

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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IMMANUEL HMAR (41 YEARS)

S/O HRIEMNEICHAWNG

ADDRESS: HMARKHAWLIEN, CACHAR, ASSAM

DATE OF DEATH: 18TH JULY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: ANDHRA PRADESH

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED BY UNKNOWN MISCREANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 11.09.2024



199
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360+
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425+
DISPLACED
PERSONS

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

DGP RAJIV SINGH MET KUKI LEADERS AT LAMKA, DENIES RUMORS OF 900 MILITANT INTRUSIONS; SECURITY ADVISOR, DGP ISSUES CLARIFICATION

In a significant development, Director General of Police (DGP) Rajiv Singh today dismissed rumors of 900 militants infiltrating Manipur from Myanmar, labeling the information as misinformation.

During a meeting with Kuki Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) at Lamka today, Singh revealed that the claim did not originate from security forces or intelligence agencies but from the Chief Minister's Office. He further assured that the Central Government had been consulted on the matter.

The misinformation had sparked widespread fear across both the hill and valley regions, with some groups suggesting it was a Meitei propaganda effort to incite violence against the Kuki-Zo community. The false report triggered advisories from organizations like Kuki Inpi Manipur and the Zomi Council, warning residents to remain vigilant against potential attacks, allegedly involving Meitei militants and state forces, bolstered by newly acquired Medium Machine Guns (MMGs).

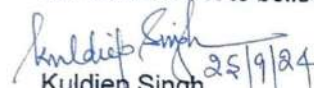
During the meeting held at the Superintendent of Police's office in Churachandpur, DGP Singh emphasized that although the information was incorrect, security matters must be taken seriously. In response, I instructed the Senior Superintendent of Police, Thoubal to issue an official notice to address the situation, he clarified.

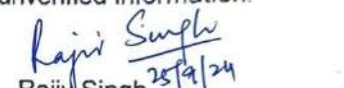
Civil society representatives raised critical concerns over the impartiality of the state police and pointed out the Manipur government's failure to effectively manage the law and order situation in the region. A key issue discussed was the recent procurement of MMGs, with Kuki-Zo leaders questioning the state's decision to conduct arms training without involving Kuki policemen.

The DGP responded by assuring the public that training sessions for Kuki policemen would soon be arranged and that a proportionate number of MMGs would

Press Release

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Kuldip Singh
Advisor (Security)
Manipur


Rajiv Singh
Director General of Police
Manipur



be allocated to law enforcement in Kuki areas. This move is seen as a step toward addressing the perception of unequal treatment between communities.

The CSOs also highlighted a series of violent incidents targeting the Kuki-Zo community, expressing frustration over the lack of action by both the state police and the Home Department.

With tensions still high in Manipur, the DGP's assurances have provided some relief, though concerns about security and the state's handling of inter-community relations remain prevalent.

As a follow up of today's meeting with Kuki CSOs at Lamka; the DGP and Security Advisor issued a press note stating that in view of the recent reactions from different communities regarding input of infiltration of 900 trained Kuki militants from Myanmar to carry out attacks on Meiteis on Sept 28, it is clarified that the input was verified from

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It may be noted that on September 16, N. Geoffrey, Secretary to Chief Minister informed the DGP Manipur that they have received reports that over 900 Kuki militants, newly trained in use of drone-based bombs, projectiles, missiles and jungle warfare have entered Manipur from Myanmar and these groups are expected to launch a coordinated attacks on Meitei areas on September 28.

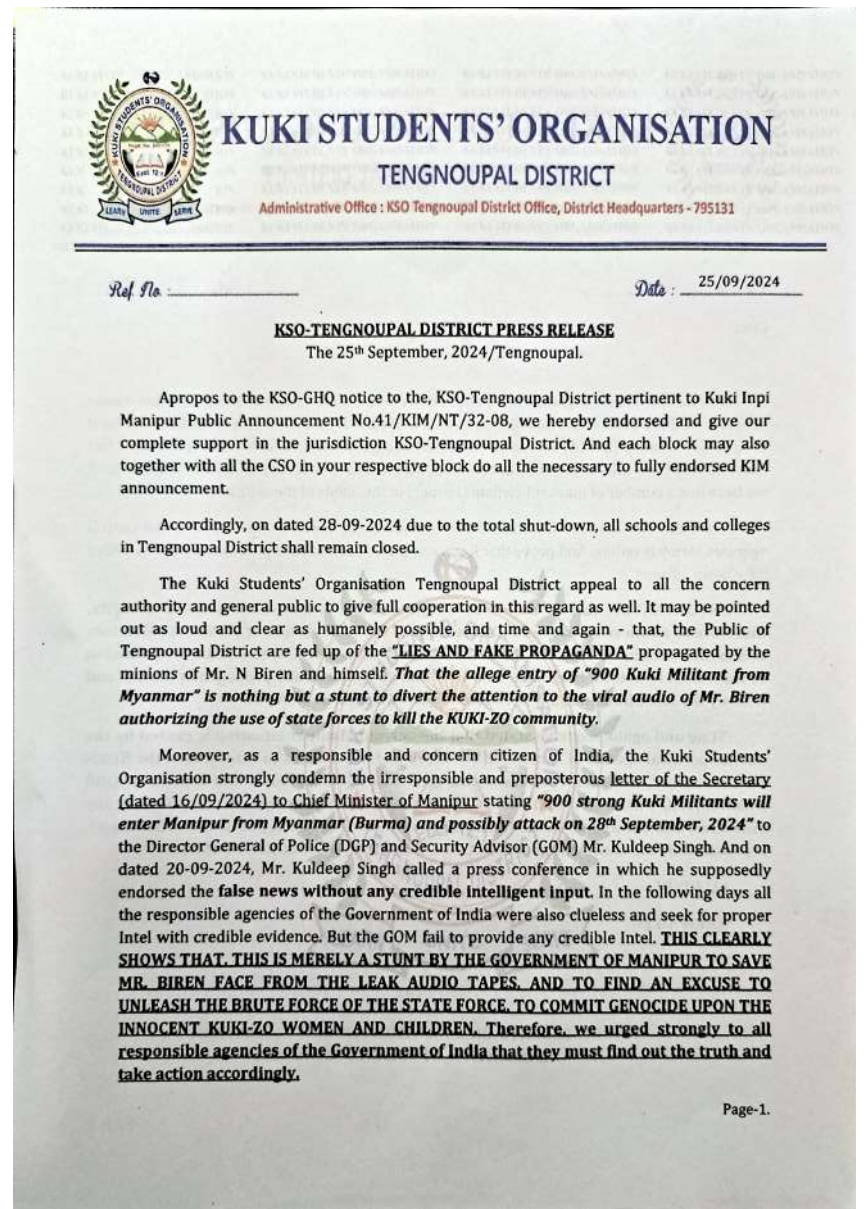
KSO TENGNOUNPAL CALLS FOR TOTAL SHUTDOWN ON SEP 28

In response to a public announcement by the Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), the Kuki Students’ Organisation (KSO) Tengenoupal District has declared a total shutdown on September 28, 2024. All schools and colleges in the district will remain closed, as the organization calls for full cooperation from the authorities and the general public.

The KSO has voiced strong opposition to what they describe as “lies and fake propaganda” perpetuated by the government of Manipur, particularly targeting Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. They assert that recent claims of 900 Kuki militants infiltrating from Myanmar are a diversion tactic in light of a leaked audio recording in which the Chief Minister allegedly authorizes the use of state forces against the Kuki-Zo community.

In a press statement, the KSO condemned a letter from the Secretary to the Chief Minister, which warned of a potential militant attack. They criticized the subsequent press conference held by Security Advisor Mr. Kuldeep Singh, arguing that it spread unverified information without credible intelligence backing. The KSO claims that this lack of substantiated evidence reflects a broader strategy by the government to distract from the political turmoil surrounding the leaked audio.

The organization emphasized that the Kuki community has been unfairly targeted by state authorities and has suffered significantly during the ongoing conflict. They urged the Government of India to thoroughly investigate these allegations and take appropriate action, asserting that national security should not be compromised for political agendas.



KSO reiterated its commitment to maintaining the safety and security of the region, stating that they have worked diligently to protect India from external threats. They called for a political solution that aligns with the constitutional rights of all citizens, expressing a firm belief that communal agendas have no place in a democratic India.

DELHI TRIBAL BODY ALLEGES STATE GOVERNMENT SPREADING 'MISINFORMATION' ABOUT KUKI-ZO COMMUNITIES

The Manipur Tribals' Forum Delhi on Wednesday accused the Manipur government of spreading misinformation about Kuki-Zo communities and urged the Centre to intervene and address the "bias and injustice" against them.

At a press conference here, members of the Manipur Tribal Forum Delhi also opposed giving Chief Minister N Biren Singh control of the Union Home Ministry-run Unified Command.

"We call on the national government to intervene and address the bias and injustices perpetuated by the Meitei-majority leadership in Manipur," it said.

The group also issued six appendices detailing its rebuttal of allegations against the tribal communities.

The MTFD said the reported "abnormal increase" in tribal population and the rise of new villages in districts like Kangpokpi and Churachandpur are more likely due to systematic corruption rather than influx of illegal immigrants.

"The use of schemes like NREGA to invent phantom villages and inflate population numbers to extract government funds can explain the discrepancies between recorded immigration and village growth.

"Thus, while immigration from Myanmar may play a role, the primary cause of the abnormal rise in villages and population figures could lie in manipulative administrative practices rather than demographic or migratory changes," it said.

The forum said that claims about the Kuki-Zo communities using drone warfare and highly sophisticated weaponry are a "gross misrepresentation" and part of a larger narrative aimed at justifying "state-sponsored militarisation against its own people".

"There has been no credible or concrete proof to support the claim that the Kuki-Zo forces have access to weaponised drones. The so-called sophisticated

weapons alleged by the media and state are mostly rudimentary arms, which are widely accessible to any group in conflict zones, and in many cases are used defensively," it said.

It further said, "The deliberate focus on this narrative is an attempt to shift attention from the real issue -- the incriminating leaked audio of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh which exposes his direct involvement in the persecution of the Kuki-Zo communities." On the issue of drug trade, the MTFD said Manipur must adopt a holistic approach that addresses the underlying causes of the problem, promotes development and ensures equal treatment of all communities.

"The claim that the Kuki-Zo communities are responsible for narco-terrorism is a gross oversimplification that ignores the complex socio-economic, political and ethnic dynamics at play in Manipur.

"Chief Minister Biren Singh's targeting of these communities while ignoring the broader involvement of valley-based actors in the drug trade reveals a deep-seated bias and a political agenda that seeks to marginalise the hill tribes," it said.

The forum also opposed the chief minister's demand that the reins of the Unified Command be handed over to him.

"Granting N. Biren Singh control of the Unified Command would not only lead to an escalation of ethnic violence but would also destabilise national security, erode constitutional governance, and enable impunity for crimes against the Kuki-Zo communities.

"The only viable solution is the removal of the CM from any role in the Unified Command and placing security responsibilities directly under neutral and trustworthy forces like the Indian Army," it said.

MEITEI'S WITTINGLY BLAME KUKIS FOR SENAPATI HINDU TEMPLE ARSON; LOCAL POLICE PROVES THEM WRONG

In a recent attempt to portray the Kuki community as anti-Hindu, the Meitei people have found their efforts swiftly rebuked by local authorities. Following the burning of the Pashupati Nath temple in Senapati on the intervening night of September 24-25, Meitei social media users quickly spread misinformation on social media, wrongly blaming Kukis for the incident.

Despite Senapati being predominantly Naga and having a negligible Kuki population, misleading narratives by the Meiteis gained traction online, aiming to incite religious tensions and garner sympathy from mainland India. However, the Senapati Police swiftly intervened, issuing a press release to clarify the situation.

The police emphasized that the fire was minor and cautioned against the spread of false information that could harm communal harmony. They confirmed that an FIR has been filed, and investigations are underway to identify those responsible for the misinformation and the incident itself.

Authorities urged the public to refrain from making assumptions and to disregard any unfounded claims circulating on social media. The police are actively monitoring platforms for such narratives, promising strict action against those perpetuating these falsehoods.



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Press note
(25.09.2024)

In connection with minor fire which broke out during the intervening night of Sept. 24-25 at Pashupati Nath temple at Senapati, few social media handles at X, Facebook, etc. are circulating pictures along with fake caption which has a potential to mislead the public and hurt their religious sentiments. Further, it also has potential to cause enmity among diverse communities of different religions staying together in Senapati District since ages.

In this regard, Police has already registered an FIR and all-out efforts are being made to catch the culprit at the earliest. As matter is under investigation and till culprit is booked and investigation is completed, public is advised to refrain from any assumptions or presumptions.

Public is requested not to pay any heed to such fake narratives and not to circulate rumours further. District Police is monitoring those pages who're circulating fake narratives on social media, they shall be dealt sternly according to the law.

~Police Control Room, Senapati (+91 87981 98810)



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When dictatorship is a fact, revolution becomes a right.

-Victor Hugo

KYKL CADRE HELD FOR EXTORTION IN THOUBAL

Security Forces apprehended a suspected member of proscribed Kanglei Yaol Kan-na Lup, (KYKL) from a hideout at Lilong Lou Tara in Thoubal, Manipur.

The arrested cadre has been identified as Md Amir Ahmad @ Fajaba (32). He was involved in extortion activities in the interdistricts of Imphal West and Thoubal in the past few months.

After getting intelligence input that some armed individuals were trying to extort money from the residential locations of Lilong areas of Thoubal district, a joint team of the Assam Rifles and Manipur Police conducted the joint operation that led to his arrest.



The arrested person along with the recovered item has been handed over to the Lilong police for further legal proceedings, the police said on Wednesday.



Tribal representatives from Manipur (Kuki) met Shri Antar Singh Arya, Hon'ble Chairman and Shri Nirupam Chakma, Hon'ble Member, NCST seeking urgent action to safeguard and protect their constitutional rights and for prevention of atrocities committed against them.



Antarsingh Arya and 7 others

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That anybody can randomly hold a press conference like this in Imphal and then show up at the doorstep of somebody like Babloo Loitongbam, who has been a crusader of human rights work in Manipur, and then threaten you, tells you everything you need to know about the Manipur govt



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**NEWS ANALYSIS****The Significance of 28th September in Manipur History and the 900 Ghosts Purported to Haunt the Day**

28th September, a date brought to recent light and infamy by an unofficial note from the Secretary to the chief minister of Manipur which stated that, “Reports have been received that over 900 Kuki militants, newly trained in use of drone-based bombs, projectiles, missiles and jungle warfare have entered Manipur from Myanmar...reportedly grouped in units of 30 members each...and expected to launch multiple coordinated attacks on Meitei villages around 28 September 2024.” and thereby requesting the Police Department to take all necessary measures in this regard. Such specific information reports the concerned sleuths in the Intelligence Bureau, RAW and the Indian Army guarding the Indo-Myanmar would be envious of – only if it were true. But this “report” has clearly been fabricated from the Chief Minister’s Office – a position currently occupied by a man who has been accused of being the instigator of the whole Manipur violence and who has allegedly confessed it all on tape in a moment of unguarded bravado. And as suspected, this has been later confirmed as such by the Director General of Police himself, adding that the reports have not been substantiated on ground and that there is no basis currently to believe in any such input, So the question now is not whether the information is true or not, but what lies behind the dissemination of such blatant disinformation and the creation of 900 ghosts to mark a very specific date.

The DGP’s press release denouncing the veracity of the source(s) of the report from the Chief Minister’s Office will by now have caused much embarrassment to the many propaganda mongers on national news channels and on social media who pounced upon the leaked report like ravenous wolves, salivating at the mouth and spewing and spinning the narrative against the Kukis, One can at least hope that decency, if any left in their hollow souls, will make them think twice about blindly lapping up the propaganda released by any state agency henceforth.

Newsreel Asia on its digital platform has published a very well researched and well written article titled “Did 900 ‘Kuki militants’ really enter from Myanmar?” under its Insights section dated 24th September 2024 which this bulletin published in its entirety in its issue of the same day. The article questions the intel, the timing just after the Manipur Tapes, the reasons as to its intention and the baffling stance taken by the state security advisor on the issue and points out the preposterousness of the logistics of 900 people illegitimately crossing from one sovereign nation to another. I suggest all concerned citizens to go read that article which

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enables one to think critically and objectively on the issue.

But here, now that we've talked about the 900 ghosts and the state Police Department directed to catch those, let us have a look at another crucial component of the CMO's fabricated report – the purported date around which these 900 ghosts are “expected” to launch coordinated attacks on Meitei villages. The report mentions it as 28th September 2024. Now, this may come as a surprise to many but none - not one member of the Kuki community – was aware of the significance of 28th September in the history of Manipur until the Meitei Secretary to the Meitei Chief Minister brought it to national attention through that fabricated and conveniently leaked intelligence report. I'm certain that most in the Meitei community too, remained unaware. It could only be a date significant to and etched in the memory and consciousness of radical secessionists and like-minded Meiteis among their general civilian population who are constantly in a state of war with the idea of India, and those secessionist Meitei insurgent groups termed as “terrorist organizations” by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India for their constant war with India with a set objective to secede from the Indian Union and create an Independent Manipur and restore the perceived glory of the old Kangleipak kingdom before it became a part of the Indian Union.

On 21st September 1949, the then maharaja of Manipur, Bodhachandra Singh had signed the controversial Manipur Merger Agreement with the government of India. The Merger Agreement remains controversial till this day because large sections of the Meitei population have not accepted that Merger. The rise of all Meitei armed insurgency in the 60s and following decades can be attributed to this refusal to accept the Merger Agreement with the Union of India. All Meitei insurgent groups have this one thing in common – secession from India and the establishment of an independent Kangleipak. For this they have all established links with India's enemy China, based their ideologies on Communist lines against the democratic principles of India, procured their weapons with help from China and established their training camps across the border

with assistance from China.

Because of this, the Indian government had imposed the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958 in Manipur in 1980 to deal with these secessionist insurgents. But the present dispensation under N. Biren Singh removed the AFSPA from all valley districts recently in the past few years though the Meitei groups still remain alive and devoted to their ideologies of separation from India and the establishment of an independent Kangleipak. The current iteration of the Arambai Tenggol has also been conceived and nurtured by him to revitalize the secessionist movement overground among a new generation of youths because though the underground militancy and the idea of a separate nation of independent Kangleipak remains alive, it had lately lacked momentum as most youths had foregone the way of militancy to embrace the benefits of being a part of India and enjoying a peace not seen in decades of insurgency in the state. But the current chief minister N. Biren Singh has been reviving the secessionist ideology among a new generation of youths by radicalizing and patronizing them and giving them an aura of legitimacy by patronage of the current titular king of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba. These two and their illegitimate child the Arambai Tenggol have lit the spark of independence yet once again.

This is the real foreign hand that is currently involved in the Manipur violence. On the other hand, most of the Kuki armed groups had their origins way later in the early 90s after the Muivah-led NSCN-IM perpetrated genocide on the Kukis. Having no prior established defense, the Kukis formed armed groups of their own to defend themselves from the NSCN-IM's onslaught. Weapons were indeed procured from across the border as was and still is the norm for all armed groups, but the ideology behind the formation of such armed Kuki groups was never a fight against the Indian state or its principles but self-defence against the

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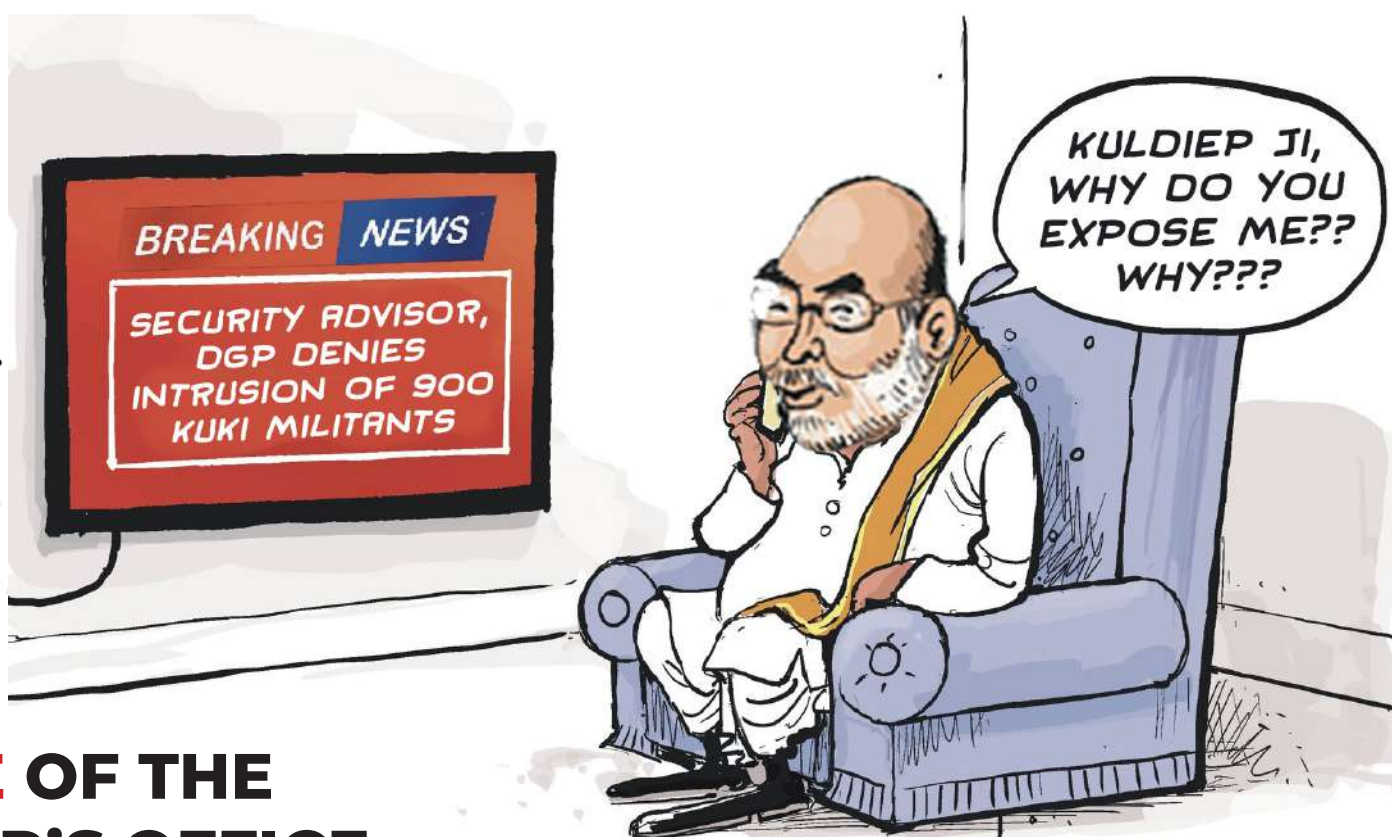
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then NSCN-IM's aggression which later matured into a talk with the government of India for some sort of settlement within the Union of India. Currently, Kuki forces in Myanmar are engaged in an all-out war in a battle for democracy, fighting the anti-democratic and dictatorial forces of the Myanmar Junta which is being aided by Meitei insurgent groups there. They couldn't spare a man or a weapon for their brethren in India even if they wanted to, let alone 900.

On 28 September 1949, barely a week after the Merger Agreement with India was signed by the ex-maharaja of Manipur, the Manipur State Legislative Assembly (MSLA) met in the Assembly Chamber in the Johnstone High School premises and adopted a resolution dropping the Merger Agreement which they stated was signed "under immense pressure and duress from Prakash Shah, Governor of Assam, V.P. Menon, Minister of State Affairs and Sardar Ballavai Patel". Calling India a foreign state, they resolved that the state of Manipur would have "no relations/foreign relations with Indian government without any agreement signed by the MSLA", thereby refuting and cancelling the agreement signed with the Indian Union by Bodhachandra

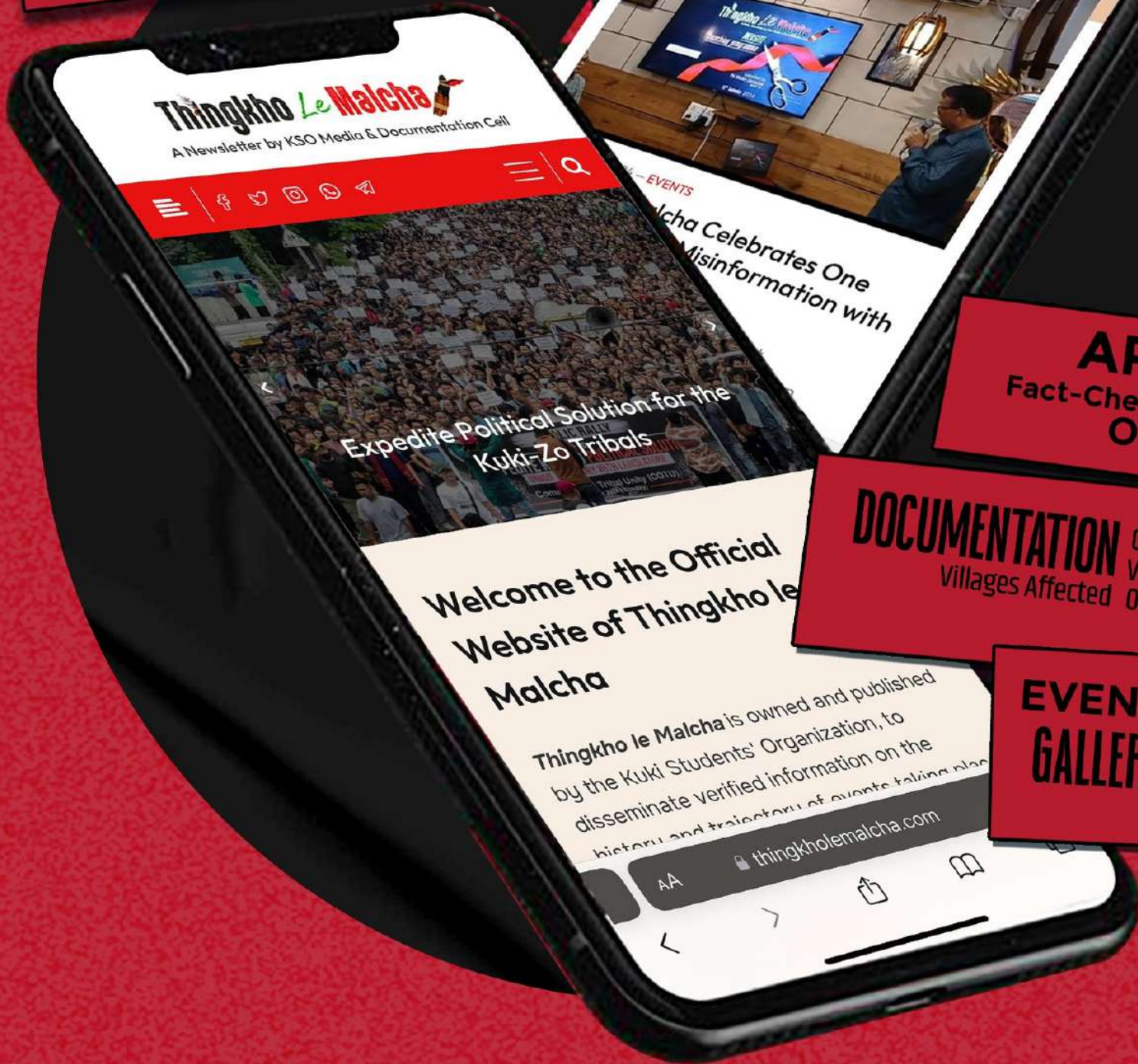
Singh, the then Maharaja. The birth of the Meitei secessionist movement was thus, adopted by the State Assembly on this date, the 28th of September.

Why the Meitei Chief Secretary to the Meitei Chief Minister would pick this significant date to try to deflect blame on the Kukis and what their plans are remains to be seen. The present leader of the new secessionist wave of the Arambai Tenggol, Korounganba Khuman, who has publicly boasted of over 60,000 trained cadres of the Arambai Tenggol ready for war, posted on his Facebook post that he "cannot wait for 28th September". This has led to a rather ironic situation in which, contrary to the purported attacks to be carried out on Meitei villages on 28th September by Kukis, it is rather the Kuki community who is in full self-defense and preservation mode, announcing the closure of all borders of their inhabited areas and the closure of all schools and institutions including businesses, restriction of travel and beefing up of defense in preparation for what the Meitei state machinery and its armed "cultural organization" may have planned around the 28th of September.



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LIFE OF A STAMMER

I thank thee for my beautiful life ;
For all the feelings I have accrued.
Oh, is my stammer to be praised or condemned?
When I experienced both highs and lows.

Am I meant to be lonely?
While my peers are enjoying life out there.
Weren't all humans created equally?
Then why do I suffer alone in despair?

It hits hard when I am rejected;
Meanwhile, my peers find it easy.
Though my options are scare;
My instability often leads me to the end.

I wish to express my buried feelings fluently;
But how can I? It seems only imagination.
I want to be brave and calm;
But if I try, will it work out?

~ Seineo Kuki