

# Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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## AWAITING JUSTICE



### THANGMINKHUP (29 YEARS)

S/O KHAITHIANLAM

ADDRESS: LOKLAIPHAI, LAMKA

DATE OF INCIDENT: 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023

PLACE OF INCIDENT: KASAR, NEAR TORBUNG, LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: ABDUCTED & MISSING





## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 12. 11. 2024



**218**  
DEATHS

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



**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.



# NON-COOPERATION MOVEMENT AGAINST CRPF IN MANIPUR WITHDRAWN AFTER POSITIVE DIALOGUE

The Non-Cooperation Movement against the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Manipur has been officially withdrawn following a series of high-level discussions between CRPF leadership and several student organizations, including the Kuki Students' Organization (KSO), Zomi Students' Federation (ZSF), Zomi Student's Party (ZSP), Zillai, and the Hmar Students' Association (HSA). The decision was announced after a productive meeting with the Director General of the CRPF, where the force assured the student bodies that they would refrain from any actions that might be perceived as sacrilegious or disrespectful to the local tribal community.

The CRPF has expressed its commitment to ensuring the safety of the public and building a respectful relationship with the tribal communities. The force has also requested the cooperation of local groups in this process, emphasizing their goal of fostering peace and mutual respect moving forward.

In a joint statement, leaders of the student organizations expressed their optimism for a positive and collaborative future between the CRPF and local communities. They



thanked all parties involved for their efforts in resolving the matter through dialogue and mutual understanding.

The withdrawal of the non-cooperation movement signals a hopeful step towards improved relations and peace-building in the region.

The statement was signed by Ramngaium Songate, General Secretary, HSA-JHQ, Tuithaphai; DJ Haokip, General Secretary, KSO, Churachandpur; Solomon Manglianmung, General Secretary, ZSP-GHQ; Samuel Taithul, General Secretary, ZSF-GHQ and Letkhosiam, General Secretary, Zillai-GHQ.

## OLD HABIT DIE HARD: MEITEI MOB LOOTS MLA'S RESIDENCE AMID RISING TENSIONS

On November 16, a mob reportedly looted and vandalized the residence of JD(U) MLA Kh Joykishan Singh in West Imphal's Thangmeiband area, causing significant damage. The MLA's mother has lodged a formal complaint with Imphal Police, claiming that Rs 18 lakh in cash and jewelry worth Rs 1.5 crore were stolen during the attack, which lasted for about two hours.

The incident occurred while MLA Kh Joykishan Singh was away in Delhi for a family member's medical treatment. According to police, an FIR has been

registered following the complaint, which also highlighted the destruction of goods meant for internally displaced people (IDPs).

Eyewitnesses reported that various items, including vegetables, winter clothes, and other relief materials intended for IDPs staying at nearby relief camps, were looted. Volunteers

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managing the camp, including one named Sanayai, said that the mob also destroyed lockers, electronics, and furniture at the MLA's residence. Attempts to steal air conditioners and gas cylinders were made, with seven cylinders successfully taken.

Sanayai also mentioned that important documents belonging to IDPs were destroyed during the attack, and one volunteer was injured while trying to prevent the mob from causing further damage.

This violent incident comes amid increasing unrest in the region. Ethnic clashes between the Meitei

community in Imphal Valley and the Kuki-Zo groups in the hill districts have escalated following the disappearance of six people—three women and three children—on November 11. Their bodies were found in the days that followed, contributing to the growing tensions.

Since the outbreak of violence in May last year, more than 220 lives have been lost, and thousands have been displaced in the ongoing conflict. The situation continues to remain volatile, with tensions mounting across the state.

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## SC GRANTS 8 WEEKS TO MANIPUR GOVT TO RESPOND TO PLEA CHALLENGING ILP IN STATE

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted the Manipur government 8 weeks to respond to a petition challenging the state's Inner Line Permit (ILP) system

A bench comprising Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti allowed the request for more time after the state's counsel sought an extension

The petition, filed by Amra Bangali, a Kolkata-based organization with a branch in Assam, calls for the revocation of the ILP in Manipur

The apex court had previously issued notice to both the Centre and the state government on January 3, 2022

The plea has challenged the permit system contending that it provides unbridled power to the state to restrict entry and exit of non-indigenous persons or those who are not permanent residents of Manipur

The permit system was introduced through the Adaptation of Laws (Amendment) Order, 2019, which extends the 140-year-old colonial era "Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations (BEFR) of 1873

The petition said that the BEFR was originally enacted by the British to establish a monopoly over tea

plantations in Assam (then part of Bengal) and to safeguard their commercial interests in the hilly regions from Indian traders. It restricts Indians from engaging in trade with the tribal communities in the areas outlined in the preamble of the BEFR.

By virtue of the 2019 order, the ILP system has effectively been made applicable to the States of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and districts of Nagaland which are notified from time to time

The petition stated that the 2019 order infringes upon the fundamental rights of citizens guaranteed under Articles 14, 15, 19, and 21 of the Indian Constitution. It claims that the order grants unqualified power to the state to restrict the entry and exit of non-indigenous individuals, violating these constitutional protections

"The draconian ILP system is fundamentally opposed to the policies of social integration, development and technological advancement in the area beyond the Inner Line, apart from hampering tourism within the state which is a major source of revenue generation for these areas," it added. (NE Live)



# FCI DELAY TRIGGERS FOOD SHORTAGE FEAR IN MANIPUR

Despite the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) resuming goods train services to Khongsang in Manipur, the state continues to grapple with a potential food shortage.

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has yet to commence the transportation of food grains to the state, leaving many districts with critically low stock levels.

Railway services to Jiribam and Khongsang were suspended in August due to severe landslides, track damage, and tunnel blockages. This disruption halted the FCI's ability to transport food grains via rail. However, on Thursday, the NFR successfully resumed goods train services to Khongsang, with a freight train carrying essential commodities reaching its destination.

Despite this development, the FCI has not initiated the transportation of food grains, raising concerns about potential shortages. As of November 21st, several FCI depots in Manipur are reporting dangerously low stock levels.

The Sangaiprou depot in Imphal West district, for instance, has only 13.94% of its total utilization capacity remaining, equivalent to a mere 17 days of stock



sufficiency. Similarly, Thoubal depot has 9.6% capacity (5 days' stock), Churachandpur depot has 5.30% capacity (6 days' stock), and Sawombung depot in Imphal East district has 4.6% capacity (9 days' stock).

If the FCI fails to expedite the transportation of food grains to Khongsang, districts like Churachandpur, Thoubal, Imphal West, and Imphal East could face severe food shortages.

Local authorities and residents are urging the FCI to take immediate action to address this pressing issue and ensure a steady supply of food grains to the state.

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## AMID ESCALATING VIOLENCE, ADDITIONAL FORCES REACH STATE

In the wake of escalating violence in Manipur, eight companies of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) reportedly arrived in the strife-torn state's capital Imphal on Wednesday.

Another batch of 11 companies of CAPF reportedly arrived in the state a day before these forces reached Imphal.

Four companies each from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Border Security Force (BSF), which arrived on Wednesday, will reportedly be deployed in the fringe and vulnerable areas of Manipur.

One of the CRPF companies is reportedly from the Mahila Battalion.



The Centre had recently announced that 50 new companies of Central Armed Police Force would be deployed in the state.

Violence in the crisis-hit state has escalated over the past week.





## Manipur Unrest: Kuki-Zo Community's Plight Underscores Need for Impartial Security and Political Solution

On November 18, in response to the escalating crisis in Manipur, Union Home Minister Amit Shah led a high-level security meeting, resulting in the decision to dispatch an additional 50 paramilitary companies to the state. This move highlights the Centre's acknowledgment of the dire need to address the unrest stemming from the ethnic conflict between the Meitei community, dominant in the valley, and the Kuki-Zo people, primarily residing in the hill regions of the state. Despite these measures, the Kuki-Zo community continues to bear the brunt of the ongoing violence and displacement, further emphasizing the need for focused and impartial interventions.

**The Kuki-Zo Community: Victims of a Prolonged Crisis**  
The ethnic violence, which erupted over a year and a half ago, has claimed more than 250 lives and displaced over 60,000 people, disproportionately impacting the Kuki-Zo community. As violence erupted in May last year, Kuki-Zo settlements in the valley were targeted in orchestrated attacks, leading to their forced eviction. The subsequent clearing of Kuki-Zo populations from Meitei-majority areas has created an ethnic divide, leaving the hill-dwelling Kuki-Zo community increasingly vulnerable.

Despite assurances from the administration, the Kuki-

Zo people face continuous threats from armed groups allegedly backed by powerful interests. The persistent targeting of Kuki-Zo civilians, including women and children, underscores the gravity of their plight and the urgent need for security measures that prioritize their safety.

### **Jiribam: A Reflection of the Ongoing Insecurity**

Recent escalations in Jiribam, a district home to multiple ethnic groups, illustrate the challenges faced by the Kuki-Zo community. While violence initially spared the district, it erupted in June when a mysterious Meitei farmer's death was followed by attacks on Kuki-Zo households. Tragically, the killing of a Hmar woman, by Meitei militants, further escalated tensions.

The alleged lack of impartiality among security forces, particularly the state police, exacerbates the unabating tension in the state.

### **Security Forces: Bridging the Trust Deficit**

The Kuki-Zo people's mistrust in the state's predominantly Meitei-dominated police force is

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well founded. Allegations that state police shield Meitei militants, including groups like Arambai Tenggol, while disproportionately targeting Kuki-Zo civilians, have led to calls for greater accountability. The Kuki-Zo community has generally placed their trust in central security forces, though recent incidents involving the CRPF have shaken this confidence.

The Centre must address these trust deficits by ensuring that security forces act impartially and with accountability. A thorough review of the coordination among state and central forces is essential to prevent biases and restore the confidence of the Kuki-Zo people.

**Protecting Vulnerable Communities**

The Kuki-Zo community's plight extends beyond immediate security concerns. Their displacement from the valley and the destruction of their homes and livelihoods have created long-term challenges that require urgent attention. Rehabilitation efforts must prioritize the Kuki-Zo people, ensuring their demand for separate administration in the form of Union Territory with legislature.

The Centre must also reassess agreements such as the Suspension of Operations (SoO) with Kuki-Zo militant groups, ensuring these pacts prioritize peace over their political demand. Also, any action against armed groups must be balanced with measures to protect Kuki-Zo civilians from collective punishment or undue targeting.

**Dialogue: The Path Forward**

The key to resolving the conflict lies in meaningful dialogue. The Kuki-Zo civil society groups have consistently called for justice and reaffirmed their demand for separate administration. The Centre must facilitate inclusive discussions that address their concerns, particularly regarding land rights, autonomy, and protection from ethnic violence.

**A Call for Immediate Action**

The Kuki-Zo community's continued suffering is a stark reminder of the urgent need for a robust and balanced response. The Centre must ensure justice and security for all communities, particularly the Kuki-Zo people, who have endured systemic targeting and displacement from a majoritarian government led by N. Biren Singh. Union Home Minister Amit Shah's leadership will be critical in fostering dialogue, ensuring impartiality in security operations, and addressing the root causes of the conflict.

Time is of the essence. A failure to act decisively risks entrenching the divisions and prolonging the suffering of the Kuki-Zo people, who deserve the same peace and stability as any other citizen of India



**The tyrant dies and his rule is over; the martyr dies and his rule begins.**

— *Søren Kierkegaard*



# THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



**Dr. Shama Mohamed** ✓  
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Manipur CM N Biren Singh has issued notices to 11 MLAs, including ministers, for skipping a crucial meeting.

With BJP MLAs defying the CM and NPP already withdrawing support, the government's instability is evident. But why are @narendramodi and @AmitShah not taking steps to dismiss N Biren Singh?

The solution to Manipur's problems begins with removing the CM, but it seems the BJP and Narendra Modi don't want peace.

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In conflict-hit Manipur, Nengboi Doungel, a Kuki-Zo woman from Pangmol Village, gave birth to a baby girl at Hmarkhawlien Relief Camp in Assam. Tragically, her joy was overshadowed by the arrival of her husband Haojoel Doungel's mutilated body in Churachandpur, who was brutally killed after being abducted by suspected militants.

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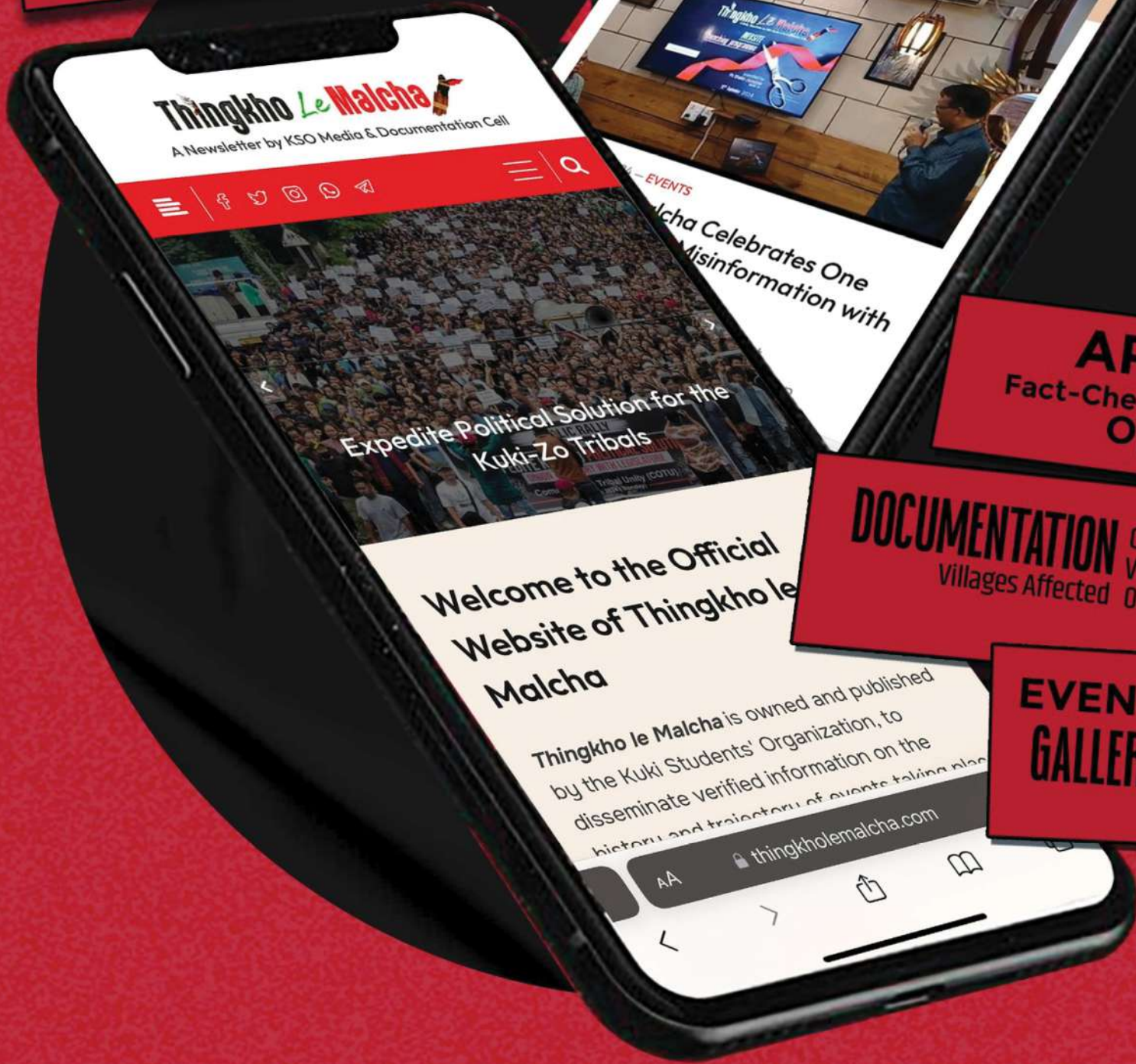


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# SPIRITS OF THE FOREFATHERS

In our Kukiland Ancestral ground, bloodshed stains.  
Brothers fallen, Hearts in Pain.  
Defending heritage, freedom's thread.  
KukiZo volunteers, innocent and true.

Your memories haunt, tears never dry  
Grief echoes, our community's cry  
Mothers weep, Fathers mourn.  
Heart shattered , Souls forever scarred.

Your courage inspires, spirits remain.  
Ancestral Spirits guiding our way.  
Manipur's soil, forever spoken.  
Justice delayed, wounds unmarred,  
Yet hope persist, Justice will Rise.

Legacy etched, ancestral plains  
Kuki-Zo pride, unbroken vow  
Forever honored, Hearts unvail.

*~ Henry Thangzawm*