

Thingkho *Le* Malecha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



OLIVIA LHINGNEITHEM CHONGLOI (23 YEARS)

D/O PAOLEN CHONGLOI

ADDRESS: KHOPIBUNG, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 4TH MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: IMPHAL

CAUSE OF DEATH: RAPED AND KILLED BY MEITEIS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.05.2024



185
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.

UAPA TRIBUNAL UPHOLDS MHA BAN AGAINST SEVEN MEITEI EXTREMIST ORGANISATIONS

A tribunal under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) has upheld the Centre's decision to declare seven valley based Meitei extremist organisations as "unlawful associations" for the next five years.

The order said that in the past five years, the seven outfits were responsible for 335 of 689 violent incidents reported in Manipur, in which nine security personnel and 21 civilians were killed.

The outfits that espouse the secession of Manipur from India operate camps from Myanmar and Bangladesh to provide arms training to cadres and a safe sanctuary for procurement of arms and ammunition. The order mentions that the insurgent groups are closely linked with the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) that is engaged in peace talks with the Centre since 1997.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) informed the tribunal that the outfits through their front organisations and civil society groups are also engaged in "targeting non-local population, protesting against peace talks of authorities with other ethnic groups of the State, boycotting national days like Republic Day, and opposing merger of Manipur with Indian Union."

The incidents reported during the 2023 ethnic violence which involved the valley based outfits were not separately mentioned by the Ministry. At least 221 people have been killed and more than 50,000 people displaced in the State since May 3, 2023 after ethnic violence erupted between the tribal Kuki-Zo and the Meitei people.

The Ministry submitted that in Manipur, militant activities are carried out by Meitei extremist organisations, also called as Valley Based Insurgent Groups which include the Peoples' Liberation Army and its political wing the Revolutionary Peoples' Front (RPF); the United National Liberation Front (UNLF); the Peoples' Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) and its armed wing the Red Army; the Kangleipak



Communist Party (KCP) and its armed wing, also called the Red Army; the Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL); the Coordination Committee (CorCom); and the Alliance for Socialist Unity Kangleipak (ASUK).

It said that the insurgent groups were initially declared as unlawful associations in 1979 and since then the declarations have been continuously extended, last on November 13, 2018.

The Ministry said the groups are involved in violent and illegal activities including attacking and killing security forces, government employees, extortion, collection of illegal taxes from employees, commercial establishments, kidnapping for ransom, arms and drugs smuggling, among others.

"The Union of India has brought to the notice of this Tribunal that the cadre strength of these extremist organisations is approximately 1,250. These extremist organisations have highly sophisticated weapons, arms and ammunitions, explosive devices with weaponry numbering 1,559 approximately," the order said.

From November 2018 till December 2022, a total of 1,019 cases under UAPA were registered against them while chargesheets were filed in 11 cases

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and three persons were convicted. From 2019-February 2024, as many as 1,179 extremists were arrested, 95 surrendered and 205 arms were recovered.

In 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 the outfits were involved in 44, 60, 96 and 51 violent incidents respectively. In January and February this year, 24 violent incidents were perpetrated by these organisations in which seven civilians were killed and 13 were abducted.

The Manipur government and the Ministry entered into a peace pact with one of the factions of UNLF - the Pambei group - on December 29 last year, the details of which are yet to be known, days after banning the outfit. It was the first time a valley based Manipuri armed group had agreed to return to the mainstream by abjuring violence, the Ministry had said.

The Ministry submitted that the UNLF after its formation in 1964 to establish a socialist society decided to launch an armed struggle in 1990 for the "liberation" of Manipur from India. It formed an armed wing called the Manipur People's Army (MPA). "On 22.05.1990, the UNLF, along with other insurgent groups operating in the Northeast – the National Socialist Council of Nagaland – Khaplang (NSCN-K), the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), and the Kuki National Army

(KNA) – floated a pan-Mongoloid coalition called the Indo-Burma Revolutionary Front (IBRF) to wage a 'united struggle for the Independence of Indo-Burma'. The UNLF has training camps in Myanmar and Bangladesh. It also maintains a close association with the NSCN-K," MHA said.

Manipur Police submitted that from November 13, 2018 to November 12, 2023, as many as 254 First Information Reports (FIRs) were registered against the members of the organisation.

An order by Justice Sanjay Kumar Medhi said that the tribunal concurs with the opinion of the Central government that if there is no immediate curb and control of the seven outfits, they will take the opportunity to "mobilise their cadres for escalating their secessionist, subversive and violent activities; propagate anti-national activities in collusion with forces inimical to India's sovereignty and national integrity; indulge in killings of civilians and targeting of the police and security forces personnel; procure and induct illegal arms and ammunitions from across the international border and extort and collect huge funds from the public for their unlawful activities." (Source: *The Hindu*)

COTU REOPENS GOVERNMENT OFFICES, URGES MEDIA HOUSES TO UPHOLD ETHICAL JOURNALISM

Following the Committee on Tribal Unity's decision, all government offices previously closed indefinitely due to the brutal killing of two Kuki volunteers in the Phailengmol region, were reopened today.

The Committee has made the decision to reopen offices as an acknowledgment of the impossibility of maintaining a single administrative court for the two distinct political, physical, and geographical communities: the minority Kuki tribal Christian community in the hills and the majority Meitei community in the valley.



"This highlights the indifferent attitudes shown by N. Biren Singh towards the closure of government offices in Sadar Hills Kangpokpi for nearly a month and his inability to address cases of rape and murder

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against the minority Kuki-Zo community by providing fair justice and protections. It is a clear indication of nepotism and hegemony in his administration,” the statement asserted.

The Committee appealed to all mainstream national media platforms, including TV channels, to refrain from publishing or airing irrelevant issues such as the renaming of places or villages in Kuki dominated areas, while overlooking the gross human rights violations and continuous atrocities by the majority communities in the state.

It maintained that such biased reporting against one community over the other is a major factor in prolonging the unrest in the erstwhile state of Manipur.

Therefore, in the larger interest of fair and ethical journalism in the country, the Committee urged all concerned parties to verify the facts and its sources before publishing or airing any news content, to avoid unnecessary incitement of hatred between the two warring communities in the northeastern state of India.

COTU APPLAUDS INDIAN ARMY'S HEROIC EFFORTS IN FOILING IED ATTACK ON KUKI COMMUNITY

In a dramatic turn of events, vigilant soldiers of the Indian Army's Red Shield Division stationed in Manipur thwarted a major catastrophe by expertly defusing three Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in Imphal East district, near the fringe areas of Saikul in Kangpokpi District, on Saturday, May 25.

The IEDs were discovered along the road connecting Nongdam Tangkhul and Etham Tangkhul villages, near Maphou Dam in Kangpokpi District. They were suspected to have been intended to cause major devastation to the minority Kuki community of the region.

In a press release issued by the PRO Defence of Manipur, Nagaland, and South Arunachal, it was stated that during a routine area dominance and surveillance operation, Army personnel noticed the three IEDs placed in tandem along the road.

The Army swiftly moved in, cordoning off the area with precision. Subsequently, the Bomb Disposal Squad arrived and safely neutralized the IEDs, averting potential loss of life and harm to locals.



The Committee on Tribal Unity, Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District, vehemently condemned the alleged Meitei secessionist armed militia's unabated “cowardly and terror activities”.

The committee extends its sincere appreciation of the proactive efforts of the Central Security Forces, the 8th Bihar Regiment, and the Red Shield Division in recovering and preventing the dangers posed by landmines in the peripheral areas adjacent to the Kuki areas in Saikul-Division and the Imphal Valley.

JNV AUTHORITY'S DIRECTIVE OF RELOCATING STAFF MEMBERS INSENSITIVE, SAY ITLF, KSO-CCP

Apropos to the order issued by the concerned authority of Jawahar Novadaya Vidyalaya (JNV) directing all employees to report back to their parent Vidyalaya after the summer vacation, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) has termed the order as "insensitive", ignoring the ground reality of Manipur.

In its press release on Monday, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), a conglomerate of recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur, has expressed its dismay over an order issued by a top official of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya asking employees displaced by Manipur's ethnic conflict to report to their place of posting.

In a letter dated May 27, 2024, the Deputy Commissioner of JNV's regional office in Shillong, Aditya Prakash Singh, directed all employees who were temporarily attached to different JNVs because of the ethnic clash to report back to their parent Vidyalaya once the summer vacation is over.

"The order is insensitive and ignores the ground reality in Manipur, where the Kuki-Zo tribals can no longer enter Meitei areas and vice versa. To try and cross the physical buffer zones that separate the two communities on either side means certain death. This means Kuki-Zo employees posted in Meitei-dominated areas will not be able to follow the order even if they wanted to," said ITLF.

The tribal body earnestly requested that Mr. Singh learns about the current state of the conflict in Manipur, and that he should rescind his order at the earliest.

Meanwhile, writing to the Deputy Commissioner, Novadaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Shillong Region, the Kuki Students' Organisation, Churachandpur, has expressed its deep concern and dissatisfaction regarding the recent notice, directing all staff members to report back



to their parent Vidyalaya immediately on reopening of Vidyalaya after Summer Vacation 2024.

KSO said such an abrupt decision posed significant challenges and disruptions to the well-being and safety of staff members. Relocation involves various logistical, emotional, and financial considerations, especially for individuals who are affected by the current violence in the state of Manipur, it said.

Stressing the need for understanding the gravity of the situation faced by staff members belonging to the Kuki-Zo community amidst heightened tensions, the Kuki Students' Organisation said moving them to valley districts, where they would face hostility or danger from opposing communities, only exacerbate the risks they already face.

In light of such challenges, KSO urged the concerned authorities to prioritize the safety and security of all JNV staff members. "Instead of enforcing arbitrary relocation directives, a comprehensive assessment of the situation should be conducted to ensure that staff members are not exposed to unnecessary risks or hardships," it said.

The student body also urged the authority to reconsider its decision and explore alternative solutions that prioritize the wellbeing and stability of staff members.

CENTRE WORKING TO REMOVE MEITEI-KUKI TRUST DEFICIT IN MANIPUR: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said the government is working on removing the trust deficit between the Meitei and Kuki communities to bring lasting peace in Manipur, and the process will be expedited with utmost priority once the Lok Sabha election is over. Mr Shah told PTI in an interview on Saturday that the clashes between the Meitei and Kuki communities were ethnic in nature and hence cannot be resolved through force.

“This is not an issue of riots or terrorism. This is an issue of ethnic violence. It can’t be resolved through force. This is ethnic violence,” he said on whether the government needed to take some strong action to end the cycle of violence in the northeastern state.

The Home Minister said the violence took place due to a lack of discussions and lack of trust between the two communities, which had happened due to some incidents.

“We have to repair this. This is a time-consuming job.



We were working on it speedily. But it has been delayed due to the elections. That is quite natural,” he said.

“Because, leaders of both the communities are talking about the interests of the respective community, or their own political issues. But after the counting, the government will work on it with utmost priority. I believe there will be no violence in future,” he said. (NDTV)

MANIPUR HSLC EXAMINATION 2024 DECLARED; 93.03 PER CENT PASS BOSEM EXAM

The result for the high school leaving certificate (HSLC) Examination 2024 conducted by the Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) was declared today at its premises, Babupara under Imphal West.

For the time, BOSEM introduced a grading system in the HSLC examination 2024. The overall pass percentage is 93.03 per cent.

The total number of students who appeared the exam is 37,547.

This time, the pass percentage for government schools improved a lot to 84.34 per cent, aided is 92.74 per cent

and private is 95.93 per cent.

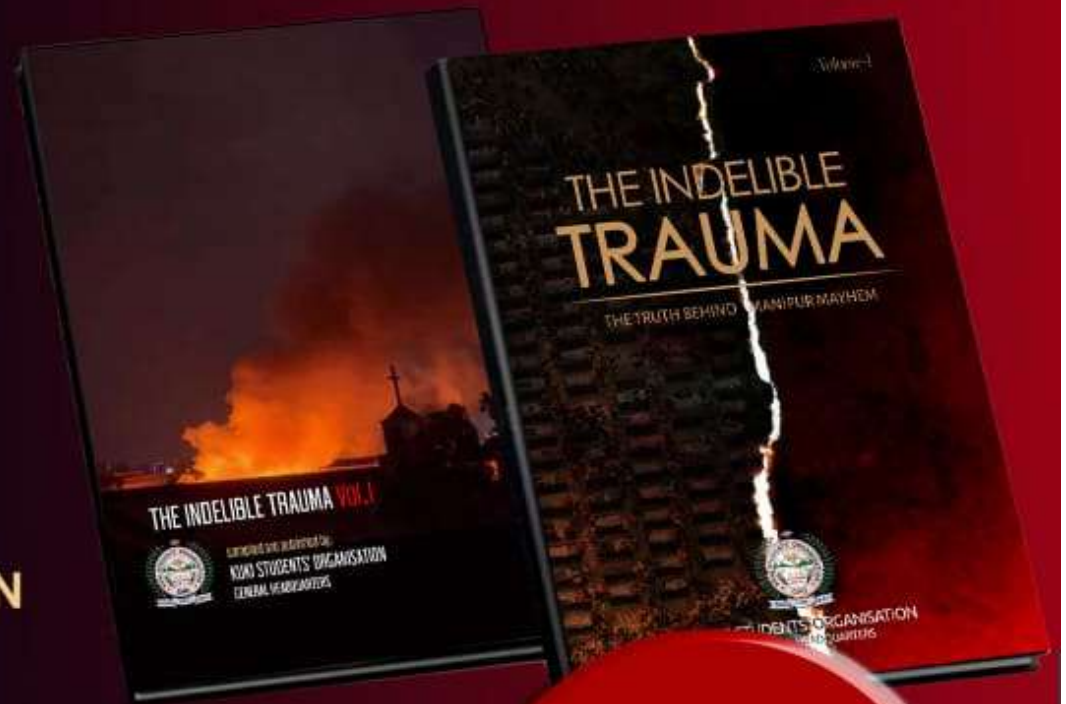
In district wise, the highest pass cent in valley areas is Thoubal with 99.04 per cent and hill district is Tengnoupal with 99.65 per cent. The district with the lowest pass percentage in the valley district is Jiribam with 50.71 per cent and the hill district is Kamjong with 65.46 per cent.

The overall pass percentage of 2023 was 82.82, 2022 was 76, 2021 was 100, 2020 was 65.34, 2019 was 74.69, 2018 was 73.18 per cent, 2017 was 66.7 per cent, 2016 was 65.37 per cent and 2015 was 61.59 per cent.

THE INDELIBLE TRAUMA

THE TRUTH BEHIND MANIPUR MAYHEM VOL. I

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This treatise is being prepared and published to unravel the lies and perfidy of our adversaries and put in perspective the authentic truth so that it stands as a testimony of the genocide that is being perpetrated on us and our people

With the hope and expectation that the perpetrators of these reprehensible crimes are brought to justice; and ignite a glimmer of solace and consolation to our indignant souls

The treatise also seeks to debunk the patently false canards, innuendoes and narratives that are being peddled as the gospel truth, and the aspersions that are being casted without any substance

And to put in perspective the historical misdeeds meted out to the tribal society by the extremely self-centered Meitei society with the clarion call to stand united and the urgent need for the convergence of our political position so as to collectively extricate ourselves from this oppressive dispensation

If we are to march forward like our tribal counterparts of Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh- SEPARATION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

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FEATURED ARTICLE

The Remorseless Looting of Human Rights: A Scourge of Violation

Lamneivah Kipgen

The winds of change linger around in Imphal but the pungent and stale state of the city remains the same. Seasons have changed over time but the hearts of the Kuki-Zo people remain broken as new atrocities emerge now and then. The continuous exploitation of the Kuki-Zo people has reached a point where even the most basic human rights of the people are being neglected.

Month after month, day after day the atrocities continue like a never-ending thriller saga. Still, the only difference is that it is not fiction but something real and tangible and is currently happening incessantly.

The recent videos of two Village Volunteers being brutally killed, abused, and butchered into pieces in the most barbaric way have left everyone with chills running down their spines. Our kin, blood, and brethren being subjugated to the most inhumane and gut-wrenching and sadistic torture even after their deaths brings us throbbing pain. The complete act of disdain that has been given to the Kuki-Zo people where we are considered lower than livestock by killing our brethren, butchering them in the goriest way, cutting them from limb to limb, dragging their bodies, carrying their dead bodies in trucks like wild animals that were hunted and finally placing the headless, limbless torso in the street for the public to see while the womenfolk of the Meitei community stood as they jeered on like

savages have left us in shock and awe as to how heartless and feral one can be.

Even after the videos surfaced all over the internet, the blissful ignorance of the government has been the biggest betrayal we could feel not only as citizens of one of the biggest democracies with one of the strongest judiciary that claims to ensure justice for every citizen but also has fellow humans that have the same basic rights to live as well as right to dignity like everyone else.

The shock continues as New Lambulane, the only standing Kuki-Zo locality left in Imphal was looted in broad daylight just a few days after the videos of the two Volunteers being killed got posted on the internet. The looting of the houses continued peacefully as the police stood in silence whilst the masses happily and unitedly scoured through the houses. It was evident that even family members were cooperatively taking part in the treasure hunt in the houses that were left behind unwillingly and painfully by the Kuki-Zo residents as they were chased away on the 3rd of May, 2023. The scenes were indeed painful as well as laughable as we see mother and daughters happily carrying study tables together, aunties carrying mattresses

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and blankets, and young ladies carrying mats with Tupperware containers. There was even a clip from the video that looked like a scene from a strongman competition where a man was carrying a refrigerator all by himself. These were scenes that were evident from the video that was taken in broad daylight. The main thought to ponder upon is what the police were doing while these illegal activities were taking place. Or have we normalised looting and killing anyone for it to be justified on the grounds of whether or not the person belongs to a different tribe or community? How long will the country continue to ignore the problems as well as the grave situation that the Kuki-Zo community has been relentlessly facing since the 3rd of May last year?

The war crimes that have been committed have become so brutal, inhumane, and sadistic that words cannot even comprehend the pain and suffering not just physically but mentally and emotionally that is being constantly burdened upon the Kuki-Zo people.

After all these horrible, obscene, and repugnant war crimes that are committed, the question of justice remains a far yet wistful hope.

At this point, it feels very evident that the justice system does not work in favor of people who are being brutally oppressed. How long will we continue to wait for the whole country to take notice of the pain and pleas?

It is unfair and outright unjust for the Kuki Zo

community to continuously get the receiving end of the prejudiced and bigoted temperament of the government and its inability to bring an end to this conflict that has gone too far too long.

As we are nearing nearly one year since the conflict erupted, the empty promises of bringing peace or solution seem to be vaporising into the summer wind as every minute passes.

The constant prayers of the mothers, fathers, and children have become the only hope that binds the faith and will of the Kuki-Zo people together.

As the saying goes, "Justice should not only be done but it should be seen to be done" The people of the Kuki-Zo earnestly urge for justice to be done upon the continuing atrocities and transgressions that have been committed upon them to date. We demand our human rights to be acknowledged and taken seriously. We demand justice against the butchering and the looting of our basic human rights. Until justice prevails we shall continue to fight with unabating fury for our voices to be heard, for our suppression to end, and for our pleas and prayers to come to fruition.

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Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle.

— *Napoleon Hill*

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



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Manipur is not on his India map or else he would've gone there to claim khoon ka rishta with Jesus Christ

In Kashmir, BJP didn't field any candidates or else he would've gone there to claim khoon ka Rishta with Mohammad

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This is all that Amit Shah has to say in **Manipur** in his Express interview. In a place where more than 5500 weapons have been taken away from state armouries, and the same BJP CM continues to rule. No accountability, nothing.

You talked of the significant movement forward in J&K. What about Manipur?

Manipur's violence is neither terrorism nor communal, it's ethnic violence. To end this, the road is a long one because to restore trust between the two communities — that has been eroded because of some events — is a time-taking process. Because of elections, there are statements from both sides, Kukis and Meiteis, that derail this process. So, we will get to this after the elections.

You visited Manipur and spent four days there. You think the PM should have gone? Why didn't he? Was it because the Opposition kept underlining this?

I am a representative of the PM and what's happening there comes under my Ministry.

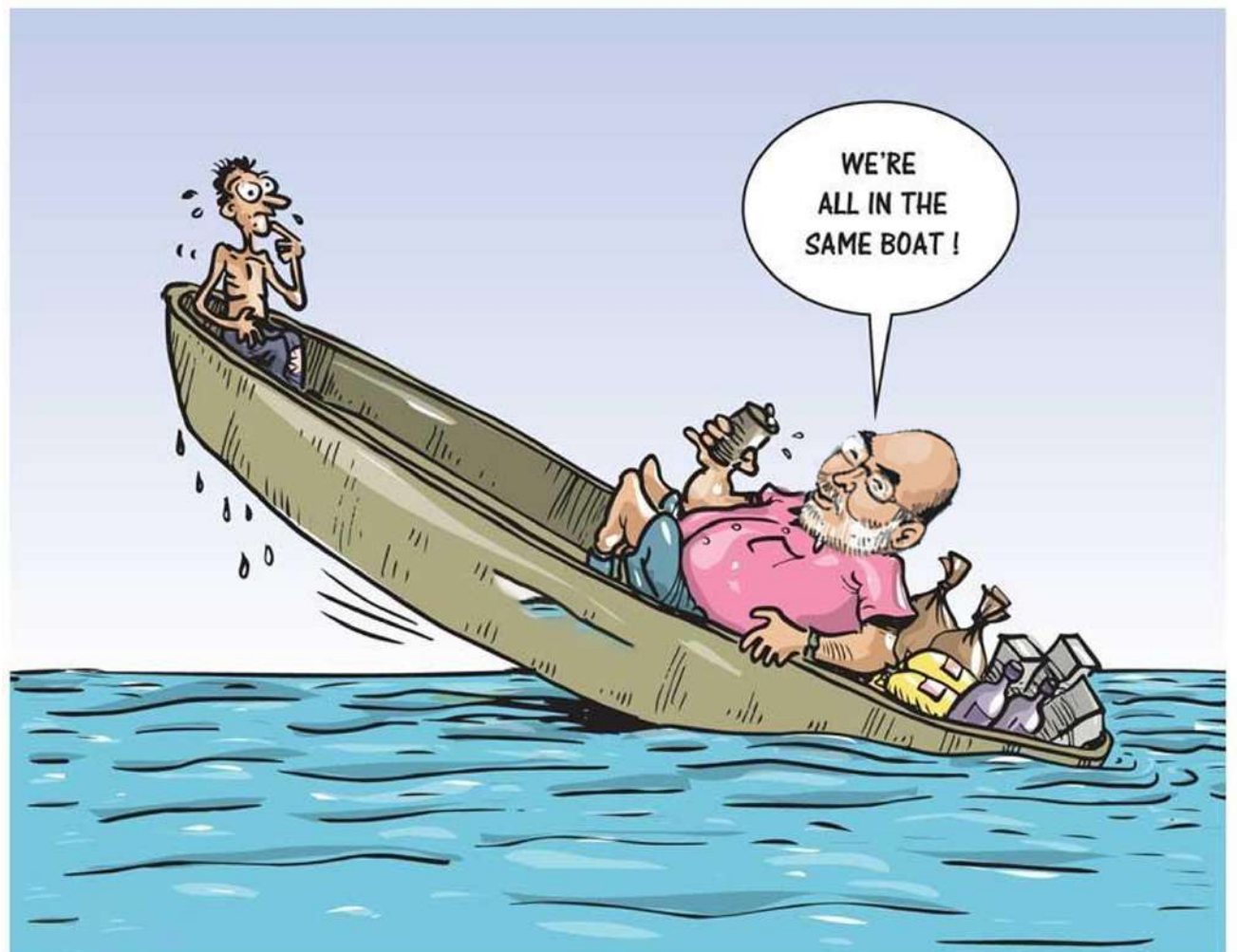
You don't think the PM's visit, his speech would have been a healing touch?

The Prime Minister is continuously and closely monitoring it.



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THE REALITY OF STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM





CRY IN ANGUISH

- Valentina Mangte

Is this how it's going to be?
Till when our people will die near thee
Till when they will hunt us down?
And curse us with those filthiest mouths?

We're the people too living in manipur
But their actions! ain't it too much for a proof?
Proofs that what they are fighting for isn't right.
And all their actions are answers to all the why's.

My people's bodies are being ruthlessly drag
Their faces? Was it necessary to smack!
Mercilessly their bodies were butchered;
How many more lives do you want to see suffer!?

There are my people counting down their days now,
But they will fight as they won't let our NAM bow.
Now, It's almost a year of this tyranny,
And woefully there's more for us to see.

How many more tears shall we shed?
The mortifying barbarian acts we can never forget.
How many more lives will we lose?
Our ears are weary of all the dreadful news.

Yes, What our future will hold, it can't be told,
And My People are still fighting, as we believe there's still hope to hold.
Even if the truth is misled, even if there will be more blood to shed,
But our time will solidly come, when the truth alone will make the noise,
and then peacefully we will sing our songs and rejoice!