

Thingkho Le Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



NIANGHOIHCHING SIMTE (34 YEARS)

D/O TAITOM KAPZALUN

ADDRESS: SIMVENG, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 5TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOT DEAD BY CENTRAL FORCES



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.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING: BIREN'S POLITICAL PATRONAGE OF DRUG BUSINESSES IN MANIPUR IS KNOWN TO THE WORLD

In observance of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking, the Meiteis' narcissistic Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today flagged off a bike rally from his secretariat. The rally, featuring over a hundred officers and security personnel, aims to spread awareness about the importance of combating cross-border illegal trafficking.

Biren also said that drug trafficking cases have witnessed a decline in the state, attributing this progress to the concerted efforts of people from the hills and valleys, along with security forces. However, his rhetoric on the 'War on Drugs' campaign has raised more doubts than answers. In fact, drug trafficking in Manipur has risen to its height under his patronage.

Searching for an escape route for his involvement in the unending state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis, the Meitei 'Crime Minister' N. Biren Singh shamelessly attributed his 'War on Drugs' to the current mayhem, changing his narratives every now and then. With blood in his hands, he is the main culprit of the inhumane atrocities committed against the minority Kuki communities.

One must note that illegal drug trade in Manipur is said to be more than three times the annual budget of the State government. A trade of this volume can only be run with political patronage. In Manipur, politicians, traders and Meitei insurgent groups are part of the trade. There has been serious doubts on the honesty of Biren's anti-drug campaign. His 'War on Drugs' slogan was viewed with suspicion because on most occasions, suspected drug lords have been able to escape arrest and scrutiny.

Back in June 2023, Manipur police's then-superintendent of Narcotics and Border Affairs and current police superintendent of the Bishnupur district,



K Meghachandra, had said that there were poppy cultivation in the hills. "Now in the valley, a lot of processing units have been established, particularly in the Thoubal and Bishnupur districts," which adjoin the hill areas. "The processing units [of brown sugar] are mainly in the Muslim areas," Meghachandra said. He added, "In Imphal, Meiteis are the transporters."

The fact is that poppy fields in Manipur are not limited to Kuki areas alone but are also seen in Ukhrul, Chandel and other districts which are Naga-dominated districts. Even though poppy plants are grown mainly in Manipur's hill districts, the opium trade also involves Meitei Hindus, Muslims, Nagas and Nepalis from the valley. Manipur police data showed that 2,518 people have been arrested in drug-related cases since 2017. Of them, the highest – 1,083 – are Meitei Pangals, a valley-based ethnic group that follows Islam, followed by Kukis – 873, and Meiteis – 381.

Five months after the chief minister announced a war on drugs, his wife was accused of having

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connections to an alleged drug lord. In an explosive affidavit to the Manipur High Court, the former Police officer Th. Brinda had accused N. Biren Singh of pressuring her to drop the case against an alleged “drug kingpin”, BJP leader and former head of Autonomous District Council (ADC). Brinda claimed that the authorities caught a small fry while giving a pass to “high-profile drug lords with political connections and politicians themselves.

Similar concerns had been raised by others including a BJP legislator belonging to the Meitei community. In May last year, an MLA from Khwairakpam, Raghmani Singh had written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the seizure of opium from two Meitei men by the Delhi Police in February 2023. He felt that “a well-connected family and very powerful political families (were) involved” in the drug trade in Manipur.

On January 16, 2023, a police commando team of Kakching district arrested five police commandos of the same district and recovered high-quality heroin weighing over 1.14 kg and thousands of “World is Yours” narcotic pills. The five arrested commandos were in police uniform and were handling service guns. They had used a police vehicle to transport the drugs.

It is clear that under the incumbent fascist regime, the world knows that N. Biren Singh’s anti-drug campaign is nothing but a rhetoric for gaining political power. Moreover, his anti-drugs campaign is a selective assault on certain groups of people while protecting others close to the ruling disposition.

FORMER REBEL SHOT DEAD IN BISHNUPUR

A 45-year-old man, identified as Nongmaithem Julon, also known as Bimolchand, was shot dead by unknown assailants at his farmhouse in Potsangbam Maning paddy field under Bishnupur district of Manipur on Wednesday (June 26).

Julon, a former member of an underground outfit, was working at his farm around 10:30 am when the incident occurred.

The assailants shot the man twice in the head, resulting in his immediate death at the scene.

Upon receiving information about the incident, a team from the Manipur police and forensic experts arrived at the location to conduct preliminary investigations.

The body of the deceased was subsequently transported to the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Imphal for a post-mortem examination.

The motive behind the killing remains unclear.



However, locals informed the police that Julon had previously been associated with an underground organization.

Manipur police have registered a case and are conducting further investigations to determine the reasons behind the killing and to identify the perpetrators.

Source: [NE Now](#)

MEITEIS LOOT ABANDONED HOUSES OF KUKIS IN JIRIBAM

After burning down several Kuki-Zo houses located in various localities and town areas of Jiribam on 6th June, 2024, driving the Kukis away from their homes, the Meitei looters have begun to loot all abandoned properties of the Kukis.

The Kuki houses in Kalinagar Hmar veng, where the Meitei mobs could not burn due to the mixed population of Rongmei, Meitei and Kuki communities, have been looted by the Meitei mob in broad daylight since yesterday.

On June 24th, the houses of Darrochan Hmar, Lalzom Gangte, Zonunmoi Hmar, Henry Joute, HN. Lala Hmar

and Soibuong Vaiphei were looted, while homes of Raltawnlui Hmar, Lalneimuong Hmar and H.J Dinga Hmar were looted on June 25, 2024.

The displaced Meiteis have also occupied the houses of Lalvarlien Hmar of Hmarveng, Kalinagar 1; James Thangkhanpau of Kalinagar 1, and C.L Robert Ngaihte of Babupara, Jiribam.

Tonight at around 10 pm, there was a report that the Meitei arsonists tried to burn Hmar houses but were stopped by Rongmei neighbors. The Assam Rifles later dispersed the Meitei mob and guarded the abandoned houses.

INNER MANIPUR MP CANDIDATE TOTOMSANA ABDUCTED, ESCAPES

In a shocking turn of events, ex-candidate of the 18th Lok Sabha elections M Tomtomsana Nongsaba escaped from the captivity of persons clad in Manipur Police uniforms at Keishampat on Wednesday.

The bizarre series of incidents started when Tomtomsana was apprehended by the police as he exited Imphal airport after attending personal businesses.

During his arrest, the police confiscated his phone and took control of his vehicle which had five occupants, as per reports.

The reports further added that no arrest memo or reasons were provided by the people in uniform during his arrest. It also mentioned that the police vehicle had no registration plate or markings to ascertain the authenticity of the vehicle.

After the arrest, Tomtomsana was brought in by the police down Tiddim road, when they made the traffic stop at Keishampat Junction area.

According to onlookers, Tomtomsana jumped out of the police vehicle but was caught again by the



tailing police vehicle. Following the debacle, an unassuming crowd started to gather around the two police vehicles and tension escalated between the police and the people.

Amid the chaos, the crowd managed to extricate Tomtomsana, enabling him to escape safely; Tomtomshana's small daughter momentarily fainted as a result of the incident.

On the other hand, news of Tomtomsana's safely reaching Heirok started surfacing on social media by the time of filing this report.

OM BIRLA ELECTED AS THE SPEAKER OF THE 18TH LOK SABHA

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Om Birla has been re-elected as the Speaker of the lower house of Parliament by a voice vote on Wednesday.

The newly elected speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha was expected to retain the position as the numbers were in favour of the ruling coalition.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi moved the motion for the election of Birla as the Speaker.

The motion was supported by senior BJP leaders and its allies such as TDP, JDU, Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, and Chirag Paswan's LJP.

Birla, who had already served as the speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha, was accompanied to the chair by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, LoP Rahul Gandhi and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju.

After Birla was re-elected as the Speaker, PM Modi congratulated him and said he looked forward to the Speaker's guidance for the upcoming five years.

"Your sweet smile keeps the entire House happy...The previous Lok Sabha passed several path-breaking legislations under your leadership," PM Modi told Birla while addressing the Lok Sabha.

Here it should be mentioned that the election for the post of Lok Sabha speaker was held in the Parliament for the first time in decades as the BJP-led NDA government and the Congress-led INDIA opposition bloc failed to reach a consensus.



Traditionally, the Lok Sabha Speaker and the Deputy Speaker are elected through a consensus between the ruling party and the opposition.

The NDA fielded Om Birla, a three-time MP from Kota, Rajasthan while the Congress nominated Kodikunnil Suresh, an eight-term parliamentarian from Mavelikara, Kerala for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker.

K. Suresh holds the distinction of being the longest-serving parliamentarian in the 18th Lok Sabha.

On the other hand, Birla's political innings took off in 1987 when he became the district president of the BJP's youth wing in Rajasthan's Kota.

Birla won the Kota assembly seat for the first time in 2003 and was confined to state politics until 2014 when he won his first Lok Sabha election from Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha. (NE Now)



There are wrongs which even the grave does not bury.

– Harriet Jacobs

NAGA YOUTHS IN MYANMAR FORCIBLY RECRUITED INTO KIA, NSO CONDEMNS HARASSMENT AND TAXATION

The Naga Students' Organization (NSO) in Lahe headquarters in Sagaing region, Myanmar, said it convened an emergency meeting with its federating units, tribal leaders, and the Naga Traditional and Literature Committee at the Naga Cultural Hall, Lahe, on June 22 to address pressing issues affecting the Naga community in Myanmar. The key topics included the imposition of heavy taxation by multiple factions and the recent random arrests and forced recruitment of Naga youths by the Kachin Independence Army (KIA).

The emergency meeting, NSO press release said was convened amidst the brutal civil war in Myanmar that has left the Naga community in dire situation. The collapse of the economy, threats to food security, and disruptions of vital transportation routes have left the Naga people in a state of extreme vulnerability among others. To address these pressing issues and reaffirm their commitment to the sacred covenant that binds the Naga community together, the Naga Students' Organization (NSO) convened an emergency meeting at Naga Cultural Hall in Lahe.

Naogang Ngansa, President NSO in a statement listed the series of resolution passed from the emergency meeting:

Dire Situation in Naga Hills

The Naga people in Myanmar are experiencing unprecedented hardships. The waterways and roadways, crucial for their livelihood, have been disrupted by different PDFs and underground groups for over a year. This blockade continues to sever the lifelines that connect the Naga Mountains to the cities, plunging the community into severe economic distress. Additionally, the Indian government's restrictions on the free



movement of Naga people, imposed during colonial times, exacerbate the isolation and hardship.

Natural disasters have further compounded these challenges, washing away homes, bridges, roads, farms, and hydroelectric sites. The devastation has left the infrastructure in ruins and the people without essential services. Over a hundred schools in the Naga Hills are non-functional due to a lack of teachers, putting the future of the children and youths at stake.

Atrocities by the KIA

The situation is further exacerbated by the actions of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA). Since February 2023, the KIA has been randomly kidnapping, hijacking, and arresting Naga youths traveling to Kachin State for various purposes, including schooling, work, medical care, and business. These youths, often taken from gold and jade mines or even directly from Naga villages under Kachin State, are forcibly recruited into the KIA. The number of Naga youths forcibly arrested

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and recruited is estimated to exceed 30, with many feared killed or missing in the conflict, sacrificing their lives for the interests of the Kachin people.

Emergency Meeting and Resolutions

In response to these severe challenges, the NSO, along with federating units, tribal leaders, and the Naga Cultural Committee, convened an emergency meeting on June 22, 2024. The key issues discussed and resolutions adopted are as follows:

1. Condemnation of Taxation and Harassment: The NSO categorically denounces the heavy taxation, ransom demands, and harassment imposed on innocent villagers by multiple factions. Such actions are intolerable and fundamentally unjust, perpetuating fear and oppression. The NSO demands that any such actions be brought before the community for justice. Suffering under the oppressive Indian army and military junta is bad enough; further suffering inflicted by our own people, who claim to be fighting for the Naga cause, cannot be endured.

2. Voluntary Assistance Only: Assistance to any Naga national workers or groups must be voluntary. Compulsory support through intimidation or coercion undermines unity and mutual respect. Demands for cash, domestic animals, or other resources beyond the agreed-upon yearly house tax and indent rations will not be entertained.

3. Urgent Dialogue with NSCN/GPRN Authorities: Naga public leaders will arrange a meeting with NSCN/GPRN authorities to ensure effective governance and protect the rights of the people. This meeting calls for accountability and collaborative leadership.

4. Memorandum to KIA: Despite the negative outcome of a recent meeting with KIA representatives at Takhet

Naga Village under Shin Bwi Yan Township, Kachin State on June 12 and 13, 2024, the NSO will continue to seek peaceful dialogue. The NSO, Naga Literature Traditional and Cultural Committee Central, and Naga Baptist Convention will send a memorandum to the KIA, demanding an end to the random arrests and forced recruitment of Naga youths. If these appeals are ignored, the NSO will not remain silent.

5. Recall of Naga Youths: Tribal leaders are entrusted to recall Naga youths working in unsafe areas in Kachin State and prohibit further travel until a positive response is received from KIA authorities. This measure aims to ensure their safety and well-being.

Furthermore, the NSO said that the fight for democratic aspirations through coercion and at gunpoint is not only counterproductive but utterly defeats the purpose of the struggle. Exploiting the vulnerabilities of the Naga people, who are among the weakest nationalities in Myanmar, is unjust and morally reprehensible. It is unbecoming of any entity to take undue advantage of the people's suffering.

History will not forgive those who stand on the wrong side of morality, ethics, and justice. These resolutions are a scathing indictment of the injustices inflicted upon the Naga people and a stirring call to action for all Naga leaders and organizations. By standing united and resisting coercive measures, the NSO reaffirms its commitment to a just, democratic, and peaceful future for the Naga people, added NSO.

Source: [Ukhrul Times](#)

**OPINION****What If Meiteis Occupied the Hills and Kukis the Valley?**

More than one year have gone since Meiteis tried to annihilate the Kuki-Zo. However, having failed to do so, they are now portraying themselves as victims shamelessly. One simple determinant of how different Kuki-Zo and Meiteis are is this: For 1 year the Kuki-Zo has allowed food and essential supplies to enter imphal valley but the Meiteis have not allowed it to go beyond Imphal to Kuki-Zo areas. Isn't that wickedness of the highest order? But the Kuki-Zo has been humane enough.

Now, imagine a situation where the Kukis lived in the valley and the Meiteis were occupants of the hills. The Meiteis would have done the following:

1. No vehicle carrying food and essential items would be allowed to enter Kuki areas in the valley. Even if the Indian Army were to try to forcefully enforce open it, the Meira Paibis would have blocked the roads come what may!

2. All essential items that are stranded in Meitei areas would have been looted. No vehicle would have dared to even enter Meitei area for they would be looted the moment they know it is for Kuki areas.

3. All water sources would have already been poisoned leaving the people fight for something as basic as water.

4. They would bombard the Valley Kuki areas from the hills almost on a daily basis making it impossible for people to live.e.g.Sekmai.

5. Unlike Kukis, Meiteis would not have opened the highways when two of their dead bodies were mutilated and to add insult to the desecration, they are yet to even hand over the dead body.

Lastly, in the famous Battle Of Kohima, the mistakes that the Japanese made was not to cut the supply lines in Dimapur from where the Allies replenished their supplies. So in a sense, Kuki-Zo could have avoided risking many lives in the frontlines if we could close the supply lines. We are abetting their war crimes by keeping the roads open for them. However, we are from a far higher Civilisation and we wouldn't resort to such things which a weaker Civilisation like the Meiteis would have done. The irony being that they call themselves belonging to a 1000 year civilisation! Hello Barbarians!

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Listen to this fiery speech from Brinda Thounaojam, the Super Cop of Manipur, who is threatening to behead Indian Army soldiers. Where are those Andha Bhakts thumping their chests defending Meitei fascists citing India's integrity? Where is the integrity of India and its soldiers now? Would anyone be willing to file an FIR against this lady? @official_dgar @HQ_IDS_India @DefenceMinIndia @HMOIndia @PMOIndia



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“What we need is harmony and not hatred

When #Manipur was hurt, this Parliament didn't cry

When #farmers were protesting, this parliament didn't sympathise

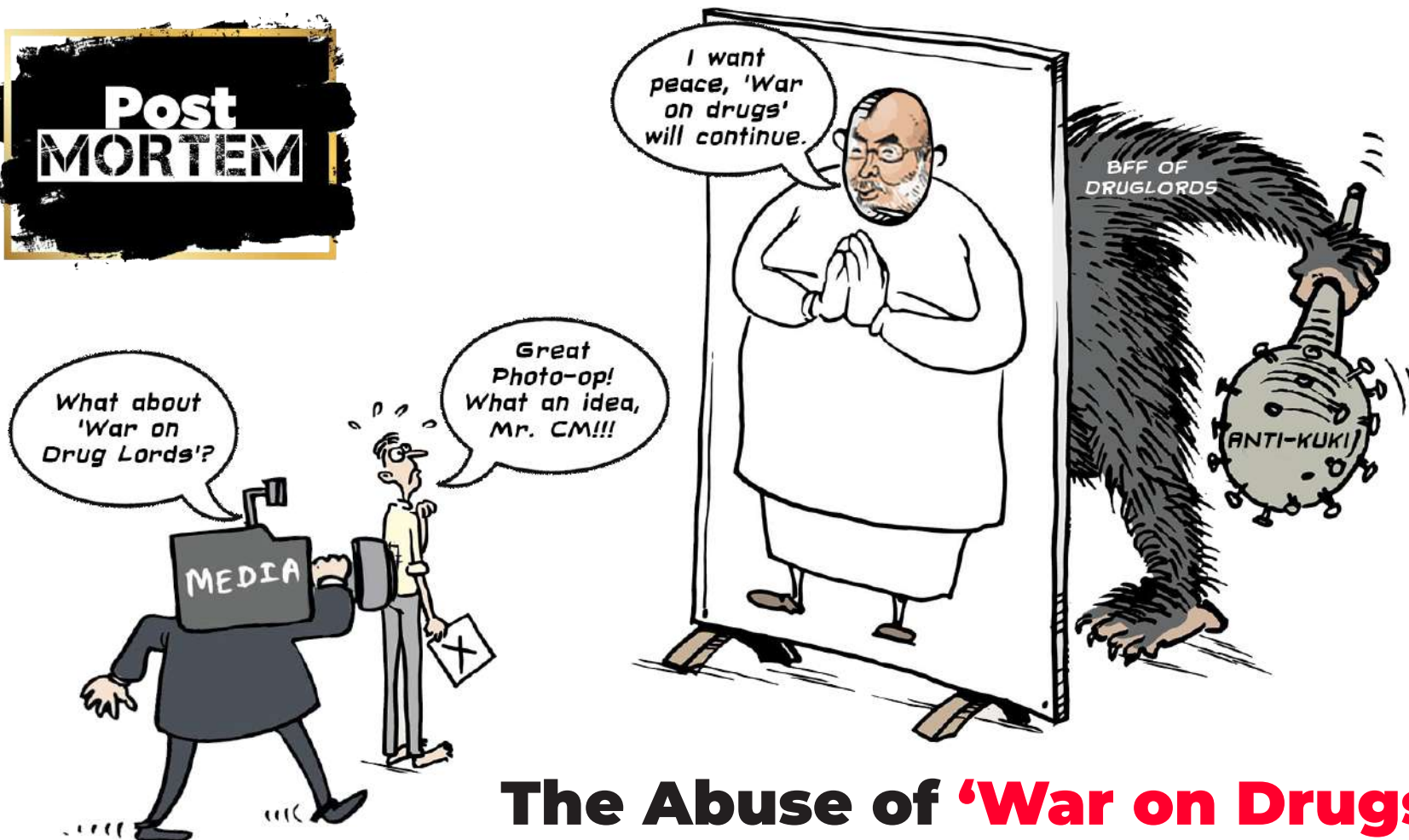
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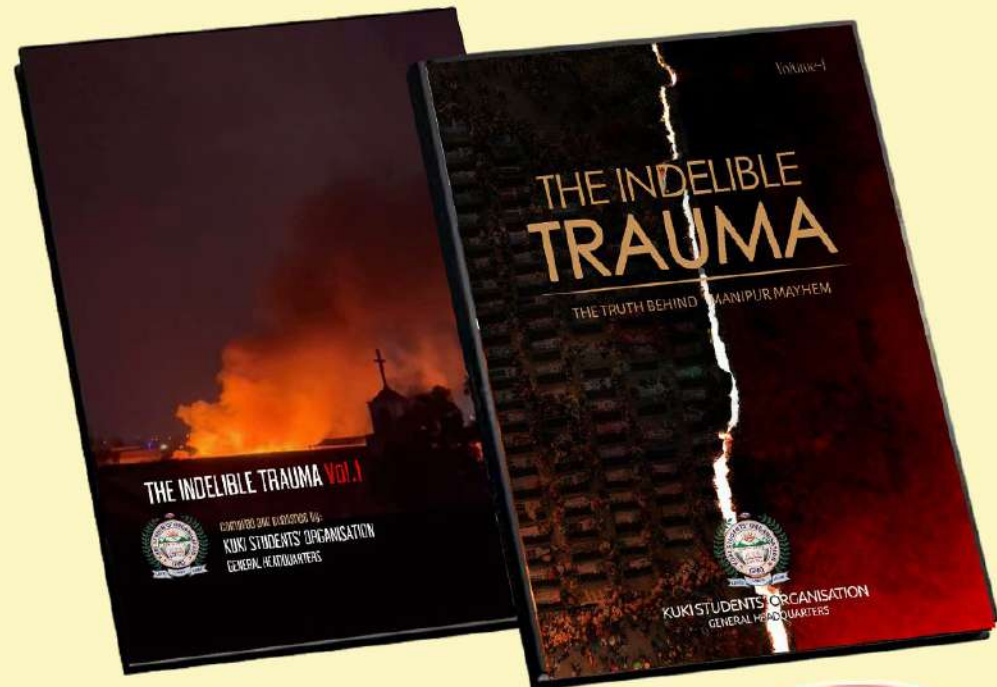
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I like Walking Under *The Rain*

I like walking under the rain,
For nobody has seen my tears.
Though I wept bitterly for my people,
I wept not loud enough to be heard,
But soft enough to be seen!
I stumbled, as tears blurred my view.

Many walked around me, under the rain,
Sheltering themselves with beautiful umbrellas.
Some offered me to walk with them,
Others offered me a place under their umbrellas,
But I chose to walk alone by myself,
For I wanted to cry freely for my people!

Some thought that I was out of my mind,
Others felt that I enjoyed the rain showers.
But, I am not so mad as to forget who I am,
Nor so proud as to ignore my people's tears!
For I am who I am, and my tears are true!
And walking under the rain makes me happy!

Hillsman J. Tearsworth