

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



HOIBIAKKIM (23 YEARS)

D/O (L) LUNKHOLAL

ADDRESS: HIANGTAM LAMKA, LAMKA

DATE OF INCIDENT: 3RD JUNE, 2023

PLACE OF INCIDENT: NORTH AOC, IMPHAL

CAUSE OF DEATH: ABDUCTED & MISSING



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 12. 11. 2024



218
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT

1. Zosangkim Hmar
2. Lalsiemlien Hmar
3. Joseph Lalditum
4. Lalthanei Infimate
5. Robert Lalnuntluong
6. Ramneilien
7. Francis Lalzarlien
8. Elvis Lalropui Zote
9. Henry Lalsanglien
10. Ruolneisang
11. Fimlienkung



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.

ELECTED LAWMAKERS REDUCED TO MERE PUPPETS OF BIREN, ARAMBAI TENGGOL: KUKI-ZO COUNCIL ON RULING MLAS RESOLUTIONS

In a scathing statement issued today, the Kuki-Zo Council (KZC) condemned the recent resolutions passed by the ruling MLAs in Manipur, accusing Chief Minister Biren Singh of employing an autocratic leadership style that has resulted in widespread violence and instability across the state. The KZC highlighted the growing influence of Singh's Arambai Tenggol militia, which has reportedly reduced elected lawmakers to mere puppets, unable or unwilling to challenge the Chief Minister's directives.

The KZC criticized the MLAs for their compliance with what they described as oppressive policies, prioritizing Singh's interests over the safety and well-being of the people of Manipur. They also expressed concern over a recent resolution to review and potentially withdraw the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from several areas in the state. The council argued that this decision was a political maneuver to appease militant groups rather than a genuine attempt to address security concerns, warning that it could further escalate tensions and undermine efforts to restore order in the region.

The Kuki-Zo Council also condemned the state's failure to address the brutal killings of over 50 Kuki-Zo women and children by Arambai Tenggol and Meitei militants since May 2023. The KZC demanded justice for the victims before any further actions are taken against Kuki-Zo volunteers. "The government must first hold accountable those responsible for these atrocities," the statement read, calling on the state to demonstrate a commitment to upholding the rule of law.

Further, the KZC called for a full investigation into the recent flare-up of violence in Jiribam, which was reportedly triggered by attacks from the Arambai Tenggol militia. The council specifically pointed to the rape and murder of Mrs. Zosangkim Hmar on



November 7th and alleged that local officials, including Jiribam's police chief, were involved in orchestrating the violence. The KZC urged the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to investigate these incidents thoroughly to ensure those responsible are brought to justice.

Amid escalating violence and lawlessness, the Kuki-Zo Council questioned the legitimacy of Chief Minister Biren Singh's leadership, citing his admission of initiating the ongoing conflict and his government's collaboration with unlawful militant groups. The council expressed concern over the state's labeling of Kuki-Zo volunteers as unlawful and demanded that the central government reconsider the state's actions.

The Kuki-Zo Council called on the central government to take immediate action to restore peace and security in Manipur, urging the establishment of a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people. The council argued that this move would allow the Kuki-Zo community to govern themselves and ensure their safety, marking a crucial step toward fostering long-term peace and prosperity in the region.

KUKI-ZO FATHER'S MURDERED BODY BROUGHT TO LAMKA; WIFE GIVES BIRTH AT ASSAM RELIEF CAMP

In a heartbreaking and tragic turn of events, the body of Kuki-Zo father Haojoel DOUNGEL, who was murdered by Meitei militants, was brought to Lamka this evening, while his wife gave birth to their child in a relief camp in Assam, bringing both sorrow and stark irony to a family already grappling with displacement and hardship.

Haojoel, a father and husband, had been sheltering with his wife and young child in the Hmarkholien Relief Camp in Assam after fleeing the ongoing violence in their home region. As his wife's delivery date approached, Haojoel ventured to nearby Jirighat in search of financial assistance for her medical needs. Tragically, during this journey, he was abducted by militants associated with the Meitei community and the militant group Arambai. Sources report that he was brutally tortured and murdered in what witnesses described as a "barbaric" manner, with signs of blunt-force trauma and mutilation discovered on his body. His remains were found in a culvert near Anglapur village in Jiribam, later recovered by the police.

While Haojoel's life was tragically cut short, his wife remained at the relief camp, unaware of his fate as she prepared to give birth. On the same day that his husband's body arrived in Lamka, she delivered their child at the Hmarkholien Relief Camp. The birth of the baby, a healthy boy, brought some joy, but the pain of her loss was palpable. Her husband, who had left in hopes of securing a better future for their family, would never meet the child he had so desperately hoped to protect.

The couple had been among the many displaced families, fleeing violence and instability in the region. Haojoel had worked tirelessly to support his wife and child, and his final act of searching for assistance for her delivery now stands as a tragic reminder of the



devastating toll the ongoing conflict has taken on innocent lives.

As the family mourns the loss of a loving husband and father, the story of Haojoel DOUNGEL highlights the brutal realities faced by many in the region, caught in the crossfire of conflict and violence. The birth of his child, now growing up without the father who dreamed of giving him a better life, marks yet another chapter of grief in a community already scarred by war.

The wife of the deceased, now left to raise her child alone, faces an uncertain future, but in the face of her pain, the new life she holds in her arms symbolizes both the fragility and resilience of the human spirit.

KUKI MLAS CRITICIZE STATE CABINET RESOLUTIONS, CALL THEM DIVISIVE, BIASED, AND COMMUNAL IN NATURE

The ten Kuki MLAs have issued a press statement responding to the resolutions adopted during the meeting of the “Ruling MLAs of Manipur” held on November 18, 2024. The Kuki representatives have raised concerns over the resolutions, highlighting various issues they see as divisive, biased, and communal in nature.

Divisive State Cabinet Resolution

The Kuki MLAs strongly condemned the endorsement of decisions made by the State Cabinet on November 16, 2024. They called the resolutions divisive, one-sided, and communal, claiming that they were being pushed by the Chief Minister to further a separatist agenda. The MLAs criticized the Cabinet for taking into account the views of fringe elements, specifically those claiming to represent the Thadou and Hmar tribes, and argued that this reflects a broader agenda against the interests of the Kuki people.

Call for Review of AFSPA and its Expansion

The MLAs expressed concerns about the imposition of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) on November 14, 2024, and called for its immediate review. They argued that AFSPA should be extended to the remaining 13 police jurisdictions in Manipur’s Imphal valley to facilitate the recovery of over 6,000 sophisticated weapons looted by Meitei militias since May 2023. The MLAs stressed that this action was long overdue to curb violence in the region.

Call for Mass Operations Across the State

While criticizing the one-sided mass operations against a single community, the Kuki MLAs insisted that mass operations should be conducted throughout the state to recover all illegal arms from all militia groups, not just one community.

Demand for NIA Investigation into Civilian Killings

The MLAs criticized the resolution demanding that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) take over the



investigations into the deaths of six civilians. They called for a broader scope, recommending that the NIA should take over investigations into all civilian killings across the state since May 3, 2023, covering both the valley and hills areas.

Criticism of “Kuki Militants” Declaration

The Kuki MLAs strongly opposed the resolution asking the Government of India (GoI) to declare “Kuki Militants” responsible for the killings of six civilians. They urged that such a declaration should be preceded by similar actions against the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun groups, which they argued should be declared unlawful organizations under the relevant laws.

Concerns Over Jiribam Incident

The MLAs expressed concerns that the State Government was exploiting the Jiribam incident to suppress the rights of the disadvantaged tribal community. They also warned that this could embolden the government to escalate tensions, even threatening the central NDA government.

Call for Political Dialogue

The Kuki MLAs reiterated their call for the Centre and State Government to take immediate action to restore peace and normalcy in Manipur by initiating political dialogue. They stressed that lasting peace could only be achieved through inclusive and constructive conversations that address the grievances of all communities.

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Condemnation of Attacks on Meitei MLAs
The Kuki MLAs also condemned the attacks, burning, and looting of the homes and properties of Meitei MLAs and Ministers by Meitei mobs. They called for a high-powered committee to investigate the role of political parties, individuals, and Meitei Civil Society Organization (CSO) leaders, accusing them of secessionist tendencies and exploiting the situation for political gain.

The MLAs expressed concerns that these developments were part of a broader political vendetta designed to escalate violence and tensions in the state, all while serving to protect the fragile position of the Chief Minister. They called for swift and fair action to prevent further bloodshed.

PREZ RULE INEVITABLE, FIRST STEP TOWARDS RESTORING PEACE IN MANIPUR: MIZORAM MP

Vanlalvena, lone Rajya Sabha member from Mizoram, has called for the immediate imposition of President's Rule in Manipur.

Speaking to TOI, Vanlalvena Wednesday said the situation has come to a head and replacing incumbent CM N Biren Singh will fall short of the solution to the over year-long conflict. "The solution to the violence has slipped beyond the capabilities of Manipur Police. The weapons in the possession of the Meitei and tribal communities combine surpass the fire power of the state police force. The need of the hour is to use the strength of the central military force," he added.

The imposition of President's Rule is a must and the first inevitable step to bring long-lasting peace in Manipur, Vanlalvena said, adding that the central team under the security cover of the Army should demarcate lands occupied by both the Meitei and tribal communities by creating a clear-cut buffer zone between the two areas.



"A new administrative unit of Meitei land should be created in the Meitei-inhabited areas and a separate administration should also be created for the lands being occupied by the ethnic Mizos," he proposed.

On the issue of replacement of Biren as Manipur CM as sought by some of the ruling legislators in the state, the MP said it is no longer an option and simply replacing him will not solve the issue after all the incidents of unchecked violence hurting both the communities. (TOI)

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**We must all have the spirit of martyrdom,
though we may not all die martyrs.**

— *George Whitefield*

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Finally, the Meitei women folks have the guts to confront their secessionist over-ground groups called the COCOMI, who formally declared WAR against Kuki-Zo & peddle fake narratives against the Kuki-Zo community.

"As you sow, so shall you reap"



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#COCOMI extension of 7-days ultimatum to @BirenSingh irks the #Meira_Paibis. COCOMI exposed. They are all, including @Paari_Athouba, bootlickers of @NBirenSingh & @BJP4India.

Wake-up before it's too late. Remember, "Biren is not Manipur, and Manipur is not Biren"

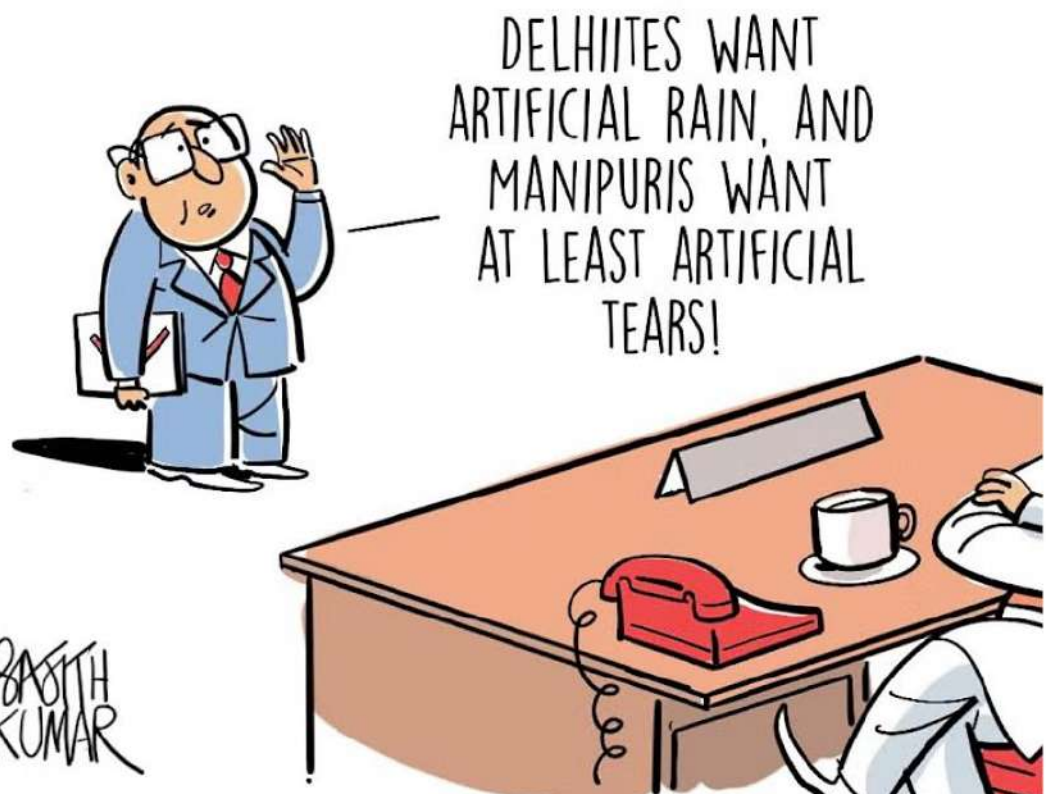
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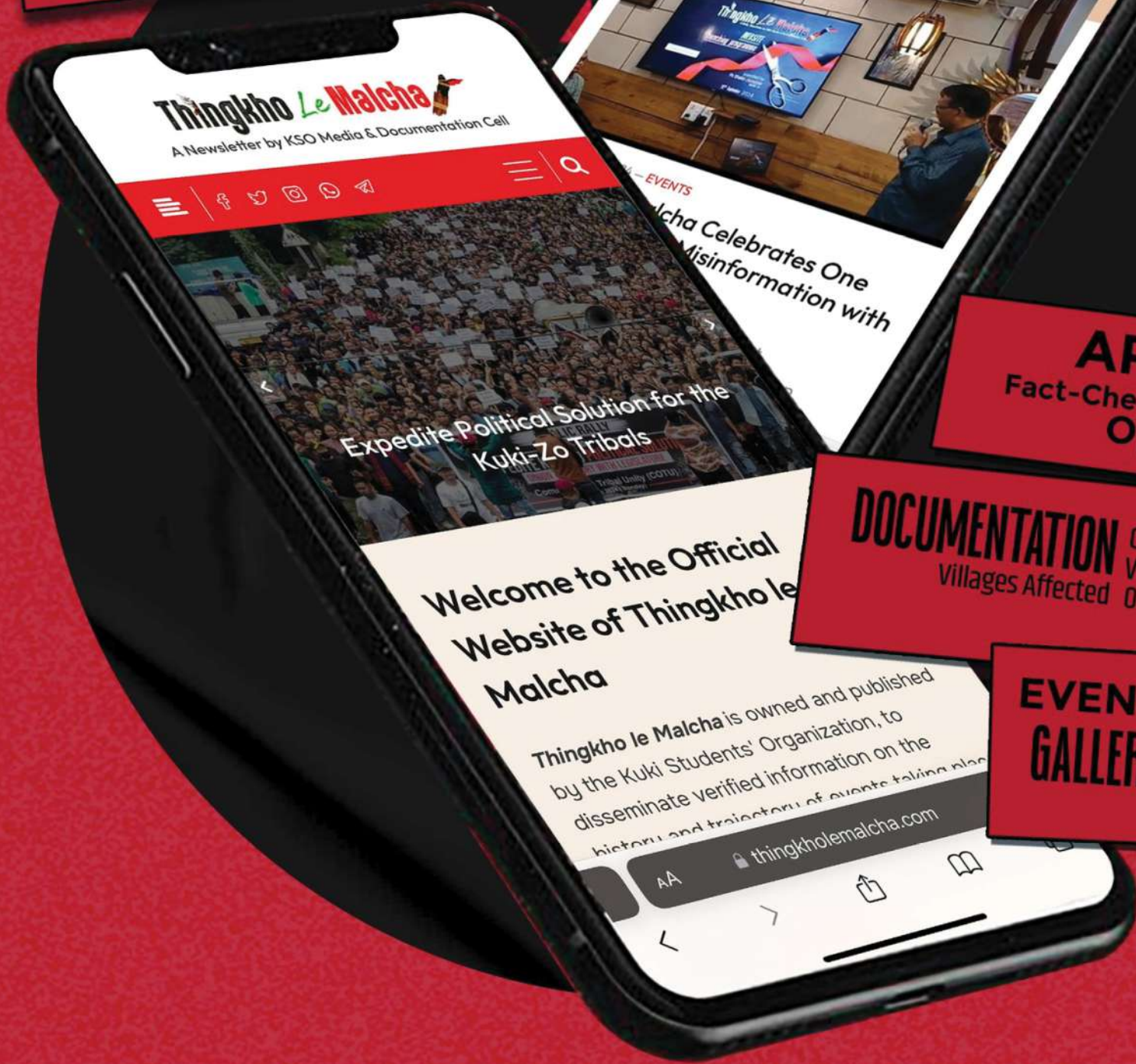
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The war shall continue,
and so will the blood spillage
spilling over the tear drenched shawl
of every mother's grieving
after the death of her son
by a heartless bullet!

Home they will bring
a lifeless body!
Home they will bring
a blood drenched bullets!
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Home they will bring
a blood-drenched homeland!

~ Hosea Khawbung