

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



LUNGOUSANG HAOKIP (18 YEARS)

S/O (L) LHUNKHOLAL HAOKIP

ADDRESS: LEISAN TAMPAK, LAMKA

DATE OF INCIDENT: 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LANGZA, LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 21.10.2024



203
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-ZO COUNCIL OPPOSES MANIPUR GOVERNMENT'S 'ADHOC COMMITTEES' FOR AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCILS

The Kuki-Zo Council has voiced strong opposition to the Manipur Government's recent decision to establish 'ad hoc committees' for the six Autonomous District Councils (ADCs). The council contends that this move threatens the democratic principles and autonomy of the ADCs, undermining the powers vested in elected representatives.

In a statement, the Kuki-Zo Council highlighted that the resolution passed by the Hill Areas Committee (HAC) on October 14 is in direct violation of the District Councils Act, 1971, and the Rules, 1972. The council argues that the decision represents an attempt to curtail the constitutionally mandated powers of the ADCs, raising concerns about the political and democratic rights of the tribal population in the region.

Critics of the government's action perceive it as a deliberate strategy to suppress the voices of the indigenous tribal community. The council stressed that such maneuvers disregard the fundamental tenets of democracy and could lead to increased grievances among the affected populace.

Notably, the HAC consists of 20 members, yet the Kuki-Zo MLAs were reportedly not consulted during the decision-making process. This exclusion has intensified opposition to the resolution, with calls for thorough examination of the claims that it undermines democratic practices.

Since the escalation of violence in the region on May 3, 2023, the Kuki-Zo people have expressed skepticism about receiving justice under the current governance. They have articulated a political demand for the establishment of a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory with a legislature as



Press Release
Lamka, the 27th October, 2024

No. 03/KZC/24-02: The Kuki-Zo Council expresses its strong opposition to the Manipur Government's decision to constitute 'ad hoc committees' for the six Autonomous District Councils (ADCs). The Kuki-Zo Council views this decision as a direct threat to the democratic principles and autonomy of the ADCs, as it undermines the power vested in the elected representatives by the people. The Kuki-Zo Council firmly believes that such a move would erode the very foundation of the ADCs and would go against the spirit of decentralization and self-governance.

The resolution taken by HAC in this regard vide Hill Areas Committee (HAC) resolution No.59 of dated October 14, 2024 is in total contravention of the District Councils Act, 1971 & Rules, 1972. It is an attempt to curtail the powers and functions of the constitutionally set up ADCs of Manipur.

The recent move of the Manipur government is being perceived as a calculated attempt to stifle the political and democratic freedoms of the tribal population. This maneuver is widely viewed as a sinister ploy to undermine the rights and voices of the indigenous tribal community, casting a shadow of doubt and suspicion over the intentions of the governing body. The blatant disregard for the fundamental principles of democracy and the suppression of essential liberties paint a grim picture of the current state of affairs, raising concerns and grievances among the affected populace. It is imperative that such actions are closely monitored and challenged in order to safeguard the integrity of the democratic process and ensure the protection of the rights of all citizens.

The assertion that the resolution is undemocratic is a serious claim that must be thoroughly examined and addressed. Of the 20 members of the HAC the ten Kuki-Zo MLAs were not taken into confidence when the HAC took the decision. It is clear that there is a strong stance against the controversial resolution in question.

Since May 3, 2023, the Kuki-Zo people firmly believe that justice in all forms will never be served under the current dispensation. Therefore, the Kuki-Zo people have clearly articulated their political demand to the Government of India: the only lasting solution to the ongoing conflict is the creation of a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory with a legislature. The state-sponsored violence has made it abundantly clear that peaceful coexistence is no longer possible within the current framework of Manipur. A separate administration is the only way to ensure the safety, dignity, and future of the Kuki-Zo people.

Consequently, any attempt to impose ADC elections or to select committee members to administer the ADCs on the Kuki-Zo people will be boycotted and sternly opposed unless our genuine demand for a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory with a legislature is fulfilled.


(KHAIKHOHAUH GANGTE)
Information Secretary
Kuki-Zo Council (KZC)

the only viable solution to ensure their safety and dignity.

The Kuki-Zo Council has declared that any attempts to impose ADC elections or appoint committee members without addressing their demand for a separate administration will be met with strong resistance and a boycott.

KUKI HUMAN RIGHTS BODY RAISES ALARM OVER DISCRIMINATION IN MANIPUR

The Kuki Organization for Human Rights Trust (KOHUR) has issued a scathing press statement condemning recent actions by the Indian government and the state administration of Manipur, claiming systemic discrimination against the Kuki community. The organization highlighted the recent allocation of ₹399.36 crores for 57 road projects exclusively in the valley region, which they argue represents a “naked discrimination” against Kukis and Nagas who inhabit the hill districts.

KOHUR criticized the central government for favoring the Meitei community, which constitutes only 10% of the state’s geography, while neglecting the needs of the Kukis and Nagas who occupy the remaining 90%. Former Home Secretary G.K. Pillai has reportedly echoed these concerns, stating that the Indian government is siding with the Meiteis, particularly amidst ongoing violence in the region.

The statement detailed how Kuki residents have faced significant challenges traveling through the valley due to blocked roads, exacerbating shortages of essential goods and medicines in Kuki-majority districts. KOHUR described the situation as a gross violation of human rights, urging national condemnation of the actions that have led to dire humanitarian conditions.

Furthermore, the organization expressed alarm over the treatment of Kuki volunteers and civil society leaders, who are reportedly being targeted by the Indian Army and Manipur police, while Meitei militant groups operate freely. They highlighted a stark contrast in the enforcement of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), which is applied in hill districts but not in valley areas where Meitei groups are active.

KOHUR also pointed to the destruction of Kuki homes, churches, and educational institutions in Imphal, calling the state’s response to the displacement of Kuki families inadequate and insulting. They lamented that many



job vacancies filled under the state government have excluded Kuki candidates, illustrating what they describe as an ongoing effort to ethnically cleanse the Kuki population from the capital.

“The Meitei-dominated State government started ethnically cleansing us from the capital Imphal, the Meitei public were chanting “Massacre the Kukis”. Therefore, Meiteis should hold themselves responsible for already breaking Manipur with clearly demarcated buffer zones-Such a community has no moral right to force Kukis to live together again with Meiteis in a united Manipur. There is no alternative for Kukis than to live in a separately administered Union Territory so that at least what is left of us can be protected Even if we have to survive foraging wild roots and leaves, atleast we want to live with dignity as equal citizens in a free country that our forefathers helped (Indian National Army) fight for its freedom.”

The organization concluded with a call for the establishment of a separate Union Territory for the Kukis to ensure their safety and dignity, reflecting deep concerns about the future of their community amid escalating tensions in Manipur.

URGENT PLEA TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REGARDING OPENING OF ARAMBAI TENGGOL BRANCH IN DELHI

In a letter addressed to top officials, including the President of India and the Chief of Army Staff, Agnostos Theos, Managing Director of The Sikh Chamber of Commerce, has raised serious concerns about the Arambai Tenggol, a militant group from Manipur, allegedly opening a branch in the National Capital.

Theos expressed shock and disbelief over the apparent failure of Indian authorities to prevent the establishment of this branch, given the group's history of violence and instability in Manipur. He highlighted that Arambai Tenggol, along with the Meitei Leepun, has reportedly formed a heavily armed militia responsible for the ongoing civil unrest in Manipur, which has led to the deaths of approximately 250 individuals and the displacement of over 60,000 people.

The letter criticizes the government's inaction, stating, "It is beyond me as to how a known terrorist group... can open a branch... right under the nose of all the agencies." Theos further asserted that the recent arms handover in Manipur, involving thousands of firearms and ammunition, poses a direct threat to national security, raising fears that these weapons could be smuggled into Delhi.

Theos emphasized the risk posed not only to civilians but also to security personnel and institutions, urging immediate action against members of Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun. He called for the banning and



arrest of these individuals and demanded stricter security measures for armories nationwide.

Moreover, the letter expressed alarm over the conduct of local police, alleging illegal detentions and intimidation of citizens who voice concerns about the situation. Theos underscored the potential for the unrest in Manipur to spill over into a national issue, warning that the safety of diplomats and foreign dignitaries in the capital could also be at risk.

In conclusion, Theos implored government officials to treat the matter with urgency, stressing that the safety and security of India and its citizens are paramount. His statement reflects growing anxieties regarding the implications of the ongoing conflict in Manipur and its potential effects on national stability.



**It is the blood of the soldier that makes
the general great.**

— *Italian Proverb*

NSCN-IM OPPOSES BORDER FENCING IN NAGA AREAS, ISSUES WARNING TO CONTRACTORS

In a strong statement, the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) has vehemently opposed the Indian government's recent decision to initiate border fencing along the Indo-Myanmar border, following the scrapping of the longstanding Free Movement Regime (FMR) agreement.

The Eastern Flank of the Naga Army criticized the move as a tactic to permanently divide the Naga people, asserting that the FMR had historically respected the unity and brotherhood of the Naga community. They stated, "Scrapping the FMR at the drop of a hat and commencing border fencing construction is simply unacceptable."

The NSCN-IM emphasized that the Naga people were not consulted during the signing of the Indo-Burma treaty in 1952, and they regard the right to move freely across their ancestral land as an inalienable right. They vowed to resist the government's actions, especially as the Indo-Naga peace talks remain ongoing.



In their statement, the group warned that no Naga citizen should support or collaborate with the fencing initiative. Contractors were specifically urged not to bid for any related projects, and wage earners were advised against participating in the construction work.

The NSCN-IM made it clear that any individual defying these guidelines would do so at their own risk, reinforcing their commitment to safeguarding the interests and rights of the Naga people.

ASSAM RIFLES NABBED PLA CADRES ALONG INDO-MYANMAR BORDER

Assam Rifles (AR) personnel apprehended two alleged cadres of the proscribed People's Liberation Army (PLA) and rescued a 'misguided' youth in the Manipur sector along the Indo-Myanmar border on Saturday.

Acting on intelligence inputs, AR troops laid a trap near Border Pillars 86/87 in the Moreinthel, Yangoupokpi, and Songtang regions, said an Assam Rifles official.

The apprehended PLA rebels, identified as Ningolbam Priyo Singh (21) and Saikhom Devajit Singh (21), confessed to being cadres of the banned outfit, the official said.

They were caught while attempting to cross the border from Myanmar into Manipur, he added.

In a separate incident, AR facilitated the safe return of a youth who had been coerced into joining the People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) in February.

The youth underwent primary training in a Myanmar camp. The emotional reunion with his family took place on October 20 in Pallel, Manipur, according to the AR official.



NEWS ANALYSIS

Political Solution Pre-Requisite for Security of Kuki-Zo Amid Existential Threats from Tyranny of the Majority

Violent aggression across buffer zones against Kuki-Zo people seemed to subside as a result of pro-active steps taken by the central security forces including Army/Assam Rifles. However, uneasy calm prevails amid relentless persecution and existential threats of the minority tribes from the tyranny of the majority even after 17 months.

The state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kuki-Zo people that erupted on May 3 last year has claimed at least 200 precious lives and thousands injured. More than 200 villages and 7400 houses including Churches and Synagogues have been burnt down, and 41,435 people are internally displaced.

In the backdrop of such an unprecedented structural and institutional violence against the minority Kuki-Zo people, finding a political legitimacy for the persecuted citizens is a pre-requisite for the safety and security concerns of the highlanders.

In pursuit of solving the ongoing civil war in Manipur, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, had initiated a joint meeting of Manipur legislators including Meiteis, Nagas and Kukis on October 15, but ended up

with separate exclusive meetings. Participants of the meetings had confirmed that there was no “Joint Sitting” between the MLAs of Kukis and Meiteis, thus exposing the deep schism that exists between the two warring communities.

In a statement, the Kuki-Zo representatives - Haokholet Kipgen, Letpao Haokip, Ngursanglur Sanate, and Nemcha Kipgen - stated that they had met representatives of the Government of India and BJP leadership represented by Dr. Sambit Patra, North East Coordinator; Dr. Ajeet Gopchade, Manipur In-Charge; A.K. Mishra, North East Advisor, and Rajesh Kamble, Joint Director of the Intelligence Bureau, North East.

During the exclusive meeting, the Kuki-Zo representatives affirmed that they were representing the voice of the people and will advocate solely for the people. They further asserted that a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo community was a prerequisite for any peace dialogue.

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The Kuki-Zo MLAs also emphasized their full confidence in the leadership of the KNO-UPF and confirmed that they had no additional demands beyond those already presented by the KNO-UPF. They urged that political dialogue with the KNO-UPF leadership should resume at the earliest.

Additionally, the MLAs reaffirmed their stance and expressed reluctance to participate in any joint meetings with the Meitei and Naga MLAs. They emphasized any such meetings should only occur after thorough deliberation with the public.

As per news reports, after the meeting with the Kuki-Zo MLAs, which lasted for over two hours, the Government of India representatives had held a separate short meeting with the Meitei and Naga MLAs. During the meeting, MHA stressed the need to restore peace in the state and said a joint meeting will be held again soon.

The meeting also reportedly resolved to appeal to the people of the State belonging to all communities to shun the path of violence so that no more precious lives of innocent citizens are lost.

Perhaps, the ongoing Manipur crisis has been a fallout out of the long marginalisation of the hill people, particularly against the Kuki-Zos. The long sufferings of the Kukis at the hands of the majoritarian regimes need to be addressed politically before the Government of India engages with other issues that plague the region.

While the Union Home Ministry initiates a peace process, it has to take the political problems of the Kukis seriously. It is absolutely wrong to assume that the Kuki-Zo MLAs would sit together with their annihilators (the Meiteis). Peace exists when Meiteis stop attacking Kukis – not through forced dialogue with aggressors!

When the Kukis' homes or villages are being burnt, innocent civilians being tortured, killed and women being raped, murdered and all Kuki populace had been ethnically cleansed from the Meiteis' ancestral land, any form of peace talks, without justice and accountability, with the perpetrators of violence is unnecessary and uncalled for at this critical juncture.

The Government of India should note that the deep divide separating the Meiteis and the hill people of Manipur is well known, with roots extending back to the pre-independence era. Peaceful co-existence is no longer possible as total separation has been completed amid unprecedented population exchange arising out of the state-engineered selective violence. Therefore, solving the political problem is the only way forward and it should be taken with all seriousness by the Government of India.

Moreover, the demands and aspirations of the Kuki-Zo people have always been constitutional and legitimate. This ongoing conflict stems from decades of frustration, suffering, institutional discrimination, deprivation and unmet political solutions. Unfortunately, instead of adopting proactive measures to find a political solution, the Government of India still seems to continue relying on false narratives of the Meiteis and their communal state government.

For peace and normalcy to return, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) need to first focus on finding a political solution to this long-standing conflict.

SOCIAL MEDIA
THE BUZZ

Sushma Sharma
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#Manipur: The #Meitei community celebrate deceit as a core value. Lies/disinformation have become 2nd nature, with falsehoods spread shamelessly by Meitei IT cells like @Somchandrashar1 and @Tongjei_Maril. These incidents are from 🇲🇲, not Manipur. Professionals in Distorting facts.

@SamKhongsai_ #INDvsNZ #StarAcademyLeLive #DAOU
#KaiForBigWinner #SAMasterChef

who entered #Manipur to wage war against #Meiteis!

@Spearcorps @official_dgar @HMOIndia
@NIA_India @NBirenSingh @crpfIndia

Why did our intel network failed to intercept and neutralise these proxies?

State of Myanmar) to hills (Manipur). There's no rules in the Hills Areas of Manipur! Manipur Hills Areas are totally undertaken by the Foreign Infiltrator #KukiNarcoTerrorists! #SaveManipur

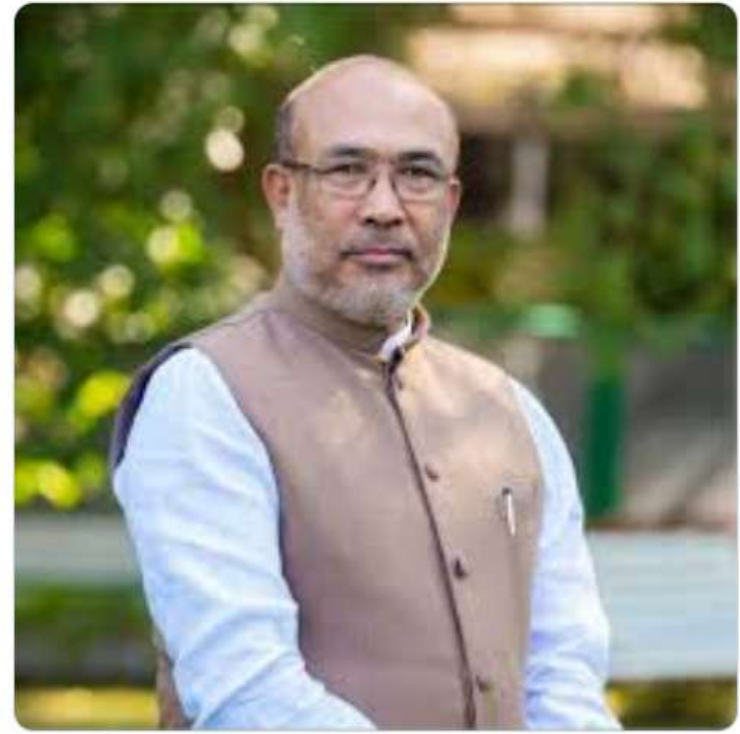
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#Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh is hand in glove with the #ArambaiTerrorists and the #MeiteiTerrorists for whom he opened the gates of the police armoury to loot the states sophisticated weapons and use against the #Kuki minority community.

Who all Agree ?

@Bec_Eimi
#ManipurViolence



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WHAT NEXT?!

Now that it's crystal clear, what's next?
Do we accept this obnoxious villain from the west?
Or keep our fingers crossed and watch fate unfold?

Enslaved by megalomaniacs who sell their souls for gold,
Reign over by a covetous devourer who feeds on innocent gore.

Are we aware of the menace from the east?
Their minds filled with envy and disdain,
Surreptitiously, raring for our blunder,
With their horde gawping at our every move.

Can we free ourselves from the menacing beast's grasp?
End our boundless agony?
Assuage our anguish and write a new chapter in history?

Our caitiff leaders ceaselessly beat down by big ones.
Innocent blood is shed at little to no cost.
The elderly lament like a morose toddler, crying in the rain.
The cry for justice echoes far and wide.

Yet, before our eyes, our exertion are grinded to dust.
The villain returns home rewarded, while we're left to rust.
But measure for measure will fall.
The wild dogs will break free from their leash.
Yunker and geezer will be embellish with gat and ball.
Survival will be arduous, even for the water bear.

We can only strive, tussle, survive, patch and mend,
And pray time brings these brutes to their gruesome end.

~ Len Hangshing