

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE

THANGMINHAO HAOKIP (28 Y/O)



S/O PAOLET HAOKIP

ADDRESS: CHAVANGPHAI, MOREH, TENGNUPAL DISTRICT

DATE OF DEATH: 3RD MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: CHAVANGPHAI, MOREH, TENGNUPAL DISTRICT

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED BY MEITEI POLICE COMMANDO



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 23.04.2024



176
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.

‘KUKI WOMEN, WHO WERE PARADED NAKED, APPROACHED POLICE GYPSY BUT...’: WHAT CBI PROBE FOUND

Just before a mob paraded naked two women from the Kuki-Zomi community and assaulted them sexually in Manipur’s Thoubal district, the two had “managed to sit inside the police Gypsy” parked on the roadside, but the police driver told them “there is no key” as they requested the police to start the vehicle, according to a chargesheet filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Two other male victims were also seated in the police Gypsy. All the policemen present then left the spot as a large mob pulled out the victims from inside the vehicle, the chargesheet said.

The CBI investigation revealed that the violent incident happened in Thoubal District on May 3. The chargesheet was filed against six people and a juvenile before a special court in Guwahati in October.

When contacted, DGP (Manipur) Rajiv Singh told The Indian Express, “Departmental action has been already taken against the police personnel.” When asked about any criminal action against them, he said, “We are not probing the case, the CBI is probing.”

A video, which had become viral in July 2023, and had triggered nationwide outrage, showed the two women — one in her 20s and the other in her 40s — being made to walk naked towards a field by a mob of men. Some men could be seen dragging the two women and sexually assaulting them.

“A spate of incidents took place at other places thereafter. Mob belonging to the Meitei community initiated an attack on one village by setting houses on fire and also targeted a few residences in neighbouring villages. The mob deliberately set the church on fire. Investigation also revealed that on May 4, there was a meeting of the pradhans of surrounding Meitei villages and the chiefs of other community villages. However, despite the decision taken in the meeting, the mob



burnt down the church, some houses and nearby villages,” the CBI said in the chargesheet.

“Probe has revealed that out of fear, the complainant, three victims and two men, another man with his daughter, and a grand-daughter, ran into the forest. The mob noticed the hiding place of members of a family and upon seeing them started shouting ‘people are hiding here’. The members of the mob with a big axe in hand rushed towards them and threatened them saying, ‘the way you people in Churachandpur treated us (Meitei people), we would do the same thing to you’. The mob forcefully brought all the family members to the main road and separated them, taking one of the victims and her granddaughter in one direction. Two women and their father and their village chief in one direction, while two women and two men in another direction,” the CBI said.

The CBI chargesheet noted that some people in the mob told the victims to approach a police gypsy parked nearby on the roadside of a village.

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“While approaching the police gypsy, the mob again separated the victims...Two (women) victims managed to get inside the police Gypsy. Two policemen along with a driver dressed in plain khaki uniform, were with them inside the police gypsy, and three to four policemen were outside. One male victim requested the policemen to start the vehicle, however the driver of the police Gypsy replied, ‘there is no key’. They kept on begging the policemen repeatedly to help them and save a man being assaulted by the mob, but the ‘police did not help them,’” the CBI said in the chargesheet.


“...The driver of Gypsy suddenly drove and stopped the vehicle near the violent mob of around 1,000 people, and the male victim again requested the police to start the vehicle, but he was asked to keep silent. After some time, one police personnel came and told his colleagues that the man had stopped breathing. On hearing this, the male victim told the woman victim that his father was beaten to death,” the CBI said in the chargesheet.

The CBI investigation revealed that a large mob returned towards the police gypsy and shook the vehicle. “They pulled out a male victim and two women victims from inside the Gypsy. The policemen, meanwhile, left from

the spot leaving the victims alone with the mob. They tore off the clothes of both the women victims and started thrashing a male victim... One of the woman victims was present at the nearby spot and witnessed the entire incident,” the CBI said.

The CBI had registered a case following the request of the Manipur government and a notification from the Centre. The accused have been charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including those pertaining to gangrape, murder, outraging the modesty of a woman, and criminal conspiracy. “The chargesheet has been filed against: Huirem Herodash Meitei (32), who was arrested by Manipur police on July 20, Arun Khundongbam alias Nanao (31), arrested by Manipur police on July 21, Ningombam Tomba Singh alias Tomthin (18), arrested by Manipur police on July 20, Pukhrihongbam Suranjoy Meitei (24), arrested by Manipur police on July 22, Nameirakpam Kiram Meitei (30), arrested by Manipur police on July 24 and a juvenile, apprehended by Manipur police on July 20,” the chargesheet said.

Source: [Indian Express](#)



LAUNCHING SOON

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.

NON-LAW-ABIDING MEIRA PAIBIS DISRUPT INDIAN ARMY FROM PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES

The notorious Meitei women group – Meira Paibis, who were in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons during this conflict, has been once again at their usual best, stopping the Indian army from performing its official duty.

Personnel of the Mahar Regiment were stopped from taking away the arms and ammunition they seized in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Tuesday by women-led protestors, officials said.

It may be noted here that, the Mahar Regiment of the Indian Army apprehended 11 members of Arambai Tenggol in Bishnupur district. Additionally, the army seized two Gypsy vehicles and a cache of arms and ammunition belonging to the Arambai Tenggol during the operation conducted at around 2.30 AM this morning. The Village defenders were eventually released later, after mounting pressure from the Meira Paibis.

The seized items include 3 AKs, 7 Magzines, 210 rounds, 5 INSAS 13 Magzines 260 rounds, 2 SLR 9 Magzines, 180 rounds, 2 No 36 Hand Grenades, 7 magzines of INSAS LMG and 3 Walkie-Talkie.

Amid escalating tensions, the notorious Meitei womenfolk rushed to the Kumbi Police Station at around 9 AM following reports of the Indian Army's arrival to hand over seized weapons and vehicles. With the situation deteriorating and the women standing firm in their demand for the handover of the confiscated weapons to them, MLA Robindro of Thanga AC and the Superintendent of Police for Bishnupur district swiftly intervened.

Subsequently, a meeting was convened involving the Commandant of the Mahar Regiment, the Bishnupur



District SP, MLA Robindro, and the protesting women, leading to a resolution being reached. The weapons were later surrendered at the Bishnupur District Police Station, while the two seized Gypsy vehicles were released.

During a patrol in Kumbi area in the early hours, personnel of the 2 Mahar Regiment of the Indian Army intercepted two SUVs, they said. "On seeing the army personnel, the occupants of the two vehicles fled, leaving behind their arms", an official said. A while later, 'Meira Paibis' -- civilian group of Meitei women -- gathered at the spot and demanded that the weapons be handed over to them, he said. They also demanded that no weapons be confiscated till the conflict, which broke out in May last year, is over, he added.

Hundreds of women blocked the road and prevented the army convoy from leaving the area, officials said. To disperse the mob, the army resorted to blank-fire as the last option but bearing no result, they said. Upon information about the incident, state police forces rushed to the area. It was then agreed that the army would later hand over the arms to the police, they said.

ZORO PLANS PEACEFUL RALLY AT INDO-MYANMAR BORDER

Zo Re-Unification Organisation (ZORO) has announced plans for a peaceful rally on May 16, 2024, at the Indo-Myanmar border to protest against the Indian government's decision to fence the border and abolish the Free Movement Regime (FMR).

The decision was made during a meeting held at the ZORO general headquarters in Treasury Square on Tuesday, chaired by R. Sangkawia, President of ZORO. The meeting revolved around discussions regarding the implications of fencing the border.

Members expressed strong opposition to the decision to scrap the FMR, stating that it signifies a move towards dividing brethren and further oppressing Zo children. They emphasized their firm stance against it and announced plans for the peaceful rally to be held at the Burma border.

ZORO has called upon all Mizo people, as well as individuals from Burma, to join the rally in solidarity. Additionally, they have urged border villages to participate in the protest.

This announcement follows a demonstration held in February at the Vanapa Hall premises, where the NGO Coordination Committee (NGOCC) in Mizoram, comprising five major NGOs, also voiced their strong opposition to the scrapping of the FMR.

During the demonstration, hundreds of protestors from various age groups gathered, displaying placards with slogans such as "We don't want border fencing," highlighting the widespread discontent regarding the government's decision.

Source: [East Mojo](#)

81.16 PER CENT VOTER TURNOUT RECORDED IN REPOLLING IN OUTER LS SEAT

A voter turnout of 81.16 per cent was recorded at six polling stations in the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha seat, where repolling was held on Tuesday, election officials said.

No untoward incident was reported and voting, which commenced at 7 am, was held peacefully under tight security arrangements, they said.

A voter turnout of 81.16 per cent was recorded till the end of polling at 4 pm, the officials said. Repolling was necessitated as unidentified persons had damaged EVMs and VVPATs before the completion of voting at four of these six polling stations on April 26, while EVM malfunctioning was reported at one polling station, and voting could not be completed at another due to "threat and intimidation by unknown miscreants", they said.

Voting at four polling stations in the Ukhrul assembly segment, and one each in the Chingai assembly seat in Ukhrul and Karong in Senapati was declared null and



void, a notification issued by the office of Manipur's chief electoral officer had earlier said. Five of the polling stations are in the Ukhrul district and have a total of 4,156 voters.

Around 76.06 per cent of 4.84 lakh voters exercised their franchise during polling in 13 of 28 assembly segments of Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency on April 26. Voting was held in the remaining 15 segments, along with the entire Inner Manipur Lok Sabha seat, in the first phase on April 19.

Source: [India Today NE](#)

MIZORAM- MYANMAR BORDER TO REMAIN OPEN; FMR IN PLACE AS BEFORE

The Mizoram- Myanmar border gate at Zokhawthar will not be closed from May 1, 2024 as was earlier informed by officials from the Assam Rifles.

Following the closure of the gate for the Lok Sabha election, the Assam Rifles had reopened the gate on April 20. Earlier, the Assam Rifles had also stated that the reopening of the border will resume till April 30, with complete closure from May 1, 2024 onwards but now the gate has been reopened.

The Assam Rifles officials on April 20 had also met with community leaders of Zokhawthar and other nearby villages on the same; and had informed them that the paramilitary force have planned to restrict movements with strict surveillance at the border bridge and other connectivity through Tiau river, with exceptions made only for individuals facing medical emergencies, students commuting for education, and other emergency situations.

On the other hand, an official from the Mizoram Home Department, on condition of anonymity stated that they have not received any such orders for closure of the border gate from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The official said, "In a meeting with the Assam Rifles, we have informed them that Mizoram is a peaceful State and that activities such as summoning of



community leaders should not be undertaken by the paramilitary force without informing the civil administration."

The official added that such exertion of a military like force could bring an atmosphere of fear and hostility among the public; which in turn could trigger protests if the public feel that their rights have been curtailed with impunity

Officials from the Assam Rifles have also confirmed that the border will remain opened with the Free Movement Regime in place as before.

Source: [India Today NE](#)



War is when your Government tells you who the enemy is. Revolution is when you figure it out for yourself

– Anonymous

POLICE SEIZE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IN IMPHAL EAST

Manipur police recovered a cache of firearms and ammunition during an operation conducted in the northern part of Imphal East district on Tuesday, according to an official statement.

Acting on intelligence input, suggesting the presence of weapons, a team led by Superintendent of Police K. Meghachandra Singh conducted a targeted search operation in the vicinity of Mantripukhri Bazaar. The operation involved cordoning off the area and meticulously searching for hidden contraband.

The search proved fruitful, leading to the discovery of two 9 mm pistols and over 500 rounds of live ammunition abandoned or concealed within a bush near the Mantripukhri Bazar Community Hall and auto-rickshaw parking area.



Despite recovering the weapons, authorities haven't reported apprehending any suspects at this time. The seized firearms and ammunition have been taken into police custody for further investigation.

QUOTA BASED ON RELIGION IS AGAINST CONSTITUTION: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday stated that the Congress first introduced reservations for Muslims in the united Andhra Pradesh region, which led to a reduction in OBC reservations.

“In Karnataka, they placed all Muslims in the OBC category without proper surveys or assessments of backwardness and reserved a 4 percent quota for them, again diminishing reservations for backward classes,” Shah said while addressing media persons at the state BJP office in Guwahati, Assam, ahead of the third-phase Lok Sabha elections.

“But BJP believes that reservations based on religion are not constitutional and are against the principles of the Constitution. When we take power in these states, we will eliminate reservations based on religion and work



to ensure justice for SC-ST and OBC communities,” he claimed while alleging that the Congress, during its tenure, attempted to compromise reservations for SC, ST, and OBC communities.

Source: [East Mojo](#)



"I Have No Key" Response by State Police Leads to Tragedy in Manipur

NEWS ANALYSIS

Separate Administration: The Only Key That Can Free Kukis From Meitei Atrocities and Their Barbaric Crimes

The CBI in its investigation found a deeper insight into the horrific tragedy the victims met on May 3rd in the case related to a video which became viral in July 2023 and had triggered nationwide outrage, showed the two women — one in her 20s and the other in her 40s — being made to walk naked towards a field by a mob of men.

The "I have no key" response by the police driver when a male victim begged them to drive them away from the mob, has cost a daughter his father, a woman the right over her own body and men a subject of cruelty and violence. The magical key which later appeared in the driver's hand, however, drove them to a destination they feared most - into a mob of thousands. Had the incident not triggered a nationwide outrage that even the prime minister, who had maintained his silence over Manipur violence until then, was forced to speak, they, the culprits nor the police would have faced any charges under the Biren Government. It's rather ironic that only a handful among them are being prosecuted and whether criminal charges will be charged against the police still remains unknown.

The accused have been charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including those pertaining to gang rape, murder, outraging the modesty of a woman,

and criminal conspiracy. Under the watchful eye of these policemen, the accused committed the crimes with no fear. Had there been no consensual understanding between the culprits and the police, wouldn't they have attacked the police as well? Did they at least file a complaint in their police station in the aftermath of the crime? No. Their solidarity and support for their community came before their duties and responsibilities. Thus, these policemen are as guilty as the culprits. Their rightful penalty is thus not a departmental action, but criminal charges to be booked against them as well.

The police have the responsibility to enforce the law, prevent crime, provide emergency response, and provide support services. They are paid by the taxpayer for these services. Thus what stopped them from discharging their duties and responsibilities? An order from higher up? Like all culprits, the state government might deny their role of being an enabler of the barbaric and savage crimes committed against the Kukis. Like no one can hide the sun, so are crimes if committed. A person in power's words might have more authority but are not necessarily accompanied

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by authenticity. The victims' traumatic experiences in the presence of the state policemen stood tall as evidence against the state government's denial. The police department of Manipur betrayed the hands that feed them. Thus unless all policemen involved in the crimes against humanity committed against the Kukis are terminated from their jobs, they must remember they are just Meitei police, not Manipur police, and should thus, based on their failure to safeguard and protect, and on moral grounds and ethical grounds, refrain from exercising their duties on Kukis and Kuki areas.

Rape is a vicious crime that scars the soul of the victims for years, sometimes for life and destroys the sacred right to decide over one's own body and sexuality. It ruins the honour, respect, self-confidence and dignity of the victim. They live with shame and are guilt-ridden to their partners. The rapist destroys the happiness of the victim and his family. They forced the victim to be viewed by the society through the lens of being "a rape victim" and defiled woman. For the above reasons and for many more other reasons the victims have to live with, rape is declared a crime against humanity by the UN in 2008 and by many other international organizations later on.

Rape can also be recognized as genocide when it is committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a targeted group. Since in this case, as per the CBI chargesheet, the accused have committed a horrific and inhumane crime against the women because of the community they belong, this case becomes a classic example as to why the violence in Manipur is not an ethnic clash between two community, but a genocide pogrom to ethnically cleanse the Kuki community from Manipur.

Women are often associated with attributes such as humanity, humility, peace, care and love. To one's dismay, the Meira Paibis of Manipur, rather than

demanding justice for the victims in solidarity with them being a woman as well, sought the unconditional release of the culprits. Peace in Manipur is a far cry as long as Meira Paibis continue to act as a barrier between the Hand of Law, its law enforcement agencies and terrorist organizations like Arambai Tenggol, Meitei terrorist outfits like KYKL and UNLF(P) among others and culprits of other crimes. When the victims have to live with a life of fear and insecurity towards every opposite sex, when their honour, dignity and happiness have been destroyed, the very fact that Rescuing the Rapist becomes a more important agenda for the Meitei mothers speaks volumes about the societal mindset and the feeling of their racial superiority over others.

The tragedy of the victims did not end that day nor did it end when the Meira Paibis attempted to rescue the culprit. They still had to witness the insensitive remarks of the Chief Minister of Manipur, Mr Biren Singh. Rather than acknowledging his failure and seeking an apology, he blamed the opposition for the video going viral. His intention to silence the incident and the voice of the victims was clear. The very fact is that despite the presence of many more culprits in the video, only 6 of them are persecuted. It is telling of his intentions to give justice to the victims of the horrific incident.

One thing that stands out from this incident and the many other incidents against which Kukis are subjected to barbaric and savage crimes of the Meitei community, is that there is no room for justice, equality, democracy and freedom for the Kukis in the Meitei-dominated state of Manipur. Thus separate administration is the only key to unlocking and freeing the Kuki from Meitei atrocities and crimes.

THE BUZZ SOCIAL MEDIA



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Meira Paibis (civilian women group) in Manipur's Bishnupur block army personnel from seizing arms found in possession of radical group Arambai Tenggol. Army fires in the air to disperse the mob.



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Manipur, lest we forget. And no one has been held accountable for what the state has gone through for a year. Not even the CM.

Manipur chargesheet: Women made it to police Gypsy but told no key, left to the mob

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

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THE INACTION OF MR. SCARECROW





Common Denominator

I sit here, pondering;
How even in the middle of a war,
We struggle to find ourselves
A common denominator.

Shouldn't roots bring us forth together?
Shouldn't the blood of the martyrs,
The sweat and tears of our brothers
Be strong enough to be the common denominator?

I sit here, land and soil of Moreh Zaiengam,
Pondering our breakable unity, thin as thread.
If our common identity fails to unite us,
Maybe then the common enemy should, right?

I long for extremists to find a middle ground,
I long for peace which liberates us,
I long to dwell with my brethren in peace,
I long for Zaiengam

- USB Lungdim