

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



AWAITING JUSTICE



BABY ISAAC (1 MONTH)

S/O RUOLNEITHANG
ADDRESS: RENGKAI, LAMKA
DATE OF DEATH: 11TH MAY, 2023
PLACE OF DEATH: IMPHAL
CAUSE OF DEATH: DIED DUE TO MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE



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.

KSO GENERAL HEADQUARTERS REFUTES COCOMI'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ASSAM RIFLES, CALLS FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION

The KSO General Headquarters has vehemently refuted the recent memorandum submitted by the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), which calls for the withdrawal of Assam Rifles from the state. The memorandum, based on allegations of bias and inefficacy, has been labeled as fundamentally flawed and lacking substantiated evidence by KSO.

COCOMI's claims are primarily based on a statement by former BSF Additional Director General (ADG) PK Mishra, who alleged a "close link" between Assam Rifles and Kuki militants. The KSO contends that this assertion is speculative and fails to recognize the neutral role Assam Rifles and other Central security forces play in ensuring the safety and security of all communities in Manipur. Their role, according to the KSO, has been one of mediation and impartial crisis management.

The KSO dismissed accusations that Assam Rifles has failed to act against Kuki militants as unfounded. Citing numerous reports and evidence, KSO emphasized that Central forces, including Assam Rifles, have actively engaged in operations to curb violence and restore peace. The recent flood incident in the valley area and Imphal city was highlighted, where Assam Rifles played a crucial role in rescuing flood victims and providing them with safe passage, shelter, and food. The KSO argued that without the intervention of Assam Rifles, the casualties during the flood would have been significantly higher.

The KSO also challenged the validity of social media links and videos provided by COCOMI in their memorandum. According to KSO, these links are baseless and lack evidence. Incidents in Dolaithabi under Saikul Sub-division, Sadar Hills, were cited as examples of Valley Based Insurgency Groups (VBIGs) attacking Kuki villages, which were wrongly blamed on the Kuki community.

Moreover, the KSO clarified that videos presented by COCOMI were from Myanmar before the ethnic violence erupted on May 3, 2023, and are unrelated to the current situation in Manipur. The KSO also recalled an incident in the Sugnu area, where Meitei militants



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PRESS RELEASE

The KSO General Headquarters is coercing to address and refute the recent memorandum submitted by the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) requesting the withdrawal of Assam Rifles from Manipur. This memorandum, based on allegations of bias and inefficacy, is fundamentally flawed and lacks substantiated evidence.

COCOMI's claims hinge on a statement made by former BSF Additional Director General (ADG) PK Mishra, who alleged a "close link" between Assam Rifles and Kuki militants. This assertion is not only speculative but ignores the fact that Assam Rifles, along with other Central security forces, have been mandated to uphold neutrality and ensure the safety and security of all communities in Manipur. Their role has consistently been to mediate and manage the crisis impartially.

The accusation that Assam Rifles has failed to act against Kuki militants is unfounded. Numerous reports and evidence confirm that Central forces, including Assam Rifles, have actively engaged in operations to curb violence and restore peace. Also, the recent flood incident in the valley area and Imphal city where many houses and other properties were destroyed, it was the Assam Rifles who rescued the flood victims and provided them safe passage and shelter and food too. If not for the Assam rifles, the casualties in the valley during the flood would have reached maximum.

The social media links provided by the COCOMI in the memorandum are unfounded and baseless without any evidence.

The incidents of Dolaithabi under Saikul Sub-division, Sadar Hills is the work of Valley Based Insurgency Groups (VBIGs) where many Kuki villages in and around were attacked and burnt down but the blame was put against the Kuki.

The KSO General Headquarters would further like to clarify that videos provided by the COCOMI is of Myanmar before the ethnic violence erupted on 3rd May 2023, and is not related with the current situation in the torn-apart state of Manipur. And, also to recall the incident of Sugnu area, the Meitei militants used the Casper of Assam Rifles and attacked the Kuki villages and burnt down all the Kuki villages in the surroundings.

And also, one of the videos provided in the memorandum was of KNF designated camp which was undergoing a camp inspection and was wrongly indicated to the war-zone like.

Therefore, the allegations made by the COCOMI against the AR are unaccounted and unacceptable and the Central government should rather take actions against COCOMI for accusing Assam Rifles providing false information.

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allegedly used the Casper of Assam Rifles to attack and burn down Kuki villages, contradicting the claims made by COCOMI.

The KSO has called for the Central government to take action against COCOMI for providing false information and unjustly accusing Assam Rifles. They assert that the allegations against Assam Rifles are unaccounted for and unacceptable.



UN HUMAN RIGHTS BODY EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITIES IN INDIA

The United Nations Human Rights Committee on Thursday expressed concern about the violence and discrimination faced by minority groups in India, including Muslims, Christians and Sikhs, and called for comprehensive legislation to prohibit such discrimination.

“While appreciating the measures adopted by the state party [India] to address discrimination, the committee was concerned about discrimination and violence against minority groups, including religious minorities, such as Muslims, Christians, and Sikhs, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and LGBTI people,” the committee said.

The expert body made the remarks in a report on its findings on Croatia, Honduras, India, Maldives, Malta, Suriname and the Syrian Arab Republic after examining the seven nations in its latest session.

The report conveys the expert body’s concerns and recommendations on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, among other aspects, within the nations.

The covenant is a multilateral treaty that elicits commitments from nations that they will respect the civil and political rights of individuals.

The expert body called on India to adopt “comprehensive legislation prohibiting discrimination, raise awareness among the general public, and provide training to civil servants, law enforcement officers, the judiciary and community leaders to promote respect for diversity”.

It also noted with concern that certain provisions of India’s Armed Forces Special Powers Act and other counter-terrorism legislations do not comply with the covenant.

The Armed Forces Special Powers Act, or AFSPA, gives Army personnel sweeping powers in disturbed areas to search, arrest and open fire if necessary for “the maintenance of public order”.



The act is presently in force in Jammu and Kashmir, and parts of Nagaland, Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

“The committee also voiced its concern over the application of counter-terrorism legislation for decades in ‘disturbed areas’, such as districts in Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir and Assam, has led to widespread and grave human rights violations, including excessive use of force leading to unlawful killings, prolonged arbitrary detention, sexual violence, forced displacement and torture,” the report said.

It urged India to comply with its obligations under the covenant and ensure that counter-terrorism and other security measures in disturbed areas were “temporary, proportionate, strictly necessary and subject to judicial review”.

The expert body also asked India to establish a mechanism to initiate a process to acknowledge responsibility and “ascertain the truth regarding human rights violations in disturbed areas”.

The United Nations Human Rights Committee report on Thursday came nearly a month after the release of the 2023 International Religious Freedom Report by the United States’ State Department, which flagged the repression of religious communities in India.

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United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken had commented on the report's findings, saying that there has been a "concerning increase" in hate speech, anti-conversion laws, and demolitions of homes and places of worship belonging to members of religious minorities in India.

The report covered the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

The External Affairs Ministry, in response to the report, had said that it was "deeply biased", lacked an understanding of India's social fabric and was "visibly driven by votebank considerations".

Source: [The Scroll](#)

MANIPUR CM MEETS UNION DEFENCE MINISTER TO DISCUSS STATE'S SITUATION

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh met with Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Parliament House in New Delhi today to discuss the ongoing situation in Manipur.

The meeting focused on the ethnic strife in Manipur, which has been ongoing since May 2023. Singh expressed his concerns about the situation and sought the Centre's assistance in restoring normalcy in the state.

Rajnath Singh assured the Manipur CM that he is closely monitoring the situation and working tirelessly to resolve the issue. The Union Defence Minister also informed Singh that necessary measures are being taken to maintain law and order in the state.

During the meeting, Singh also requested the union minister to expedite the handover of the Koirengei Air



Field land to the State Government. The land is currently under the control of the Indian Air Force.

The meeting is part of a series of discussions aimed at resolving the crisis in Manipur. The state has been experiencing ethnic violence, and various stakeholders are working together to find a solution. (Northeast Today)



A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm .

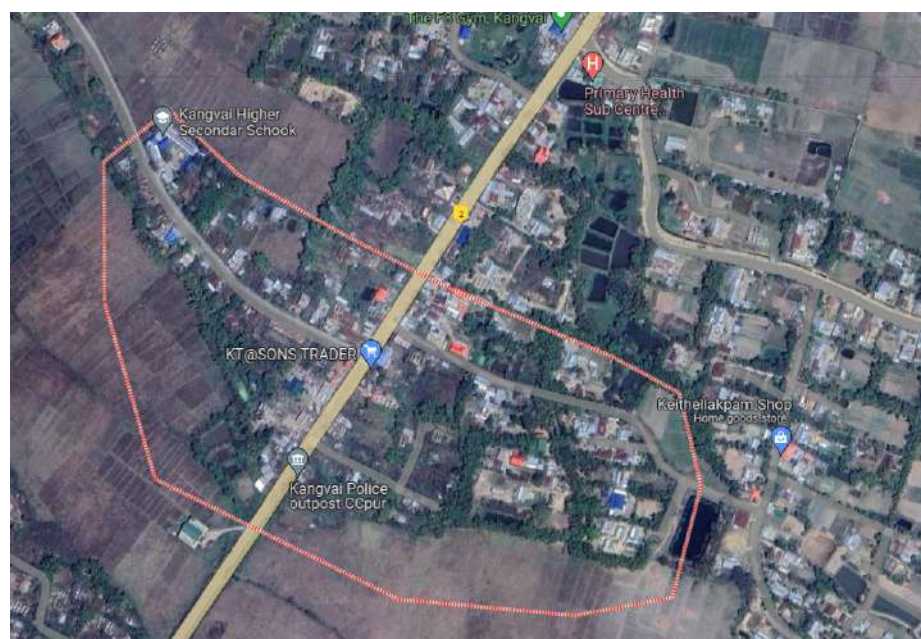
- Henrik Ibsen

TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENTS RECALLED: JULY 27, 2023

A RECAP OF THE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ON JULY 27, 2023 AS A RESULT OF PRE-PLANNED STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST KUKI-ZO

Meitei terror groups, including the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun, alongside surrendered militants led by state police commandos, launched a brazen attack on the Kangvai area. The assault commenced early in the morning at approximately 4:00 AM and persisted for the majority of the day. Bombs were deployed during the attack, exacerbating the severity of the situation.

Regrettably, the toll on the Kuki-Zo community has been substantial. Three Kuki-Zo village volunteers were reported injured, and tragically, one is believed to have lost their life in the attack.



We condemned this inhumane and unjustifiable atrocities of the [#AssamPolice](#) on the tribal christian in the highest terms.

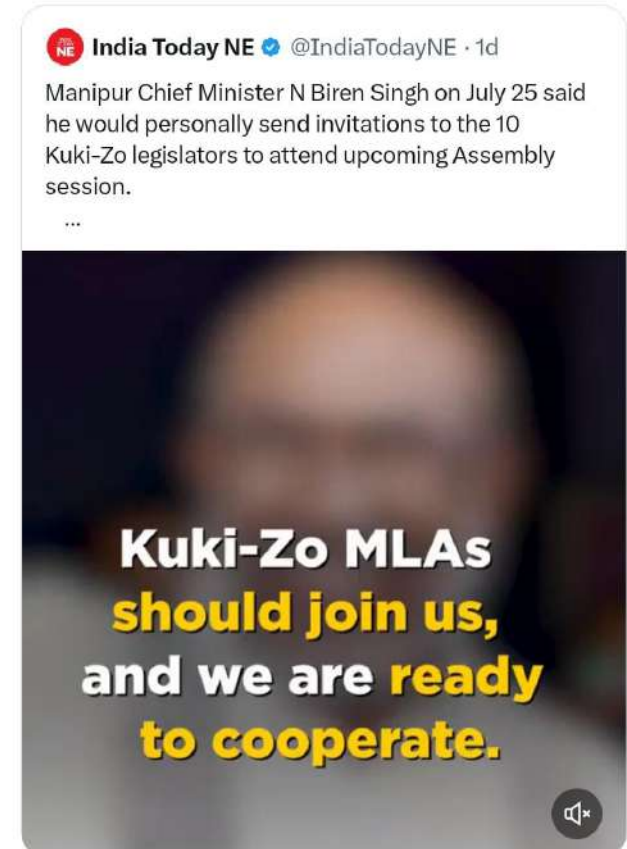
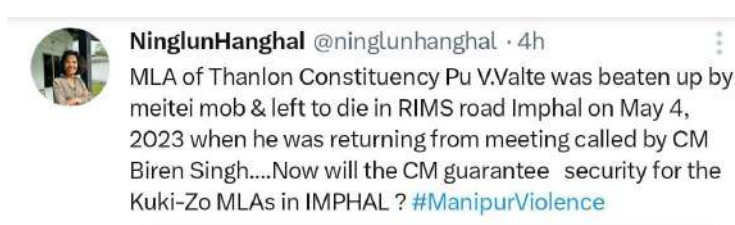
[@NIA_India](#) & [@CBIHeadquarters](#) should investigate this case and left no stone unturned.

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**FEATURED ARTICLE**

Manipur-Nagaland Needs a New Attire

Jaideep Saikia

It has to be said that New Delhi is slowly running out of options in Manipur. At least, the ones that are reportedly being adopted have not borne fruit.

The very fact that the malaise is slowly taking a larger-than-demonic form with the passage of every single day is fraught with grave danger.

My last column “Will North East experience internecine war” sought [<https://nenews.in/opinion/will-north-east-experience-internecine-war/12163/>] to outline and underscore that almost everything that a democratic country stands for has been compromised in the state. Indeed, the fact that its nauseating aspects are beginning to spillover to other states in the region are even more frightening.

Manipur’s sensitive geo-strategic positioning has made the problem even more troublesome. The Assam Rifles’ sturdy border management stance notwithstanding, Valley Based Insurgent Groups based in Myanmar’s Sagaing Division are entering the state and aiding the pogrom against a particular community.

The state already has a tailor-made, radical, state-sponsored militia, Arombai Tengol that has all but usurped the mantle from the traditional minders of national security in the state. The state police has abdicated its responsibilities and helplessness is writ

large everywhere. And, if and when, forces such as the Assam Rifles step in-which it is doing without fear or favour-it is not allowed to operate freely. Indeed, it is being unjustly pilloried of being biased.

On two successive visits to the land of the Sangai after the unrest broke out, I witnessed only drooping eyes, fear, and a sense of resignation in the eyes of the common people I met. Such a sight, incidentally, was across ethnicity. The wail of a Kuki was exactly the same as that of a Meitei.

I met them when they called on me or when I visited the relief camps. As I wrote in an earlier column, the pitiable sight of a malnourished mother in a relief camp unable to lactate and feed her three-month-old child brought forth tears, frustration, and anger. The odour that was enveloping the canopies was one of despair and death.

But New Delhi was not moved. It is not as if the IB or other agencies are not aware of the misery of the uprooted people. It is their duty to be aware of what is happening. I was in Manipur for only so many days. Naturally, the people who are stationed there have a better view of aspects. But are the

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agencies informing Delhi about the realities on the ground? If it is being communicated to Delhi, then it seems Delhi is not listening, or perhaps doesn't quite care.

But it has occurred to me that the people who are charged with national security have either no conscience (especially as some of the top functionaries are from the region!) or are busy hankering after and accumulation of more power which their abnormal appendages can muster. It is a sad day for Bharat that is India.

I am a self-confessed student of national security who live on the largesse of some well-meaning people. I am not ashamed to admit that I have neither money nor influence.

I have tried to seek office (as indeed I did for a very brief period) which would have permitted me an opportunity to uphold the imperatives of national security and at the same time be independent. But I was born under an unlucky star, and people, powerful people (who I will soon name and shame!) went out of their way to keep me out of the system. The reasons are unknown to most. Indeed, I, too, am at sea. But there are people in the corridors of power who are aware of the conspiracy but have chosen to be silent. It may be worth the while of the present dispensation to inquire exactly what happened. As far as I am concerned I only did my duty with all the patriotism and nationalism I could muster.

But despite the many setbacks, I continue to keep intact that precious innard of "My India" and the imperative that it is my solemn duty to serve the nation in whatever capacity I am capable of, even if means just writing columns on my mobile which is also slowly showing signs of dying.

I am not a leader by any stretch of imagination, and, therefore, I have always sought to inform the leadership that it is their duty to wipe every tear from every eye. It is their solemn duty to do so. But such pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

I have written time and again that the security grid in Manipur (now spilling over to other states) has to be provided a fresh attire. The existing system has just not worked, and if it is functioning it seems to be working at cross-purposes.

In Manipur, a Unified Command Structure has to immediately be put in place. The Indian army, the Assam Rifles, the central paramilitary forces and the Manipur Police have to be placed under one person.

I have searched deep and wide and have found that a Governor who has the acumen, the vision and the experience of dealing with insurgencies, border and man management coupled with an acute sense of what is happening across in Myanmar should head the Unified Command Structure that I am proposing. He may choose to have a few advisers, but it would be his writ that would run. Indeed, the Director General (DG) of the Assam Rifles and the GOC, 3 Corps along with a civilian domain expert of his choice should be his chief advisers. It is a happy coincidence that an able and experienced North East hand in Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera has just been appointed as the DG of Assam Rifles. Lt Gen Abhijeet Pendharkar, yet another intrepid officer from the Assam Regiment is taking over as the GOC, 3 Corps.

The entire security apparatus including the intelligence agencies would be under the Governor. Indeed, he could even appoint a security committee that regularly convenes, examines and advises him about courses of action. It would also be his lookout to chaperone the peace process with the NSCN (IM). It is my fond wish that the longest-running insurgency in the world would be resolved during Modi's third and most crucial tenure.

But is there such a person in today's India who can step in as the aforesaid Governor? If the political

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leadership and the mandarins who advice them put their heads together, they will find the man in the redoubtable Lt Gen Arun Kumar Sahni, former GOC-in-C, South Western Indian army command.

Endowed with every possible attribute that a scholar-warrior can be fortified with, Gen Sahni was earlier the GOC of the Rangapahar-based 3 Corps and still earlier in command of an artillery brigade in Assam.

Erudite, articulate, and dashing, Gen Sahni's approach to a nagging problem is incredibly ingenious. His exposure to the international fora adds to his robust fibre.

Moreover, he continues to enjoy the respect of the men he once ably commanded. I have personally witnessed the reverence that he commands long after he hung up his sturdy boots.

Lt Gen Arun Kumar Sahni, PVSM, UYSM, SM, VSM should immediately be appointed the Governor of both Manipur and Nagaland and made operational commander of the Unified Command Structure that

would oversee the two states including parts of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Mizoram.

As I wrote in my last column, security representations from all the concerned states would be part of the structure where strategies would be formulated.

The recommendation naturally comes from a person who is both short in stature and position. Indeed, he has no position.

But it is the considered view of a patriotic Indian who despite having undergone, perhaps unjustly, the whips and scorns of time feel that such a step by Modi 3.0 would witness the end of the travails of the crucial east.

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(The author is an internationally renowned Conflict Theorist and Bestselling Author)





PRAYER FOR PEACE, STABILITY, AND SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE KUKIS

Oh God, our refuge and our strength,
We cry out to you in this hour of length,
For peace and stability, we humbly pray,
For an end to violence and a brighter day.

Under the Meitei regime, we suffer and bleed,
Ethnic violence rages, our people are in need,
Of a safe haven, a place to call our own,
Where we can live without fear,
and our culture can be known.

We pray for separate administration,
a chance to govern ourselves,
To manage our own affairs,
and our future to unfold,
Free from oppression, and the shackles of pain,
We yearn for autonomy,
and an end to this endless strain.

Oh God, our Savior, we trust in your might,
To deliver us from this darkness,
and bring us into your light,
May your love and grace abound,
And fill our hearts with hope,
and our souls with peace that's profound.

Unite our hearts, and minds, we pray,
And guide us towards a future that's bright and fair,
Where we can live in harmony,
and our children can grow,
In a land that's free from violence,
and our culture can glow.

We pray for wisdom for our leaders,
To seek your will, and your ways,
and to lead us to a brighter day,
And may our land be filled with your goodness,
and your love that's true,
And may we live in peace,
and our people flourish anew.

Oh God, our Father, we trust in your promise,
that you will bring us through the flame,
And into a land of peace, and stability, and rest,
Where we can live and thrive,
and our people be blessed.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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