his empty promises.

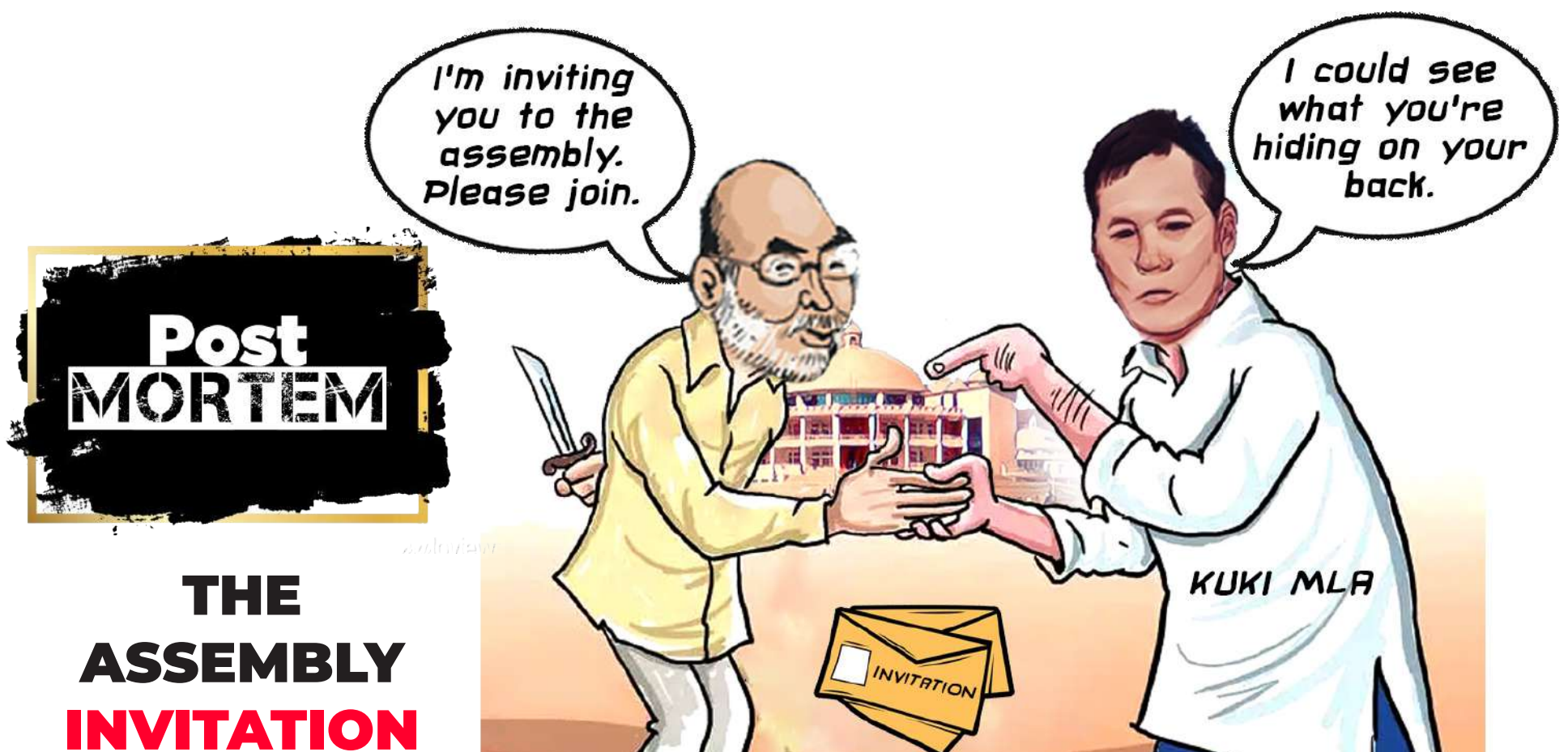
Biren's personal invitation could also be read as a ploy to lure Kuki MLAs into the valley of death and handed over them to his private militia group to annihilate them. Trusting in Biren will be the same as digging one's own grave.

Another aspect of why the ten Kuki MLAs will not participate in the assembly session is that the Kukis and Meiteis are already completely separated. The invitation itself is unnecessary considering the degree of separation. The Kukis no longer have business

in the administration of Manipur as the state government is limited only to the Meiteis. The Kuki MLAs no longer have roles in the Manipur state assembly as they have already demanded separate administration from Manipur in May last year.

The physical and mental security of the ten legislators should also be taken into consideration, after escaping near death in the valley of death, limping back to where they are persecuted could be treading in the path of death again. If he could not provide protection to Vungzagin Valte, the then advisor to CM Biren, what would guarantee that he will provide adequate security measure this time around?

It is likely that the Kuki CSOs also will come-up with a statement soon about the impossibility for their legislators to attend the upcoming state assembly session, prohibiting all the ten Kuki MLAs from accepting the personal invitation of N. Biren, who is considered as 'merchant of death' for the Kukis.





# SACRIFICE AND RESPONSIBILITY: A TRIBUTE TO KUKI-ZO VOLUNTEERS

In the crucible of conflict, where shadows dance and death reigns, the Kuki-Zo village volunteers stand tall, their hearts aflame. With every breath, they pledge to protect, serve, and defend their community, kin, and land until the bitter end.

Their sacrifice is a testament to their strong and true convictions, demonstrating a willingness to lay down their lives for others. In the face of tyranny, they stand firm, unyielding, and unbowed; their spirit remains unbroken, like the morning dew that gently flows.

Their responsibility is a mantle they wear with honor and pride, a duty to their people to safeguard and provide. In the midst of chaos, the people remain calm and at peace, thanks to the selfless efforts of the Kuki-Zo village volunteers, who are the calm in the storm, the peace that passes all understanding.

Their selflessness is a beacon of hope in a world torn apart and rent asunder. Through the lens of their humanity, we glimpse the divine, a reflection of our shared essence that transcends tribe and shrine.

The volunteers of Kuki-Zo village stand tall, a shining example of sacrifice and responsibility that echoes through it all.

**K. SHONGRENG**