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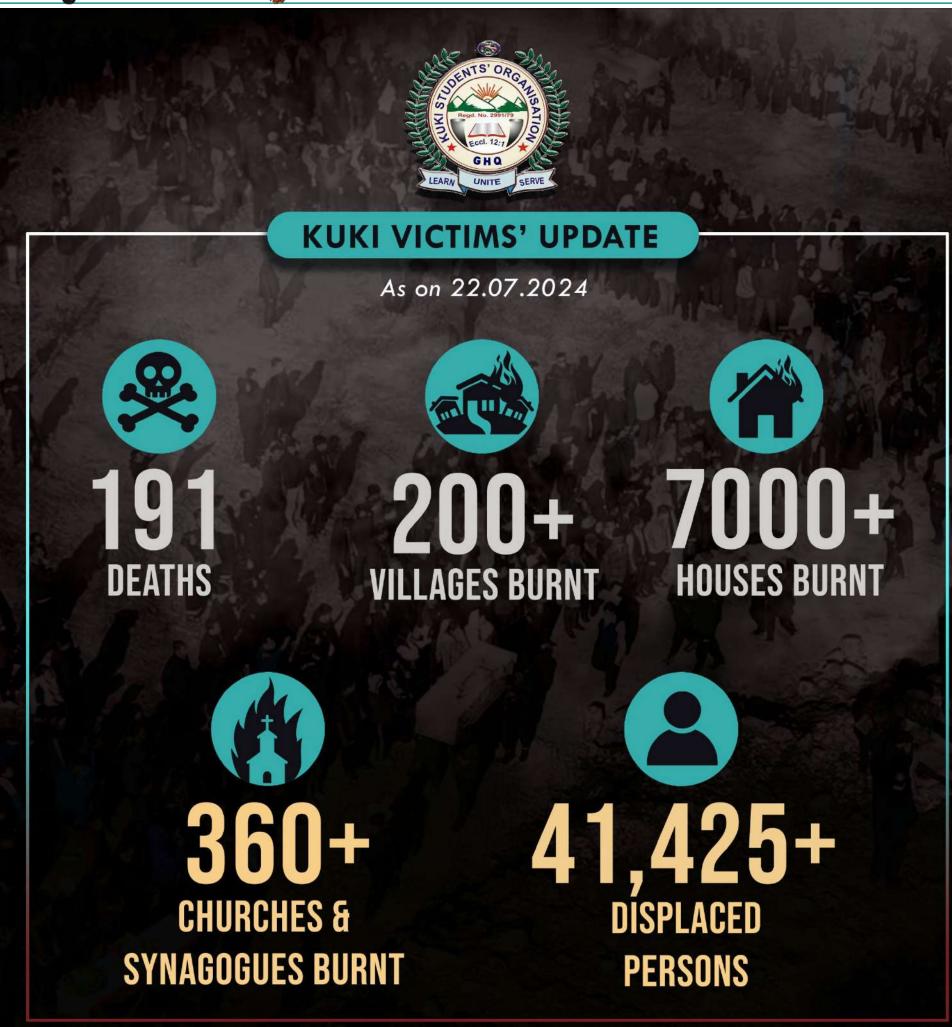
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### Thingkho Le Malcha



**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.





Thingkho Le Malcha

# ALL DECKS CLEAR FOR GLOBAL RALLY ON 31ST AUGUST Against Biren's Leaked Audio Tape

All decks have been cleared for the proposed August 31 rally in connection with Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's leaked audio tape.

Various student bodies such as the Kuki Students' Organization Churachandpur, Hmar Students' Association, Zillai (Vaiphei Students' Association), Zou Sangnaupang Pawlpi, Mate Students' Organization and Mizo Zirlai Pawl, Manipur Unit have announced that they will be conducting a public rally from Anglo-Kuki War Centenary Gate in Leisang till Wall of Remembrance Site at Tuibong Peace Ground.

Accordingly, the HSA Tuithaphai Joint Headquarters, in support of the global rally, have announced a total shutdown in Hmar areas during the proposed rally. The Hmar apex student bodies in Churachandpur district appealed all Hmar folks to join the rally in support of the cause. The Student body also announced that pick-up points will be set-up for those who want to participates in the rally at Saikot Playground, Muolvaiphei playground and Rengkai Community Hall.

The KSO Churachandpur also announced that all business establishments including shops, private and governmental offices within the district would remain closed. The district apex student body of the Kukis appealed to people from all walks of life to participate in the rally for expediting separate administration for the Kuki-Zo.

It may be noted that a nationwide sensation has been created since the audio tape of chief minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh was published by The Wire exposing his complicity in the ongoing ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki community.

The revelation of the complicity of the Manipur state government in the ongoing ethnic cleansing campaign demands a resolute and decisive response from the Government of India. The revelation corroborates the long-standing systemic discrimination and oppression of the minority Kuki-Zo people by the majority of the Meitei-led Manipur state government. It is evident



from the leaked recording that there are systemic concerns that need urgent attention and resolution.

A press conference was also held at New Delhi yesterday regarding the leaked audio of N. Biren Singh which is irrefutable evidence that explains the whole gamut of the Manipur crisis-the role of the Chief Minister and the illegitimate exercise of state government institutions and mechanisms to perpetrate the ethnic cleansing campaign against the Kuki Zo people, said one of the Kuki leaders who attended the press conference.



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## TENGNOUPAL'S KUKI CIVIL BODIES DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF Police commandos from Moreh; submit memorandum to guv

While expressing gratitude to Manipur Governor (additional charge), Lakshman Prasad Acharya, on his maiden visit to Moreh town of Tengnoupal district as part of Centre government's concern towards unrest prevailing in the state of Manipur, the Kuki civil bodies have submitted their grievances including immediate withdrawal of Police Commandos from Moreh border town.

In a Memorandum submitted to the Governor, the Kuki Inpi Tengnoupal (KIT), Kuki Chiefs' Association (KCA) and Moreh Hill Tribal Council (HTC) alleged that the present situation in Manipur was a result of misgovernance on the part of N. Biren Singh-led BJP Government arising out of his anti-tribal policy.

The Kuki civil organizations have requested the Governor to peruse the following few points for favour of kind positive action:

IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF POLICE COMMANDOS

**FROM MOREH:** The Kuki bodies alleged that the Manipur State Police commandos have a long history of atrocities against the tribals. The latest being the killing of two innocent Kuki youths and several suffering gunshot injuries at the heart of Moreh on 3rd May, 2023.

"They are communal forces acting for and against communities. Our lives are under threat, we cannot feel secure in their presence. Therefore, the only solution to restore peace and normalcy in Moreh town lies in immediate removal of police commandos from Moreh town," said the Kuki CSOs.

**SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION FOR KUKIS:** Kuki CSOs also alleged that the majority Meitei community backed by the Meitei-led present state government have looted their properties, burnt their houses and killed them in the state capital, Imphal. The hatred carried by them against the Kukis was so much so that there is no going back for them in Imphal or the valley area, dominated by the Meiteis.

"Our only means of survival, therefore, is a separate administration for the Kukis/Tribals outside Manipur valley," they said. The CSOs requested the Government of India through the Governor's Office to create separate administration for Kuki Tribals as per Article 3 of the Indian Constitution. The need of the hour is a political solution for the Kuki Tribals, wrote the statement.

**STOP COURT HEARING:** The Kuki civil bodies stated that Court hearing of the two conflicting parties should not be allowed in the State's High Court and lower courts as the courts are occupied by the majority Meitei judges and lawyers.

"Impartial judgement of cases can only be maintained in a court of neutral judges. Hence, the matter must be referred to at an appropriate court to deliver justice," the memorandum stated.

**DECLARATION OF MEITEI RADICAL GROUPS AS OUTLAW:** The Kukis demanded that the statesponsored Meitei radical groups such as Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun, who are the main perpetrator of atrocities towards the Kukis in looting of properties, burning of tribal villages, tribal houses in Imphal and killing innocent Kukis, should be declared OUTLAWS and immediately put a stop to their heinous activities. As long as they are led scot-free, violence will continue, the Kuki CSOs alleged.

**RESETTLEMENT:** The Memorandum stated that the Kuki-Zo people would never accept the re-settlement policy of the Meiteis in the Hill areas and they will oppose any attempt for resettlement of Meiteis in the hill areas until there is political settlement for the Kukis.







### TALKS ONLY ON OUR TERMS: KUKI LEADER ON MANIPUR CM Appointing Emissary for Talks

Talks, if any, will only be held on their terms and only with the Centre, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, an umbrella organisation of Kuki bodies, said on Friday, virtually closing the door to negotiations with an emissary appointed by Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

In an interview with PTI Videos on Thursday, Singh revealed that he has appointed Dinganglung Gangmei, a Naga MLA and chairperson of the Hill Area Committee, as an emissary to hold talks with Kuki-zo and Meitei leaders. "Dialogue is the only way," Singh said.

"We can meet. But this talking will be on our terms," ITLF spokesperson Ginza Vualzong said, adding that the Kuki-zo community will only hold talks with the Central government.

"Separation from the Meitei (Manipur) government is the only solution for us. We can no longer be under the same government that killed us, that drove us away and burnt our properties and places of worship," Vualzong told PTI.

The ITLF view underscores the deepening divisions between the Kuki-zo community and the Manipur state government and majority Meitei community. The ethnic clashes that started last May and cleaved the state along community lines have claimed more than 200 lives and displaced thousands of families.

In his interview with PTI, the chief minister expressed confidence that peace and reconciliation will be restored



in five-six months with the Centre playing a key role and applying "finishing touches" in brokering ethnic rapprochement.

To this, Vualzong said there was need for transparency and accountability. He said Kuki-zo Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) remain distrustful of the state government.

The ITLF spokesperson also referred to a 48-minute audio recording, presented to the judicial committee appointed by the Union Home Ministry, in which Singh is purportedly heard discussing bombing Kuki-dominated areas.

The Manipur government has dismissed the recording as doctored.

"Now that the audio clip of Biren has been put under investigation, Biren needs to come up with a good alibi," Vualzong said.





### OPPOSITION LEADERS QUESTION BIREN SINGH'S MORAL RIGHT TO CONTINUE AS MANIPUR CM

Opposition leaders slammed Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Friday over the situation in the northeastern state and said he has failed to safeguard lives and livelihood of people and should, therefore, resign.

Reacting to remarks made by Singh in an interview with PTI, where he ruled out stepping down, saying he has neither committed a crime nor spawned a scandal, Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Annie Raja said the chief minister has no moral right to continue at the top post.

"A chief minister's responsibility is to safeguard the lives and livelihood of the people of the state and he has miserably failed (in it). That is why he should be removed from the post. Even if he is not resigning, he has no moral right (to continue as the chief minister) because he has utterly failed in safeguarding the people of Manipur," Raja told PTI.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Manoj Jha said everyone has seen the visuals from ethnic strife-torn Manipur and Singh should check his "morality quotient".

"Everyone saw those visuals.... An audio clip was released recently, in which there were revelations about his conversation with the home minister...," he said.

"When the president said she is scared and that it is enough, Manipur is also included in that. When he (Singh) says there is no moral responsibility on him, he should check his morality quotient," Jha told PTI.

The RJD leader was referring to an exclusive signed article written by President Droupadi Murmu for PTI, in which she said the recent spate of crimes against women should force honest self-introspection to uncover the roots of the malaise and mentioned a gruesome incident of rape and killing of a doctor in Kolkata.



Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Sagarika Ghose slammed Singh over his comments on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's handling of the protests against the rape and killing of the doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Ghose said Singh has no "moral authority" to comment on West Bengal in view of the situation in his own state.

In his interview with PTI, the Manipur chief minister took a dig at his West Bengal counterpart over her handling of the situation after the doctor's rape and killing and the subsequent protests.

Referring to the situation in Manipur, Ghose said thousands in the northeastern state continue to suffer in relief camps.

"Unlike the Manipur chief minister, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has consistently put justice for the rape-and-murder victim above all else," she told PTI.

"The Kolkata Police cracked the case in 24 hours. Contrast this with Manipur where even after 18 months, thousands of people are suffering in relief

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camps, more than 220 people have died in ethnic violence and police never filed FIRs for months," Ghose said.

"The Manipur chief minister has no moral right, no moral authority to speak on West Bengal when he has completely failed over the last 18 months to provide hope and relief to his people. We are committed to women's safety. But the BJP only wants to play violent politics with rape," she alleged.

In the interview, Singh said, "The attitude that she (Banerjee) showed as a chief minister ... initially in the case, did not impress everyone. What happened to a doctor inside a hospital.... It is a heinous crime." He said instead of taking action and arresting those responsible for the incident, Banerjee was "attending rallies". Singh also promised to fully restore peace in Manipur in six months with the Centre's help and also ruled out stepping down, saying he has neither committed a crime nor spawned a scandal. He also ruled out the creation of a separate administration for Kukis.

Ethnic violence broke out in Manipur on May 3, 2023 after a tribal solidarity march was taken out in the hill districts of the state to protest against the majority Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Since then, more than 220 people, including both Meiteis and Kukis and security personnel, have been killed in the violence.

#### Source: The Print





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There is no scandal, only rape, murder and bloodshed. Trauma and scars that will take years to heal. Families separated and an invisible boundary within a state. People that have been forgotten by Prime Minister Modi himself.

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True he's not a thief, he's a mass murderer. Look at the arrogance of a man who oversaw massacre of his own people...

Modi didn't have the moral authority to ask for his resignation because even he had done the same in Gujarat !!

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## GOVERNOR LAKSHMAN PRASAD ACHARYA REVIEWS SECURITY IN Moreh, Engages with Civil Society and Displaced Families

Governor of Manipur, Lakshman Prasad Acharya, visited border town, Moreh in Tengnoupal district of Manipur today and reviewed the security situation of the district. The Governor was briefed by Brigadier Ved Pal, Commander, 26th Sector, Assam Rifles at the Battalion Headquarters of 5th AR at Moreh. IGP, Kabib K, senior officers of both police and AR, and other district level officers were also present at the briefing. The Governor directed the officers to work for ensuring safety and security to the people in the district, a statement from the Raj Bhavan said.

The Governor also met the representatives of civil society organisations where they apprised about the administrative problems faced by them. The Governor assured that all required measures will be taken up for finding the solution to their grievances, the statement also said.



Later, the Governor inspected the Indo-Myanmar border fencing in Moreh town and interacted with the BRTF officers. The officers briefed the Governor about the progress of the fencing works.

The Governor also met and distributed relief materials to the internally displaced persons staying at relief camps opened at Moreh Higher Secondary School and at the Battalion Headquarters of 5th AR.

### TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENTS RECALLED: AUGUST 30, 2023

### A RECAP OF THE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ON AUGUST 30, 2023 AS A RESULT OF PRE-PLANNED STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST KUKI-ZO

Non-stop gun firing continued the whole day today since fresh violence broke out after a few weeks of uneasy calm in the foothill areas where the Meitei and Kuki-Zo inhabited districts met from Tuesday, resulting in loss of lives and several injuries.

As per sources, the majority of Meitei armed groups such as Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, and valleybased militant groups including the State police forces continued their attacks on Kuki-Zo areas of Khoirentak and Lonphai villages using sophisticated weapons including mortars. The Kuki-Zo village defenders/volunteers fought back and a heavy exchange of gunfire ensued from the previous day till today.

In defending the land and people, four village volunteers sustained bomb blast injuries.





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Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said the ethnic violence in the restive state was gradually subsiding and promised to fully restore peace in six months with the help of the central government. However, the chief minister rejected the Kuki groups' demand for a separate administration saying that the "state can't be broken".

The chief minister statement is as hollow as the promised peace during this 15 months long peace process in the state of Manipur.

Singh, in an exclusive interview with PTI, said the roots of the conflict trace back to his initial tenure as chief minister from 2017 to 2022 when he aggressively targeted illegal drug trafficking and migration from neighboring Myanmar. However, the chief minister himself forgets that he is one of the drug patrons in the state. He systematically used the 'war on drugs' in the state to target a particular community. All his social media post and statement are a testament to the hoax 'war on drugs' in the state. His enmity towards a particular community leads him to labeling his own citizens as 'Junglee,' refugees' and all sorts of derogatory remarks against the Kuki community. The person who championed a 'Drug Free State' is involved

in setting free of one drug lords where his police officer tendered her resignation.

Biren suggested that those affected by his crackdown retaliated by trying to undermine his administration and the state's stability, fueling clashes between the Kuki and Meitei communities. The Kukis, who predominantly reside in the hills and are Christian, contrast with the Meiteis, who are primarily Hindu and live in the plains and valleys. The truth however is that his discriminatory stance towards against the Kukis is what leads to the present crisis.

Biren Singh furthers his hopefulness that the government will be able to fully restore peace in the state in six months with the Centre's help. He revealed for the first time that he has appointed an emissary to hold talks with Kuki-zo and Meitei leaders. "All this can be solved with dialogue. Dialogue is the only way," Singh said. He identified the emissary as Dinganglung Gangmei, a Naga MLA and the chairman of the Hill Area Committee. Biren must be in his wildest dreams that his emissary have held talks with the Kuki representatives.

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The Kuki Inpi, the Kuki apex body has made it clear on several occasion that the Kukis will not hold any peace dialogue with the Manipur government. Any Kukis holding dialogue with the state government will be of his own and he/she does not represent the interest of Kuki populace. Biren might have make this baseless as he could get in touch with some of his selfstyled Thadou leaders who seek personal gain over the sufferings of their people. With an audio tape involving the complicity of N. Biren Singh in the current crisis exposed, he must be sweating as he could no longer subdue the truth. Biren Singh used all his might and tries to silenced the truth by playing divide and rule among the hill brethrens. He deviously convinced sold out CSOs of the hill district to oppose the proposed rally against his leaked audio tape.







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# Typical Life ~ SEINED KUKI

Oh Life ! Where have you been? While I was stuck in darkness. Hadn't you heard my call? For I was trembling with fear.

Oh Life! Where were you? While I was lost in trust issues. Didn't we agree to stay together? But here I am, lonely as usual?

Oh Life! Was i too harsh to you? That you have been ignoring me. Wasn't I a priority to you? Yet, i do feel abandoned.

Oh Life! Can we restart our love life again? Which was meant to be unbreakable and inseparable. Isn't it better to purify our life? Nevertheless to be immortal .

Th`ngkho Le Malcha 🥒

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