

Thingkho Le Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



JOHNA (38 YEARS)

S/O (L) CHHANA

ADDRESS: THINGCHOM, LAMKA

DATE OF INCIDENT: 16TH JANUARY, 2024

PLACE OF INCIDENT: LANGZA, LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY (PNEUMONIA)



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 22. 11. 2024



219
DEATHS

1. Haojoel Doungel



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 INPI PUBLISHES CHRONOLOGY OF JIRIBAM VIOLENCE, CONDEMNS ATROCITIES BY MEITEI RADICALS

The Kuki Inpi Jiribam, Tamenglong, and Noney districts has released a detailed chronology of the recent violence in Jiribam, condemning the actions of Meitei radicals. In a statement issued today, the Kuki Inpi highlighted a series of atrocities perpetrated by the Meitei community, shedding light on the ongoing unrest in the region.

The statement outlines specific incidents of violence, including attacks on Kuki civilians, destruction of property, and attempts to instigate communal tensions. The Kuki Inpi's statement aims to raise awareness of the gravity of the situation and calls for accountability from the authorities to address the perpetrators of these heinous acts.

Chronology of Jiribam Violence from 4th May, 2023 to November 2024

1. May 4, 2023: Members of Arambai Tenggol attacked Raniveng-Mission Compound, Kuki Zo locality in Jiribam. Burnt/Torches 5 houses, Jiribam Peace Committee formed the next day which includes all communities of Jiribam.

2. Feb 21, 2024 : Members of Arambai Tenggol abducted six (6) Kaimai villagers of Tamenglong district who pass through Jiribam for shopping. Later released with intervention if security forces.

3. March 11, 2024: Around 50 numbers of UNLF militants marched towards Sejang & Mongbung villages. The plan to attack these two villages was foiled by Assam Rifles and timely intervention prevent major violence.

4. March 12, 2024: UNLF militants advance towards Phaitol and firing some shots towards Phaitol village.

5. March 28, 2024: Bomb blast at Durgapur, Jakuradhor by UNLF militants.

6. April 22, 2024: Meira Paibis & AT banned entry of Kuki people in Jiribam. They frisk every vehicles at Gularthol bazaar.



7. May 2, 2024: Two Kuki Zo houses burnt down at Uchathol.

8. May 14,2024: Mr Seigoulen Singson of phaitol village was abducted from Police Check point in Phaitol and later on 17th May, tortured & decomposed body found in Jiri river and his latest mobile location was at Dibong, Meetei locality of Jiribam.

9. June 6,2024: Peace Agreement shattered after Arambai Tenggol & Meetei militants open attack Kuki Zo localities in Jiribam town after two days of declaration of Lok Sabha Election. Arambai Tenggol took advantage of the death of Mr Saratkumar Singh to blame KukiZo people whose death was most likely election related incident. Uchathol, Vengnuam, Raniveng-Mission Compund, Sounkoveng etc all Kuki Zo settlements in Jiribam town was attack simultaneously. Only, Raniveng-Mission compound was saved due to the presence of Assam Rifles while every KukiZo localities are now burned and abandoned. One L Muangpu Langgel was dragged out from his house in Vengnuam by members of Arambai Tenggol before in front of his kids and was never found again. Meetei Meira Paibis and Arambai Tenggol cut off supplies to Kuki-Zo villages and still continue till date.

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10. June 12, 2024: KukiZo houses in Kalinagar torched and continuous attack on Raniveng-Mission Compound by Meetei militants carried out. Kuki Inpi called Highway bandh against high handedness of Security forces and also against State government giving free hand to Meetei militants who cut off supplies to KukiZo villages. On June 21, Agreement with Tamenglong District Authority represented by SP, Tamenglong, CO 39 AR, CO CRPF, Jiribam SP and Kuki CSOs was signed and Highway bandh was called off after Security forces assured for non disturbances of movements of Kuki-Zo essential commodities.

11. June 24,2024: KukiZo houses in Kalinagar namely Darrochan hmar, Lalzom Gangte, Zonunmoi Hmar, Henry Joute, HN Lala Hmar, Soibuong Vaiphei, Raltawnmui Hmar, Lalneimuong Hmar,Dinga Hmar, Robert Ngaihte, James Thangkhanpau were either vandalized, looted or occupied.

12. July 7,2024: Phaitol Village was attacked by combined Manipur Police Commandos led by Col Retd Nectar Sanjenbam and Meetei militants. Several houses of phaitol village including the house of Kuki Inpi Secretary were burnt down by attackers. Security forces mishandled Phaitol women folks who protested against security operation. Seven women were injured in the scuffle . Two boys, one underage who refuse to fled from their village were arrested and yet to be release.

13. July 9,2024; In the night, UNLF militants attack Mongbung and Sejang villages and District Police under the directive of Col Retd Nectar conducted Security operation in Mongbung village where Police personnel ransacked all food items and essential items of villagers , Villagers protested to authorities.

14. July 14, 2024: Police Commandos with Bullet Proof vehicles attack Mongbung and Sejang villages in the guise of Security Operation. Mongbung and Sejang village volunteers retaliated with license single barrel guns. Unfortunately, CRPF Jawan was killed most probably from Police commandos firing. Mongbung & Sejang villagers appeal to concern authority to investigate thoroughly against the death of CRPF personnel at Mongbung & Sejang.

15. August 31, 2024: Mass Protest Rally against Biren Singh leak Audio tape held in Tatbung village, Tamenglong.

16. Sept 7, 2024: Four Kuki-Zo villagers were killed by UNLF militants who were base at Nunshekpi . Between 7th Sept to 29th Sept incessant attack on Mongbung and Sejang villages carried out by combined forces of UNLF, AT and other VBIGs abetted by Police Commandos. Eighteen times of attacked carried out by Meetei militants on Mongbung and Sejang which was within three weeks time in September. On 20th September, the attacked started from around 9:30 pm and continue till 5am in the morning. Mortars and Bombs were used by the attackers.

17. October 18, 2024 : Blooming Flower Foundation School, Kalinagar Jiribam was burned by Meetei miscreants in the night of 18th October and in retaliation Hmar volunteers issue notice to Meitei living in Borobekra areas to leave within 24 hours.

18. November 7, 2024: Zairon village was attacked by Arambai Tenggol and Group of Five(G5) in the night. Mrs Zosangkim Hmar of Zairon, mother of three children was brutally raped and tortured before being burned beyond recognition. Limbs were cut off, brains gouge out and video of the violence viral in social media.

19. November 10, 2024: Hmar Village Volunteers retaliates to Zairon incident leading to unfortunate incident of the dead of six women including children and also Ten Hmar volunteers.

20. November 16, 2024: HaoJoel DOUNGEL S/O Seilam DOUNGEL of Pangmol Village, Tamenglong who went to Hmarkhawlien to see of his pregnant wife was abducted from Jirighat area by Meetei militants. His brutally tortured and deformed dead body was recovered from Aglapur Village, Jiribam. On the other hand, the same night, Meitei mobs led by Militants burned down five churches in Kalinagar and more than eight houses belonging to Hmar Community. (UCA News)

YUMNAM KHEMCHAND URGES BIREN SINGH TO RESIGN OVER FAILED LAW AND ORDER IN MANIPUR

Manipur minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh criticised Chief Minister N Biren Singh for refusing to resign amid the ongoing law and order crisis and unrest in the state. According to a CNN-News18 report, Yumnam Khemchand Singh did not show up for Monday's meeting of MLAs, which the Chief Minister convened.

Why did the Manipur Minister Skip Monday's Meeting? "The meeting's notification said it was to review the law-and-order situation in Manipur. If that were the case, then the DG and chief secretary should have been called. Why were the MLAs summoned?" Yumnam Khemchand Singh said in his response about skipping Monday's meeting.

Furthermore, claiming that it's not possible to hold such a meeting, the Manipur minister pointed to the abysmal law and order situation where their houses are being set on fire. "The administration will look into law and order; this is not my work. Even Saturday's resolution has no meaning. When there is an attempt to set our houses on fire, it's not possible to hold such a meeting," CNN-News18 quoted Yumnam Khemchand as saying.

Over the houses of ministers and MLAs being set ablaze and vandalised, the minister emphasised that he himself is emotionally broken, as are people of the state, and one needs to make them understand the



situation. "When protesters came to my house, I told them I too am looking for justice. I am also emotionally broken. I requested them, and they understood."

Known to be a Biren Singh-baiter, he insisted that the Chief Minister must call it quits. Mentioning that there is no friend or foe in politics, Yumnam Khemchand stressed that it has been 18 months, and there is no peace, pointing to the volatile state's failed law and order situation. Yumnam Khemchand said, "I asked him (Biren) to resign a couple of times, but he is not putting down his papers," he said, adding, "He could not bring peace till now, so why isn't he resigning?"

According to Yumnam Khemchand, peace can only prevail in the state if more forces come in. However, there is a need to explain the situation to people and make them understand the ground realities. (LiveMint)



Where there is unity there is always victory.

— *Publilius Syrus*

CHRISTIANS APPEAL INDIAN GOVT TO RESTORE PEACE IN MANIPUR

A Christian ecumenical body has urged India's federal government to restore peace in Manipur state, where life was disrupted by the latest bout of violence between indigenous Christians and Meitei Hindus.

"The gravity of the situation cannot be overstated. The people of Manipur are caught in a state of utter hopelessness and insecurity," said Reverend Asir Ebenezer, general secretary of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), representing Protestant and Orthodox Churches in the country.

In a public appeal on Nov. 19, the NCCI referred to the brutal killing of 20 people, including women and children, since Nov. 7 in the state bordering civil war-hit Myanmar.

"Families have been torn apart, and entire communities have been displaced from their homes. Children cannot continue their studies," it said.

The NCCI also referred to the miseries caused to the people by the acute shortage of basic necessities such as food, healthcare, and transport facilities.

"The continued instability is eroding the very social fabric of Manipur, and the toll on the mental and physical well-being of the people is staggering," it said.

The spate of violence began on May 3 last year and has claimed around 250 lives besides displacing some 60,000 people, mostly Christians. Over 360 Churches have been destroyed.

"We condemn the violence in the strongest terms and express our grave concern over the lack of sufficient and timely intervention by the authorities," the NCCI said.

It regretted that the conflict remains unresolved despite numerous appeals from various sections of society.

The long-standing tensions between the predominantly Hindu Meitei majority and mostly Christian Kuki people revolve around their claims over land and government jobs.

"We believe that the failure to restore peace and security in Manipur is not only a national tragedy but also a reflection of the systemic breakdown of governance and the rule of law in the state," the NCCI added.

Meanwhile, a Church leader based in the state capital, Imphal, said: "The situation has improved a little, and there are no reports of any fresh violence in the past couple of days.

"The government has relaxed the curfew from 5 in the morning to noon from today," he told UCA News on Nov. 22.

The Church leader, who did not want to be named for security reasons, said that people are coming out of their homes and government offices have started functioning in the state capital.

However, the capital "remains a fortress with security forces, including army men everywhere," he said.

Schools and colleges continue to remain shut, and internet services remain suspended.

"Unless the wounds are completely healed, there won't be much difference in our lives," he added.

The indigenous people, mostly Christians, make up 41 percent of Manipur's 3.2 million people, while the Meiteis, who form 53 percent, control the government and administration.



FEATURED ARTICLE

How Self-Style 'Child Activist' Licypriya Kangujam Fuels Violence in Manipur

Kimi Colney

In the 18 months since May 3, 2023, when Manipur descended into violence, the situation has shown no signs of resolution. Social media platforms, particularly Twitter, have been extensively used by both the Kuki and Meitei communities to engage in hate speech and incite hostility against one another. Manipur leaders have failed to represent the broader interests of the state, instead aligning with their respective communities, further fuelling offline tensions.

The violence has persisted amid silence from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and ineffectual leadership from the BJP at both union and state levels. The government's only response has been to impose AFSPA and deploy additional forces to the state, actions that have further escalated tensions. Thousands of innocent men, women, and children have been displaced and killed. In the absence of effective governance, communities have taken up arms, believing they are the only ones left to safeguard their people.

The ethnic violence in Manipur has claimed 226 lives from the Meitei and Kuki communities, including 20 women and 8 children, between May 3, 2023, and May 3, 2024, according to an Indian Express report.

From either community, no one has had the privilege of taking the situation to an international platform—except for the world-renowned child activist Licypriya

Kangujam. At just 13 years old, she has garnered global attention for her activism and impactful speeches at universities and global summits.

But while Licypriya frequently highlights the plight of Meitei victims, her posts show no acknowledgement of the sufferings endured by the Kuki community. The child activist has 213.6k followers on Twitter, 78.5k followers on Instagram and 98.2k subscribers on YouTube. Her posts are seen by over 100,000 people.

Licypriya and her team have consistently positioned her as a representative of children in conflict worldwide, however, an analysis by EastMojo over the past year tells a different story. Reviewing her Twitter activity from November 2023 to November 2024, Facebook posts from November 2023 to June 2024, and YouTube content spanning two years, EastMojo found that in her mentions of the violence in Manipur, Licypriya repeatedly condemned the Kuki community, portraying them as “terrorists,” “illegal immigrants” and instigators of the conflict.

Regarding the term ‘terrorist’ being used to denote the Kuki population, an Editors Guild of India report

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from September 2, 2023, found that tensions between Manipur's Meitei majority and Kuki-Chin-Zo minority had been escalating long before the May 3 violence. The state government had reportedly fueled this discord by labelling the Kuki-Zo community as "illegal immigrants" and "foreigners" without evidence, despite census data from 1901 to 2011 showing no unusual population growth among non-Naga tribals.

The report also stated that the military coup in Myanmar, which brought around 40,000 refugees to Mizoram and 4,000 to Manipur, was used to label all Kuki-Zo people as illegal immigrants. This narrative, framed as a strain on resources, also served as a political strategy, with Meitei leaders leveraging fears of outsiders to strengthen their position.

The report further mentioned that while illegal poppy cultivation involved Kuki-Zos, Nagas, and Meiteis alike, Biren Singh exclusively labeled the Kuki-Zos as "poppy cultivators" and "narco-terrorists," indulging in a dangerous act of public posturing.

All of Licypriya's posts on the ethnic clashes use these same terms to refer to the Kuki population. Not a single post suggests promoting peace between the two communities or addresses the plight of children caught in the conflict from the "other" community.

Despite presenting herself as a representative of children in conflict worldwide, her posts portray the Kuki community as instigators of violence, with her humanitarian efforts often carrying a narrative of Meitei victimhood.

On November 5, 2024: Licypriya tweeted about a young woman who lost her home, blaming the Kuki community:

"She is Sister Gitanjali. She passed Class 12 last year but couldn't continue her study. Her house was burnt down last year by Kuki terrorists in the ongoing violence in Manipur. Today, I offer her 4 years full free scholarship to pursue B. Sc. Optometry at Hi-Tech Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar, India to achieve her dream. God bless!"

On November 1, 2024: She announced a fellowship for a young boy whose father was allegedly killed by Kuki militants:

"His poor father was brutally murdered in Manipur by Kuki terrorists while collecting firewood... Today, his son Ahanthem Tomba (7) will get Licypriya Fellowship for Free Education for armed conflict victim children till Class 12."

While 59,000 individuals from both the Meitei and Kuki communities have been displaced due to the violence, Licypriya exclusively highlights the plight of displaced persons from the Meitei community. On July 18, she wrote about visiting Wangjing Relief Camp, which shelters victims of violence from Moreh allegedly evicted by Kukis:

"Today visited Wangjing Relief Camp accommodating the victims of Manipur Violence from Moreh evicted by Kukis. There are over 635 people staying on this building. I listened to their grievances. They appreciated the efforts of Thoubal DC but they love to be back to their homes soon. Govt still failed to address their demands to be back to their original homes by constructing new houses."

On September 10, she recorded a lengthy video where she called on the Prime Minister to take action against the Kukis. In the video, she stated:

"Four days back, a young mother was killed in front of her minor daughter by drone strikes carried out by Kukis in Imphal, injuring many others. What action have you taken so far against them? And just the day before yesterday, a Hindu Bhagwan Svak (Arangpham) was killed at Moirang near the former CM's residence with a ballistic missile by the Kukis.

"Yesterday, an innocent old man was killed in Jiribam while sleeping, by Kuki terrorists coming from Myanmar who are fighting to form a new country called Kukiland by breaking India. But

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you react instantly when the Kukis are humiliated in Imphal. You even allow the opening of embassy-like offices for Kuki terrorist organizations in New Delhi, with their Kukiland Zomi flag, such as ITLF, Kuki Inn, COTU, KSO, etc., who are involved in recent drone and missile strikes in Imphal.”

Taking the past three months into context, while her posts about Manipur were frequent around September, they slowed down around October, but they have shot up again in November. The recent violence in Jiribam appears to have reignited her attacks on the other community. Fresh clashes erupted in the Meitei-Kuki ethnic conflict on November 7 in Jiribam district, located 220 km from Imphal on the Assam-Manipur border. In less than two weeks, around 19 people lost their lives, including 10 Kuki men, whom the police have described as “militants.” A 31-year-old Hmar woman was reportedly raped and burnt alive and a family of six from the Meitei community—women and children, including an 8-month-old—was reportedly abducted by armed Hmar men in an act of revenge. Their bodies were later found floating on the Jiri river.

Addressing this issue within the context of the global climate crisis, Licypriya delivered a speech at Delhi University’s Kirori Mal College on November 20, where she linked the ongoing violence in Manipur to a climate war. In the video of her talk, she can be heard saying:

“I think you all must be knowing about the ongoing violence, which has been going on for almost a year, in my home state, my birthplace, Manipur. From my side, I am doing all I can to represent because, you see, the illegal immigrants, the narco-terrorists—the Kukis, the other community—are coming from other nations, like Myanmar. They are engaging in massive illegal deforestation in my birthplace of Manipur, and because of that, climate change is happening—it’s a climate crisis, causing flash floods.

“Even recently, in the news, a family of ten people died. They were first held hostage by the other community, the Kukis. I heard they were brutally raped, tortured, and killed, and two men were burned alive. This behavior is unacceptable at any cost. I am using my voice, my global platform, to highlight this issue to the world at

the international level.

“What did the Indian government do? That is my question.”

Her statement was met with resounding applause.

At the G20 Summit 2024 in Brazil held from November 18-19, she characterised the ongoing Manipur crisis as a “climate war,” directly blaming the Kuki community for instigating violence and environmental destruction. In her speech, she stated:

“And also, what I would like to add is that a new climate war has started. You see, in my community, Manipur, we are facing communal violence between two tribal communities, the Meitei and the Kuki. I am very disappointed to share that in my birthplace, Manipur, an entire family of ten, including three minor children and two men, were kidnapped as hostages and killed by Kuki narco-terrorists in the climate war going on in Manipur.

“These people were held hostage, two men were burnt alive, and the minor children were found dead yesterday, floating in the river. The women were brutally tortured, murdered, and their heads were smashed. So, what I would like to say is justice for Meitei, justice for Manipur—no more deforestation. I urge all the G20 nations to make deforestation an international crime.”

While she spoke strongly against the abduction and death of the six women and children from the Meitei community in Jiribam she was silent on the news of the 31-year-old Hmar woman who was charred to death on November 7 also in Jiribam, amid allegations of rape and torture before her death.

There are also no posts to be seen on Licypriya’s Twitter or Instagram regarding the video of two Kuki women being paraded naked by a mob of men which went viral on social media in July 2023

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and ignited protests and uproar across the country.

Similarly, during an address on August 14, 2024, at MIT World Peace University in Pune, she linked the environmental degradation in Manipur to the actions of the Kuki community, painting a grim picture of the state's current condition:

“I was born in Manipur, a small northeastern state of India, a carbon-negative state with lush green mountains and a rich biodiversity. But now, that rich biodiversity is gone—it has become a climate hotspot. Right now, you may or may not know, my state Manipur is on fire. It is burning. Many illegal immigrants—the other community, Kukis—are engaging in massive deforestation to plant poppy seeds and poppy plants

Back in 2022, Licypriya went silent on social media for eight months when her father was arrested for fraud, assault and criminal breach of trust. A May 2021 story by EastMojo.com questioned the credibility of Licypriya Kangujam's environmental activism, particularly the

role of her father, Dr. KK Singh, in her rise to prominence.

According to the report, Karnajit, more commonly known as K.K. Singh kept a low public profile, even as his daughter gained widespread attention. It stated that activists pointed out that several awards Licypriya has received were reportedly from organisations associated with her father, raising concerns about the authenticity of her claims and suggesting that he might be using her as a front to further his own ambitions.

Licypriya's Facebook account is currently restricted for alleged violations. On Tuesday, she posted on Twitter about her account being restricted within India, attributing this to her outspokenness about the recent killings in Jiribam. She wrote: “This is another attempt to silence my voice. But no amount of threats can silence my voice.”

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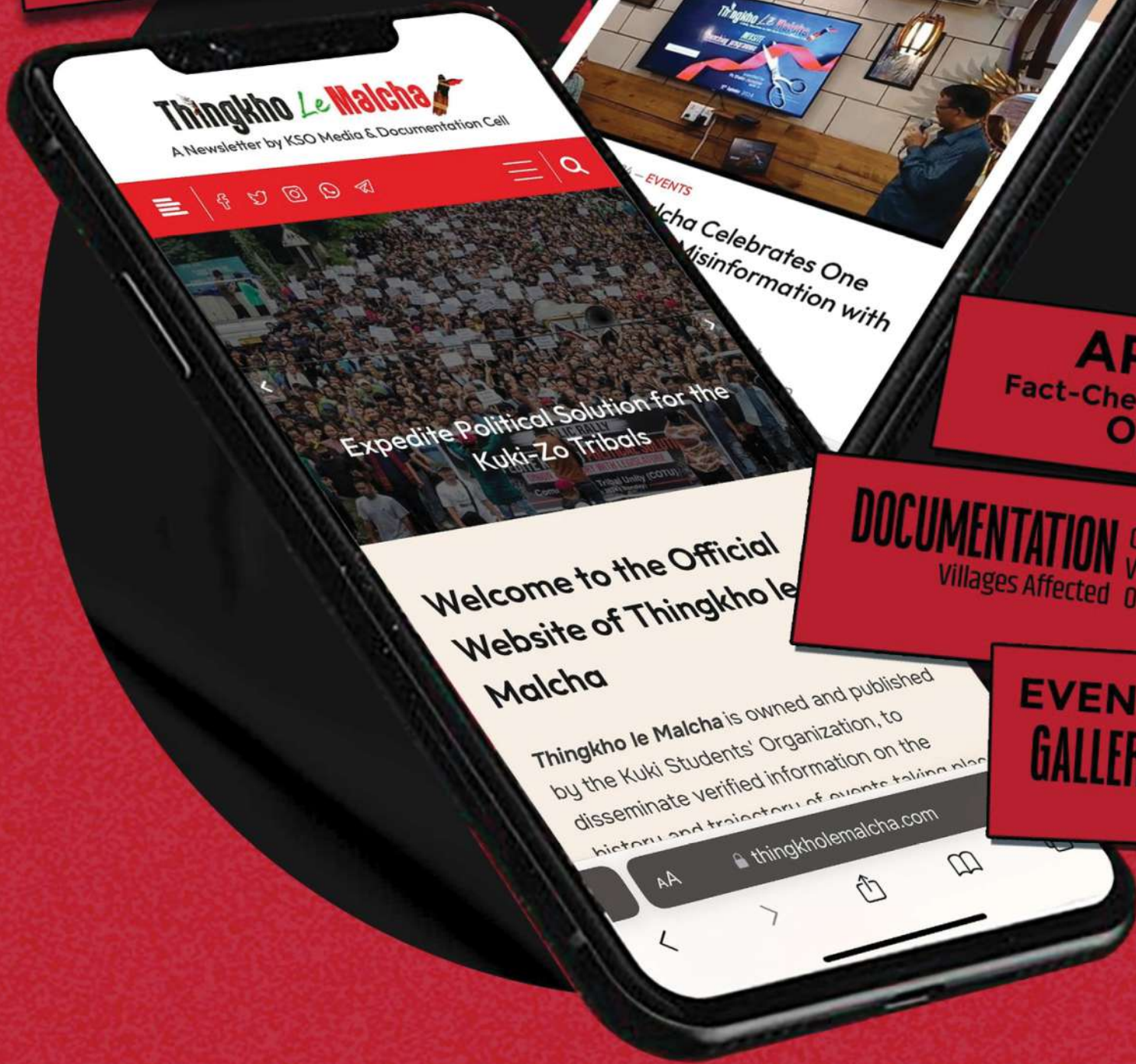


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TWIST AND TURN IN LIFE

Time goes by so fast like the wind on the 5th of November ;
With it went our happiness, sadness and bridges burned with tears.

Although those three never really leaves,
Every other things does.

For some it's a sprouting of new leaves ,
While the rest keep fighting their own demons.

For some they do not wish changes while it's crucial desire for others.
Well the some others and I weren't meant to be the least acquaintances,
For changes caused me a lot, most I did not even wish to dream off
Endless desire from the hearts of people are too profound.

Changes corrupt the mind of people,
The world with It's evolving speed
Wrap the mind of people's in It's finger
Both in war and in peace.
The clean life we all had once are far too gone.

~ Sanghoinem Chongloi