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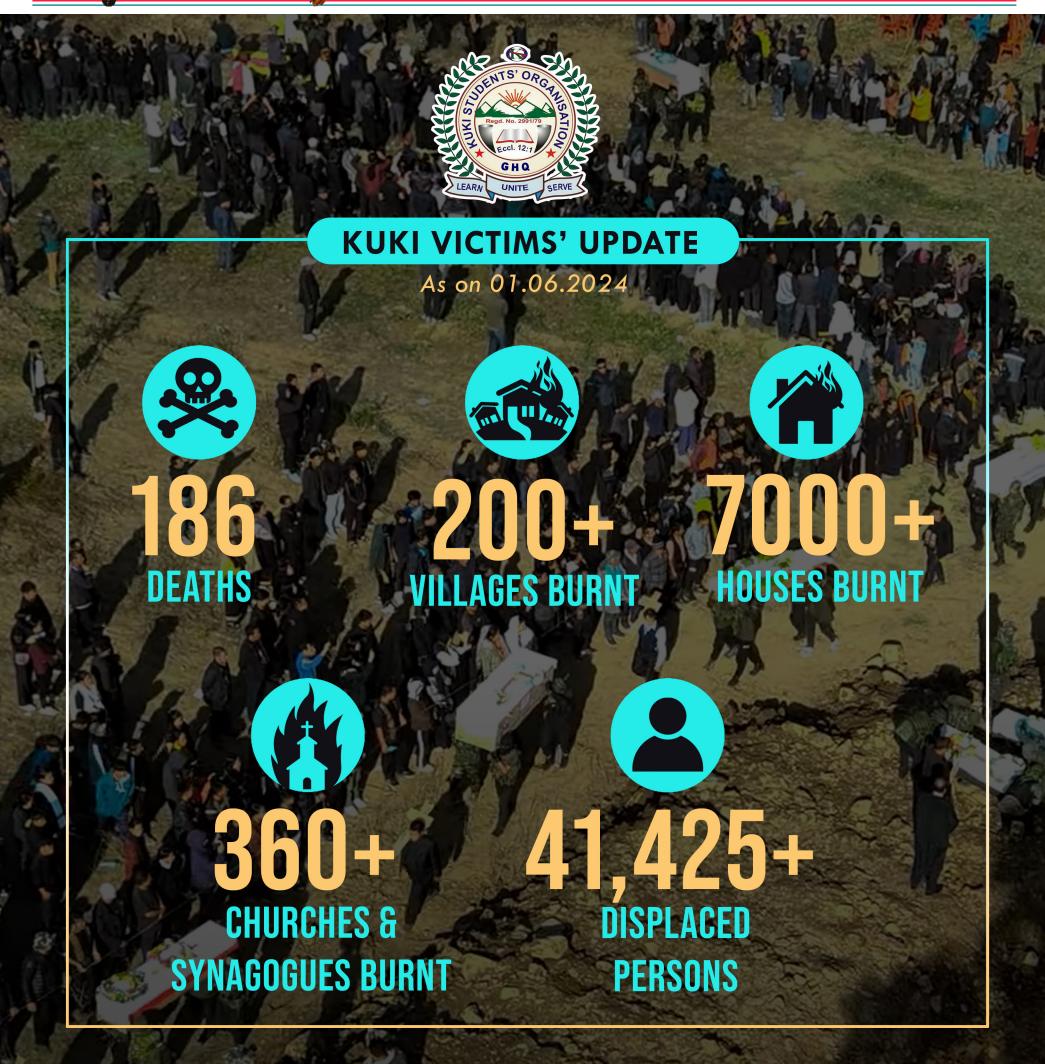
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### **MAWIKHENMUNG NAULAK (19 YEARS)**

S/O LAMKHOMANG NAULAK ADDRESS: VENGNUAM, NEW LAMKA DATE OF DEATH: 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 PLACE OF DEATH: LAMKA CAUSE OF DEATH: BLUDGEONED TO DEATH

## Thingkho Le Malcha



**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.





## KIM REQUESTS MHA TO RE-ORGANISE POLICE JURISDICTION OF KANGPOKPI DISTRICT IN LINE WITH THE HILL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Due to the prevailing ethnic conflict between Meitei and Kuki, the Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), an apex body of Kuki Tribes, has urged intervention of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in re-organising police jurisdiction of Kuki-dominated Kangpokpi district, in line with the Hill District Administration, and to rectify the jurisdiction of Imphal East District administration in respect to the construction of pre-fabricated CAPF Camp location configured by the Manipur Police Housing Corporation.

In a representation submitted on Thursday, the Kuki apex body stated that several tribal Kuki villages of Hill District administration - Kangpokpi were affected by extending the police jurisdiction of Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal and Bishnupur Districts within the Hill District Administration (Sadar Hills East & Sadar Hills West) in a clandestine manner and with ulterior motive.

"Implemented by the Home Department, Government of Manipur, in the year 2011, this initiative of the Home Department has led to confusion and apprehension of many Tribal Kukis inhabited in the jurisdiction of Kangpokpi Hill District administration since they were maliciously placed to constitute the Valley District Police Jurisdiction of Imphal East, Imphal West, and Thoubal Districts respectively, which are mostly dominated by Meitei," it said.

"Hence, the division of these Kuki villages which falls under Hill District administration Kangpokpi into four valley District police jurisdiction of Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur and Thoubal Districts, has alienated them from other Tribal villages which falls under the Police jurisdiction of Kangpokpi. Thus, they are politically subjugated through the valley District police jurisdiction by the dominant Meitei Politician and Public."

The Kuki body said the present ethnic conflict that began on 3rd May, 2023, between Kuki and Meitei has led to the ethnic division between the two groups into Hills and valley, wherein valley districts areas are under the subjugation of Meitei Police, Police Commando,



Arambai Tenggol and VBIGs assisted by Meira Paibis, which drastically victimized those Tribal Kukis of Kangpokpi Hill District administration placed under the police jurisdiction of Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur Districts respectively.

Since the valley districts Meiteis' police and Meitei militias such as Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, and VBIGs assisted by Meira Paibis and Meitei CSOs apparently colluded against tribal Kukis, the Kuki villages in the hill district administration-Kangpokpi, which were placed under the valley district police jurisdiction including Kuki colonies in Imphal areas, suffered catastrophically and criminal intimidation due to their constant attacks using looted weapons and ammunition from the state armouries, impacting several loss of tribal Kuki properties and lives.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur stated that it was inevitable for the Kuki inhabitants of Kangpokpi District to re-organise the police jurisdiction in line with the Kangpokpi Hill district administration in order to empower the Kangpokpi Police and Central arms police forces to safeguard the lives and properties of minority Tribal Kukis of Kangpokpi District from the constant attacks and threat from the majority Meitei police, Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, VBIGs, Meira Paibis and Meitei CSOs.





## DEMONSTRATORS SHOUT FOR KILLING AND ELIMINATING KUKI COMMUNITY FROM MANIPUR DURING COCOMI'S INTEGRITY RALLY; ITLF CONDEMNS AS HORRIFYING

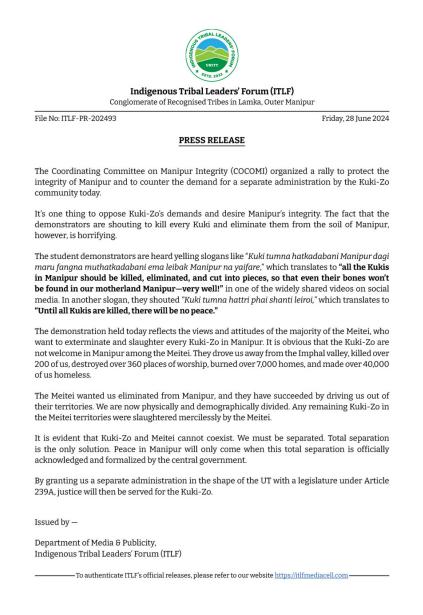
The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) organized a rally to protect the integrity of Manipur and to counter the demand for a separate administration by the Kuki-Zo community today.

"It's one thing to oppose Kuki-Zo's demands and desire Manipur's integrity. The fact that the demonstrators are shouting to kill every Kuki and eliminate them from the soil of Manipur, however, is horrifying," said the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) on Friday.

In a statement issued today, the ITLF said: the student demonstrators are heard yelling slogans like "Kuki tumna hatkadabani Manipur dagi maru fangna muthatkadabani ema leibak Manipur na yaifare," which translates to "all the Kukis in Manipur should be killed, eliminated, and cut into pieces, so that even their bones won't be found in our motherland Manipur-very well!" in one of the widely shared videos on social media. In another slogan, they shouted "Kuki tumna hattri phai shanti leiroi," which translates to "Until all Kukis are killed, there will be no peace."

"The demonstration held today reflects the views and attitudes of the majority of the Meitei, who want to exterminate and slaughter every Kuki-Zo in Manipur. It is obvious that the Kuki-Zo are not welcome in Manipur among the Meitei. They drove us away from the Imphal valley, killed over 200 of us, destroyed over 360 places of worship, burned over 7,000 homes, and made over 40,000 of us homeless," the ITLF said.

"The Meitei wanted us eliminated from Manipur, and they have succeeded by driving us out of their territories," the ITLF alleged, stating that they are now physically and demographically divided. Any remaining



Kuki-Zo in the Meitei territories were slaughtered mercilessly by the Meitei.

"It is evident that Kuki-Zo and Meitei cannot coexist. We must be separated. Total separation is the only solution. Peace in Manipur will only come when this total separation is officially acknowledged and formalized by the central government.

"By granting us a separate administration in the shape of the UT with a legislature under Article 239A, justice will then be served for the Kuki-Zo," ITLF reiterated.







## **CHURACHANDPUR DC CALLS ON GUV; BRIEFS HER ABOUT DISTRICT SITUATION**

The Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur, Dharun Kumar, yesterday called on the Governor of Manipur, Anusuiya Uikey, at the latter's residence, briefing her about the current situation of Churachandpur district.

During the meeting, the Governor informed the Deputy Commissioner that the central government is expected to take some concrete steps soon to address the unrest in strife-torn Manipur.

She assured that the central government is committed to resolving the ongoing ethnic violence between the Kuki and Meitei communities in Manipur.

During the meeting, Governor Uikey directed Churachandpur deputy commissioner, Dharun Kumar, to prioritize maintaining law and order in the district.

She stressed on the need of ensuring the safety and security of all residents and instructed the DC to launch training programs for displaced individuals under various government schemes.

The Churachandpur DC also briefed the Manipur Governor about the detailed conditions of approximately 14,000 displaced persons residing in relief camps.



He confirmed that essential supplies, including food and water, have been provided, along with educational materials for students.

Kumar reported significant progress on the construction of 500 temporary shelter homes sanctioned by the ministry of home affairs (MHA), expected to be completed by August.

Additionally, skill training programs for 100 youths in the hospitality sector are underway, and upcoming handloom and handicraft training sessions are planned for local artisans.

## DELHI-BASED NGO PROVIDES FINANCIAL AID TO A SEPTUAGENARIAN SOLDIER IN Churachandpur

Support Our Heroes (SOH), a Delhi-based Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) has provided monetary assistance to a 75-year-old non-pensioner soldier from Manipur's Churachandpur district.

Sepoy Tongkhongam (75) whose house was burnt down in the ongoing ethnic clashes received Rs 1 lakh. This was stated in a Raj Bhavan communique issued here on Friday.

The Governor handed over a cheque of Rs 1 lakh to the DC and asked him to hand over the same to Sepoy Tongkhongam, a 75-year-old non-pensioner soldier from Churachandpur district, whose house was burnt down in the disturbances last year.



The amount was given by Support Our Heroes (SOH), a Delhi-based NGO that has been providing help since 2017 to needy ex-soldiers and their families and Veer Naris/Widows.





## BOMB BLAST ROCKS IMPHAL; RENEWS CALLS FOR AFSPA IN THE VALLEY

A low-intensity bomb explosion rattled the residential compound of a company manager in Imphal on Thursday night, renewing discussions on the need for the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the valley.

The blast occurred around 10:30 pm at the residence of Elangbam Brojendro, 49, the manager of Salai Holdings Private Limited, a non-government entity recently struggling to repay investors. Unknown assailants on a motorbike hurled the bomb into Brojendro's residence in Keishamthong Elangbam Leikai, Imphal West district.

The explosion caused partial damage to the tin roof, but fortunately, no injuries were reported. Police were quick to arrive at the scene and are currently investigating the incident, including the motive and identity of the perpetrators. No group or individual has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Local women's leader Rajkumari Indira Devi condemned the bombing, especially in a densely populated area, urging those involved to resolve their issues peacefully through dialogue.

Police have linked the company's financial troubles to the blast. Salai Holdings has reportedly faced frozen bank accounts and seized assets by the state government, severely impacting its ability to operate and repay investors.

This incident underscores the ongoing security concerns in the valley and has sparked renewed calls for the enforcement of AFSPA to maintain law and order in the valley.

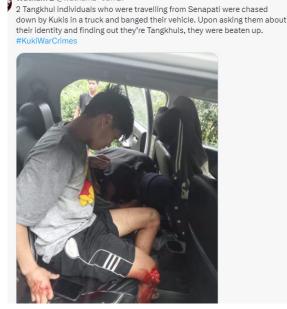
## MEITEI LIES EXPOSED: VIRAL CLAIM OF TANGKHUL NAGAS CHASED AND Beaten by Kukis, another meitei propaganda

The viral social media message claiming that two Tangkhul Nagas were chased and beaten by Kukis in Kangpokpi headquarters turns out to be propaganda created by the Meiteis. Reliable sources confirmed that the two Tangkhul Nagas met with an accident in Kangpokpi, colliding with a truck.

However, the viral message that they were "chased by Kukis and beaten upon disclosing their identity as Tangkhuls" is fake news, likely part of a propaganda campaign by Meitei social media users, to incite enmity between the Tangkhul and the Kukis.

The accident case was addressed by the competent authority, sources added. A Meitei Social Media user by the name Watham Z took to X, stating "2 Tangkhul individuals who were travelling from Senapati were chased down by Kukis in a truck and banged their vehicle. Upon asking them about their identity and finding out they are Tangkhuls, they were beaten up.."

However, the post turned out to be false, a mischievous



ploy created by Meitei social media users in their vile attempt to spread propaganda that could incite enmity between the Kukis and Tangkhuls.

The post was also clarified by Kangpokpi SP Manoj Prabhakar M, saying that the claim is untrue and there is no attack by the Kukis on the two Nagas. The truck is owned by an Assamese and the driver is from Nagaon.







## MEITEI MILITANTS OBSTRUCT ARMY FROM MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN MANIPUR

In a troubling development, Meitei militants have become a significant impediment to central security forces in Manipur, hindering their efforts to maintain law and order. This obstruction comes not only from Meitei womenfolk, who frequently block central security forces, but now also from militant groups like the United National Liberation Front (UNLF).

A viral video widely circulated today shows UNLF militants stopping Border Security Force (BSF) personnel from proceeding in Sagang village, a Kom community-dominated area in Churachandpur district. Sagang, situated on the border of Churachandpur and Bishnupur districts, has become a hotspot in the ongoing conflict.

This situation is ironic, given the Meitei leadership's calls for peace. Despite their proclamations, militant groups are actively blocking efforts to achieve it. Central security forces, often acting as peacekeepers, have intervened multiple times to prevent escalations between the warring communities, maintaining peace in buffer zones and reducing casualties on both sides.

Since entering a Suspension of Operations (SoO) pact, the UNLF (Manipur People's Army) has engaged in rampant criminal activities, including threats,



intimidation, extortion, and kidnapping. Their cadres frequently violate the SoO agreement, waging war against the Kuki community and obstructing central security forces from performing their duties.

In contrast, central security forces face no such resistance in Kuki areas, where they are granted smooth passage. This cooperation underline the Kuki community's respect for central agencies and highlights the disparity in attitudes towards central forces between the two communities.



- Clarence Darrow





## TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENTS RECALLED: JUNE 28, 2023

#### A RECAP OF THE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ON JUNE 28, 2023 AS A RESULT OF PRE-PLANNED STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST KUKI-ZO

#### 27th JUNE 2023:

At approximately 11:00 PM, radical Meitei groups carried out a destructive act by setting fire to an Eastern Manipur Presbyterian (EMP) church located in Lamlongei, Heingang, within the Imphal East area.

In addition to this appalling incident, a residence owned by a Kuki-Zo family fell victim to the same Meitei radical groups, resulting in the complete destruction of the house by fire.

#### 28th JUNE, 2023:

At approximately 11:00 AM, three armed individuals of the Meitei group approached Chingphei village, arousing suspicion that they were conducting

#### reconnaissance of the village and its defensive capabilities. In response, the vigilant village volunteers discharged blank rounds, prompting the intruders to withdraw temporarily

Roughly 30 minutes later, these same individuals returned to the vicinity of the village, this time arriving in two vehicles while fully armed. The resolute village volunteers immediately pursued them, and in an effort to safeguard Chingphei village, they set fire to one of the Meiteis' farmhouses. There was a genuine concern that this farmhouse could potentially serve as a launching point for an attack against Chingphei village.



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मणिपुर में दो आदिवासी महिलाओं को नग्न अवस्था में दौड़ाने और दुर्व्यवहार कराने के पीछे मेरी बीजेपी सरकार की पुलिस का हाथ था। #ManipurViolence

Translated from Hindi by Google

My BJP government's police was behind making two tribal women run naked and misbehaving with them in Manipur. #ManipurViolence





10:02 pm · 27 Jun 24 · **101K** Views



H S Benjamin Mate @BenjaminMate1 Follow

Under the communal @NBirenSingh's Govt. The Meitei CSOs organised a Public Rally in Imphal today, shouting slogans 2 completely annihilate the Kuki community living in Manipur. These anti-Kuki mentality of meitei community justify our demand 4 separate UT. @AmitShah @PMOIndia



4:59 pm · 28 Jun 24 · 1,681 Views





## Thingkho Le Malcha



The Meitei mobs' open slogan to annihilate the whole minority Kuki community from Manipur has pushed the urgent need for the Centre government, under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to grant separate administration for the Kukis in the form of Union Territory with Legislature.

It is a propelling force for granting separate administration as the possibility of uniting the Kukis and Meiteis again is not possible anymore. With the deep divide, the two warring communities have already been totally separated geographically, ethnically, physically and emotionally.

As expected, the Meiteis today chanted "Kill and eliminate all Kukis" slogan during a mass rally to save the territorial integrity of Manipur, organised under the aegis of the Co-ordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a leading civil society organisation of the Meiteis. The COCOMI is also the Meiteis' civil body that had declared war against the Kukis in the month of May 2023.

During the rally, the Meitei demonstrators chanted open slogans to annihilate Kukis and uproot Kukis from Manipur. How could a responsible government allow genocidal slogans or turn a blind eye? Where is the law and order in Imphal Valley? Is "Manipur Integrity" just a slogan for persecuting the minority Kuki community?

Unsatisfied with their inhumane treatment towards the Kukis, the Meitei leaders under the fascist regime of N. Biren Singh indoctrinated thousands of the Meitei youth or students just to hate or kill their fellow citizens. Is it rational to demand the Integrity of Manipur by radicalising the mob to annihilate the other ethnic groups of the state?

Let it be! The Kukis have realised that they can no longer live with someone who would like to annihilate them. They cannot possibly live together with those genocidal maniacs. As radical minds are inculcated amongst the populace of the Meiteis against the Kukis, the situation augments a necessity for granting Separate Administration from the Meiteis' Kangleipak.

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## Thingkho Le Nalcha

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Total separate administration from the Meiteis is not only a political demand but also a necessity for survival of the Kuki people. It is the only solution for peace and normalcy to return in the strife-torn region so that the two warring communities can co-exist as good neighbours.

One should also note that "Manipur's Integrity" is just a hollow slogan used by the Meiteis without considering the ground realities. They use it to justify the persecution of the minority Kuki community. The state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom is the Meiteis' hidden agenda to annihilate the Kukis from Manipur.

The Meiteis must realise that the whole Manipur boundary constitutes the Meitei ancestral land of Imphal valley, and the Kukis and Nagas' ancestral land of the hills. The hill areas are the sole custody of the Kukis and Nagas, and the Meiteis have nothing to say since time immemorial. The then Meitei Kings' authority was exclusive only in the Imphal valley or Greater Imphal - about 700 square miles only. During the British period, the State's administration was divided into the Hills and Valley separately. History is a testament that there is a clear demarcation of the Hills and the Meiteis' valley - Imphal.



The Muted Issue







## Thingkho Le Malcha



In the northeastern state of Manipur, a region known for its breathtaking landscapes and vibrant cultures, a complex web of challenges has cast a shadow over its people's daily lives. For over 14 months, tensions stemming from ethnic conflicts between the Meitei and Kuki communities have intertwined with the pervasive influence of a burgeoning narcotics trade and the specter of transnational warfare. This convergence of crises has left Manipuris grappling with profound despair and uncertainty.

Central to their concerns is the notable absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the state during this tumultuous period. This absence has deepened feelings of hopelessness and disillusionment among the populace, who expected robust support and decisive action from the highest levels of government. Despite the severity of the situation, Modi's engagements have notably prioritized other issues, including election campaigns and foreign diplomatic initiatives, over addressing the pressing challenges in Manipur.

Previously, Modi had visited Manipur on seven occasions during his tenure as Prime Minister, underscoring the significance of the region in India's broader sociopolitical landscape. Yet, as Manipur grapples with its current crises, the perceived absence of leadership at this critical juncture has underscored deeper anxieties about the state's place within the national agenda.

The conflict in Manipur is not a new phenomenon. The state has long struggled with insurgency and ethnic tensions, which have periodically erupted into violence and instability. However, the current crisis, which began over a year ago, has tested the resilience of Manipur's people like never before. Reports of casualties, displacement, and human rights abuses have become alarmingly frequent, painting a grim picture of the situation on the ground.

Manipur has been experiencing unprecedented turmoil since ethnic clashes erupted in early May. The conflict has been rooted in historical grievances and competition for resources between the Meitei, who primarily inhabit the valley regions, and the Kuki-Zo tribes, residing in the hills. The violence has led to a breakdown of law and order, with numerous reports of arson, looting, and armed confrontations.

During times of crisis, leadership and reassurance from the highest levels of government are crucial in instilling confidence and hope among affected populations. However, Prime Minister Modi's conspicuous absence from Manipur during this prolonged conflict has sent a troubling message

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to its residents. It signifies a lack of prioritization and urgency in addressing their plight, leaving many feeling abandoned and overlooked by the central authority. It is this sole reason that the people of Manipur did not have confidence in Modi and BJP did not secure any seat in the state in the recently concluded Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

The psychological impact of Modi's absence is profound. For many in Manipur, the Prime Minister's visit would symbolize a commitment from the highest level of government to resolving their crisis. The lack of such a gesture has deepened the sense of abandonment and despair. Community leaders and social workers in the region report heightened anxiety and a loss of faith in the central government's ability to provide security and support.

The absence of a Prime Ministerial visit is more than just a symbolic gesture; it represents a failure of leadership in empathizing with the struggles and aspirations of Manipuris. Modi's absence has left a void in Manipur's collective psyche, deepening feelings of marginalization and mistrust towards the central government. Many Manipuris, see this as a betrayal of their hopes for peace, stability, and development. The lack of a personal visit from the Prime Minister during such a protracted crisis underscores their concerns about being treated as second-class citizens within India.

Economically, Manipur faces significant challenges exacerbated by the ongoing conflict. The disruption of daily life, commerce, and infrastructure has further strained an already fragile economy. A Prime Ministerial visit could have not only boosted morale but also signaled a commitment to rebuilding and revitalizing Manipur's economy, thereby alleviating some of the hardships faced by its residents.

Moreover, the security implications of Modi's absence cannot be overstated. Manipur's strategic location makes it crucial for India's security architecture in the northeastern region. By neglecting to visit Manipur during a time of heightened conflict, Modi risks sending a message of indifference towards security challenges faced by the state, potentially emboldening anti-

national elements and exacerbating instability.

The sentiment of disillusionment and despair among Manipuris is palpable. Many feel that their voices are not being heard and their concerns are being overshadowed by national politics and priorities. This disconnect between the center and the periphery underscores the need for inclusive governance and proactive engagement with marginalized regions like Manipur.

Looking forward, rebuilding trust and restoring hope in Manipur will require more than just occasional visits or token gestures. It demands sustained efforts towards inclusive development, conflict resolution, and addressing the root causes of instability. Dialogue between the central government, local leaders, and civil society must be prioritized to ensure that Manipuris feel represented and empowered within the Indian democratic framework.

Modi's failure to visit Manipur during a 14-monthlong conflict has deepened feelings of hopelessness and mistrust among its residents. It highlights systemic challenges in governance and leadership, particularly in addressing the needs of the states facing prolonged crises.

Rebuilding trust will necessitate genuine efforts towards inclusive development, security assurances, and recognition of Manipur's unique contributions to India's socio-cultural fabric. Only then can Manipuris begin to regain faith in the central government's commitment to their well-being and aspirations for a peaceful, prosperous future.

The Prime Minister's visit could potentially be a turning point, bringing much-needed attention and resources to a beleaguered state longing for peace and stability.

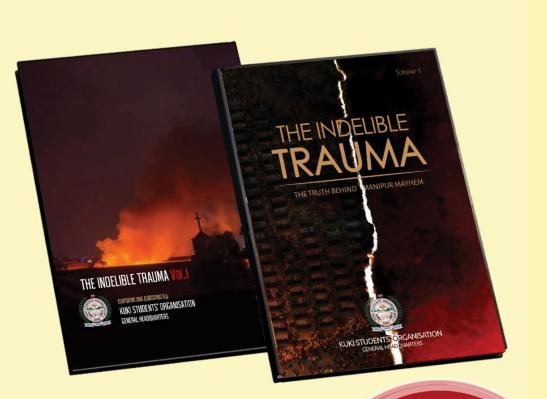
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