

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



LETLALKHUOL GANGTE (29 YEARS)

S/O KAMKHOMANG GANGTE

ADDRESS: NALON, LAMKA

DATE OF INCIDENT: 15TH FEBRUARY, 2024

PLACE OF INCIDENT: TUIBONG, LAMKA

CAUSE OF DEATH: VICTIM OF WALL OF REMEMBRANCE MASSACRE



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 28. 11. 2024



222
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT

1. Thangtinmang Khongsai



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 ORGANIZATIONS SLAM CEM'S STATEMENT ON MIGRANTS IN KARBI ANGLONG AS UNFOUNDED, INFLAMMATORY

Reacting sharply to the statement of Tuliram Ronghang, Chief Executive Member (CEM), Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, over the internally displaced Kuki people from Manipur owing to the ongoing violent conflict, two Kuki organizations – Kuki Inpi Assam (KIA) and Kuki Students Organisation (KSO) strongly refuted the claims, stating that Ronghang's assertions were unfounded, misleading, and potentially inflammatory, possibly exacerbating existing ethnic tensions.

The controversy stems from statements made by Tuliram Ronghang, claiming that approximately 1,000 members of the Kuki community have migrated to Karbi Anglong from Manipur due to the ongoing ethnic violence in the state. Ronghang further suggested that a meeting with Karbi and Kuki leaders would be convened to discuss the relocation of these individuals.

The organizations emphasized that such remarks could create unnecessary fear and animosity between communities and called for restraint and responsible discourse from political leaders.

In their joint statement, KIA president Thanglun Changsan, secretary Henlen Haolai, KSO president Lalhaothang Haolai, and secretary David Changsan—expressed shock and dismay, calling Ronghang's remarks contradictory, baseless, and deeply concerning.

The Kuki leaders pointed out that Ronghang's recent claim contradicted his earlier statement that the alleged 1,000 Kuki migrants had already been deported back to Manipur. They criticized the inconsistency as undermining credibility.

They argued that the claim of 1,000 migrants settling in Karbi Anglong was unrealistic, given the significant visibility and resources that such a movement would necessitate. They highlighted the lack of any substantial evidence or reports of large-scale aid efforts required for such a settlement.

The Kuki leaders emphasized that migration to Karbi Anglong during the ongoing violence in Manipur

was highly improbable. They stated that Kuki communities in Manipur are focused on protecting their villages, properties, and lives amidst the conflict.

They cited strict directives from village leaders in Manipur, discouraging residents from abandoning their villages. Those who temporarily relocated to safer areas were ordered to return promptly, under the threat of losing their claims to homes and properties once peace is restored. This, they asserted, further debunked claims of mass migration.

The Kuki organizations highlighted the potential harm of such statements, which they described as both inflammatory and divisive. They urged political leaders to exercise responsibility and avoid comments that could exacerbate inter-community tensions in the region.

The KIA and KSO expressed concern that such statements could undermine peace efforts and contribute to spreading the communal violence from Manipur to Assam. They criticized the apparent attempts by "certain elements" to provoke communal discord.

Despite the provocations, the organizations affirmed their commitment to preserving peace and unity in Assam. They emphasized their dedication to preventing the seeds of communal hatred from taking root in the state.

The Kuki groups appealed to people of all communities—regardless of tribe, caste, or religion—to reject false narratives and baseless allegations. They called for the upholding of values such as truth, peace, and harmony to maintain stability and unity. The call to focus on shared values and truth highlights the need for responsible discourse from all parties, particularly in a region where ethnic dynamics are highly sensitive and volatile.

SUPREME COURT TRANSFERS NIA CASES TO GUWAHATI, PUTS ARAMBAI TENGGOL CHIEF KOROUNGANBA KHUMAN IN SPOTLIGHT

The Supreme Court has transferred at least two National Investigation Agency (NIA) cases from Imphal to its Special Court in Guwahati, Assam, putting the Arambai Tenggol group and its leader, Korounganba Khuman, under heightened scrutiny. The apex court's order, issued on Tuesday, involved the transfer of eight criminal cases related to violent incidents in Manipur to the NIA's court in Guwahati.

According to the Imphal Free Press, two of the transferred FIRs directly implicate Khuman, the leader of the Arambai Tenggol group. The first case (NIA Case No RC-03/2024) was registered on February 9, 2024, following an attack on November 1, 2023. The NIA alleges that Khuman led a large group of armed Arambai Tenggol members, clad in camouflage, police uniforms, and black shirts, in a violent confrontation with local police. The group, reportedly acting on a call posted by Khuman on social media, attacked the Imphal East Police at the Palace Gate, fired at officers, and then escaped towards Imphal West. The case includes charges ranging from attempted murder to

sedition under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and other sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The second case (NIA Case No RC-04/2024) also involves an attack on November 1, 2023, this time targeting the 1st Manipur Rifles Battalion in Imphal. The NIA charges that Khuman led a group of Arambai Tenggol members who attacked the facility, looted arms and ammunition, and ransacked government property. The group reportedly fled when security reinforcements arrived. The charges in this case include looting, arms smuggling, and several sections under the Arms Act and UAPA.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had earlier directed the NIA to take over the investigations, and the arrest of one suspect, Mutum Rajesh Singh, further adds to the developments. Singh, 25, from Lilong Chajing Mamang Leikai, was arrested on November 30, 2023, in connection with both cases.

POST-MORTEM REPORT OF HMAR VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS ARRIVES IN LAMKA; FUNERAL PROCESS EXPECTED SOON

The much-awaited post mortem results for the ten Hmar Village Volunteers (HVV), who were tragically killed by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Jiribam on November 11, have finally reached the office of the Superintendent of Police (SP) in Lamka. The families of the deceased have officially signed to receive the report from the SP.

According to the report, it was agreed that the police would submit the post mortem findings to the Joint Philanthropic Organisation (JPO), as per the directives of the JPO. Additionally, the bodies of the deceased will be returned to their respective families for a night, though no specific date has been set for this.

A meeting involving the Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), JPO, and various tribe leaders will be held on November 29 at the YMA Hall to discuss the final burial process for the slain volunteers.

The bodies of the ten volunteers were airlifted from Silchar to Churachandpur on November 16, amid rising tensions and protests. The helicopter carrying the remains landed at the Assam Rifles Khuga Battalion helipad, where the bodies were transferred to Churachandpur District Hospital with full honors. Since then, they have been kept at the mortuary of the district hospital.

YOU HAVE FAILED, STEP DOWN: MIZORAM PARTY TO MANIPUR CM N BIREN SINGH

The Mizo National Front (MNF) in Mizoram on Thursday asked Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh to step down, alleging that his leadership has not only failed to resolve the crisis but has also perpetuated the suffering of innocent people.

In a statement, the MNF said the ongoing crisis in Manipur, “exacerbated by the catastrophic failure of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh’s government”, demands immediate and resolute action. The party alleged that the suffering “inflicted upon our Zofate brethren” due to ethnic conflict has reached intolerable levels.

“Chief Minister Biren Singh’s inaction and misuse of power have only worsened the situation, making his continuation in office both untenable and shameful... We demand that Chief Minister Biren Singh step down immediately,” the MNF said.

It asked the Centre to take urgent, decisive action to end this crisis once and for all.

“As of November 22, 2024, the violence claimed 219 lives of our ethnic kin, destroyed nearly 360 churches, and left countless others injured. Over 7,000 homes have been burnt, and 200 villages reduced to ashes. More than 41,425 individuals are displaced, forced to live as refugees within their own country. Such atrocities demand not just leadership but an unrelenting pursuit of justice and restoration,” the MNF said.

In a nation celebrated as the world’s largest democracy,

the continued erosion of human rights and attacks on religious sanctuaries betray the foundational values of justice and secularism, the party further stated.

“The plight of our fellow Zofate weighs heavily on our collective conscience. The MNF government, under (previous) Chief Minister Zoramthanga, had shown exemplary leadership in extending substantial assistance to the displaced,” the statement said.

“Refugees from Manipur, Myanmar, and Bangladesh have been provided with food, shelter, and education. Even now, MNF leaders and MLAs have travelled to Manipur, offering direct support to our affected kin,” it added.

“We call upon all Zofate to unite and safeguard the lives and livelihoods of our people. This is a time for resilience, compassion, and unwavering solidarity. We urge the people of Mizoram to continue their efforts, both individually and through organisations, to extend their support with renewed vigour,” the statement added.

The MNF commended its Rajya Sabha member K Vanlalvena for raising this issue “with courage” in parliamentary debates, amplifying the voice of the Zofate community and advocating for justice. (The New Indian Express)



If people come together they can even mend a crack in the sky.

— *African Proverb*

INDIA BLOC TO HOLD PROTESTS IN DELHI OVER MANIPUR SITUATION: CONGRESS LEADER

Manipur Congress chief Keisham Meghachandra on Thursday said the INDIA bloc is planning to launch protests in New Delhi to demand normalcy in the strife-torn northeastern state.

National leaders of the alliance could take part in the proposed demonstrations in the national capital, he said.

Manipur has been rocked by ethnic violence since May last year, which has claimed over 250 lives.

“When is the state government planning to bring an end to the violence in the state? And why has it allowed the violence to prevail. Many political leaders in the assembly and outside it have urged the dispensation to initiate talks, but till today there has been none,” Meghachandra told reporters here.

“We have many times asked for a meeting of political parties and urged the PM to visit the state. The situation in Manipur has worsened because the voice of the people has not been heard by the government,” he claimed.

Meghachandra also criticised Chief Minister N Biren Singh and the council of ministers for “frequent closure of educational institutions and internet ban”.

“The India bloc has resolved to launch an agitation in Delhi with national leaders of the coalition... probably from next week. We are making preparations and a team is likely to head to Delhi soon,” he added. (IndiaTodayNE)



Astor Kukizo(KUKI KA PARIVAR)
@Khulkonns_3382



The first woman killed in Manipur violence Nu Gouzavung ,she is Under Secretary to government of India on the first day of the violence by #Meira Paibis (Meitei women and mobs)

They have crossed all humanity since day one ...

@RasushAnkita @Iam_amby @iamharmmeetK
@RavinderKapur2 @Kiaraa_jain



On May 4, multiple incidents were reported. Mrs. Gouzavung and her son were killed in Lamphel area of Imphal, after a violent mob attack. Two other Kuki-Zo women from B. Phainom Village in Kanggui district were subjected to public humiliation and gang rape by a mob that overpowered the police. Mrs. Chingthianniang was also brutally attacked in Lamphel with severe injuries leading to her hospitalisation.

On May 5, two young Kuki-Zo girls working at a car wash were allegedly raped and murdered by Meitei miscreants in Imphal's Mamang area.

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Chief Minister Biren Singh's inaction and misuse of power have only worsened the situation, making his continuation in office both untenable and shameful. His leadership has not only failed to resolve the crisis but has also perpetuated the suffering of innocent people. We demand that Chief Minister Biren Singh step down immediately. Furthermore, the Central Government must take urgent, decisive action to end this crisis once and for all, ensuring that the people of Manipur reclaim their democratic rights and dignity.

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**OPINION****Peacekeeping Efforts Through Force Will be Immaterial Unless Centre Finds Solution to Kuki-Zo's Political Problem****P. Goumang**

Any attempt to restore peace through force by the Government of India in the already divided State of Manipur will neither resolve the ongoing ethnic tension between the Meiteis and Kukis nor bring permanent peace in the state.

To rush additional central security forces to contain the escalating violence will be impractical and untenable. Instead, the Government of India should have the political will to resolve the problems through formalization of separate administrative units for each warring party.

In a recent press conference, the State's Security Adviser, Mr. Kuldeep Singh had said that the Centre is sending over 10,000 more soldiers to ethnic violence-hit Manipur, taking the total number of companies of the central forces to 288 in the northeastern state.

With the addition of 90 companies, or approximately 10,800 personnel of the central forces, the total number of companies deployed in Manipur has reached 288, Kuldiep Singh had told reporters in the state capital Imphal.

If the mayhem in Manipur can be resolved by directing some instructions to bureaucrats and cops or reviewing security measures, it would have been sorted out in May 2023 itself. It needs political will to act which is totally absent in the BJP-led Narendra Modi's government on critical national challenges.

Deploying more central security forces sans addressing the core problems or reading the sentiments of the people will undoubtedly invite more violence and could probably cost more lives and properties in the escalating violence.

Ways to resolve Crisis:

If the Centre has to show real sincerity to resolve the crisis, it is very simple. First, it should acknowledge that the incumbent narcissistic Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is the main cause and architect of the violence and he should be removed immediately from the top of the helm. Secondly, AFSPA needs to be reimposed in all valley areas and subsequently, all looted weapons should be retrieved back after banning Biren's private militia groups like Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, etc., under the UAPA Act. Thirdly, the Kuki-Zo people's political demand, which is genuine and legitimate, should be taken up sooner than later.

It is more understandable that the Meiteis and the Kuki-Zo can no longer coexist under one administrative unit as the two communities now live in their own ancestral homelands, separated through buffer zones. Physically, ethnically and emotionally, they are already separated following completion of an unprecedented population exchange last year.

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One of the best evidence that the Meiteis and Kukis can no longer co-exist is that even the Meitei small kids are brainwashed to annihilate the Kuki-Zo people from their own soil. The brainwashing and radicalisation of Meitei children against Kukis clearly demonstrates that the present genocide is just a prelude, and the future where Kukis and Meiteis will coexist is clearly a myth. More than Kukis, Meiteis are very clear that Kukis cannot live with them anymore.

In a footage which recently got viral on social media, the Meitei minor kids are indoctrinated into hating and annihilating entire Kuki-Zo people. They were let to chant genocidal words - "Annihilate Kukis" - along the roadside in full public glare. This radicalisation shows the inevitability of the Separate Administration for the Kuki-Zo people. This represents the most severe ethnic violence the country has witnessed and the two warring communities cannot coexist under a single administration.

Truth must prevail:

Since the beginning of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom, false narratives have been created in Manipur, suggesting that the Kukis are not original

Manipuris but are from Myanmar. This propaganda, supported by the state government, aims to demean the Kukis and their history. The fascist regime of N. Biren Singh has laid the foundation for such misinformation.

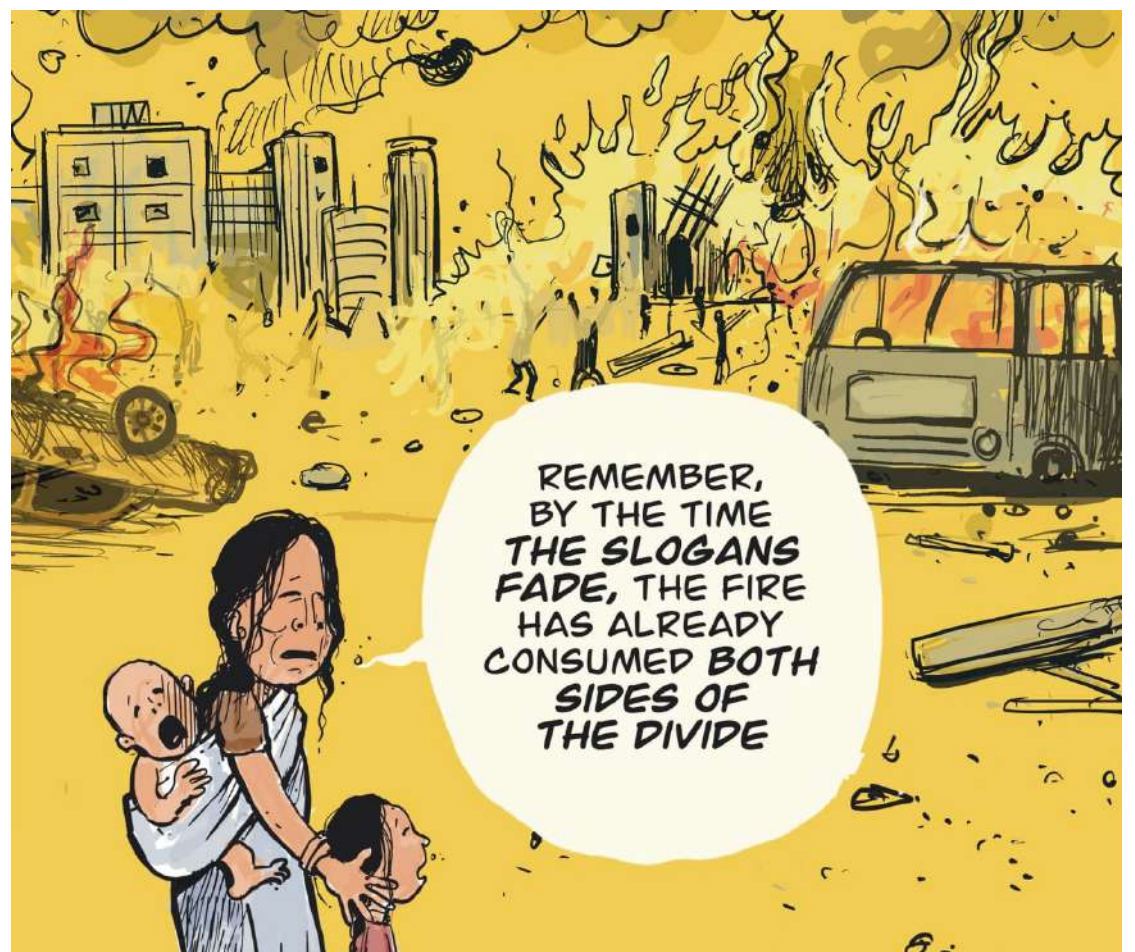
Even after 19 months of majoritarian persecution against minority tribals, it is unlikely that N. Biren Singh, along with his coteries, will change his stance, as he enjoys support from the insane Meitei populace who share his views. He is responsible for the deep divide between communities and has blood on his hands. He needs to be tried for serious criminal charges as per the law of the land.

For peace to prevail, truths have to be acknowledged and justice must be done. Anyone who bears responsibility must be held accountable. Peace cannot be built on lies and ethnic cleansing.

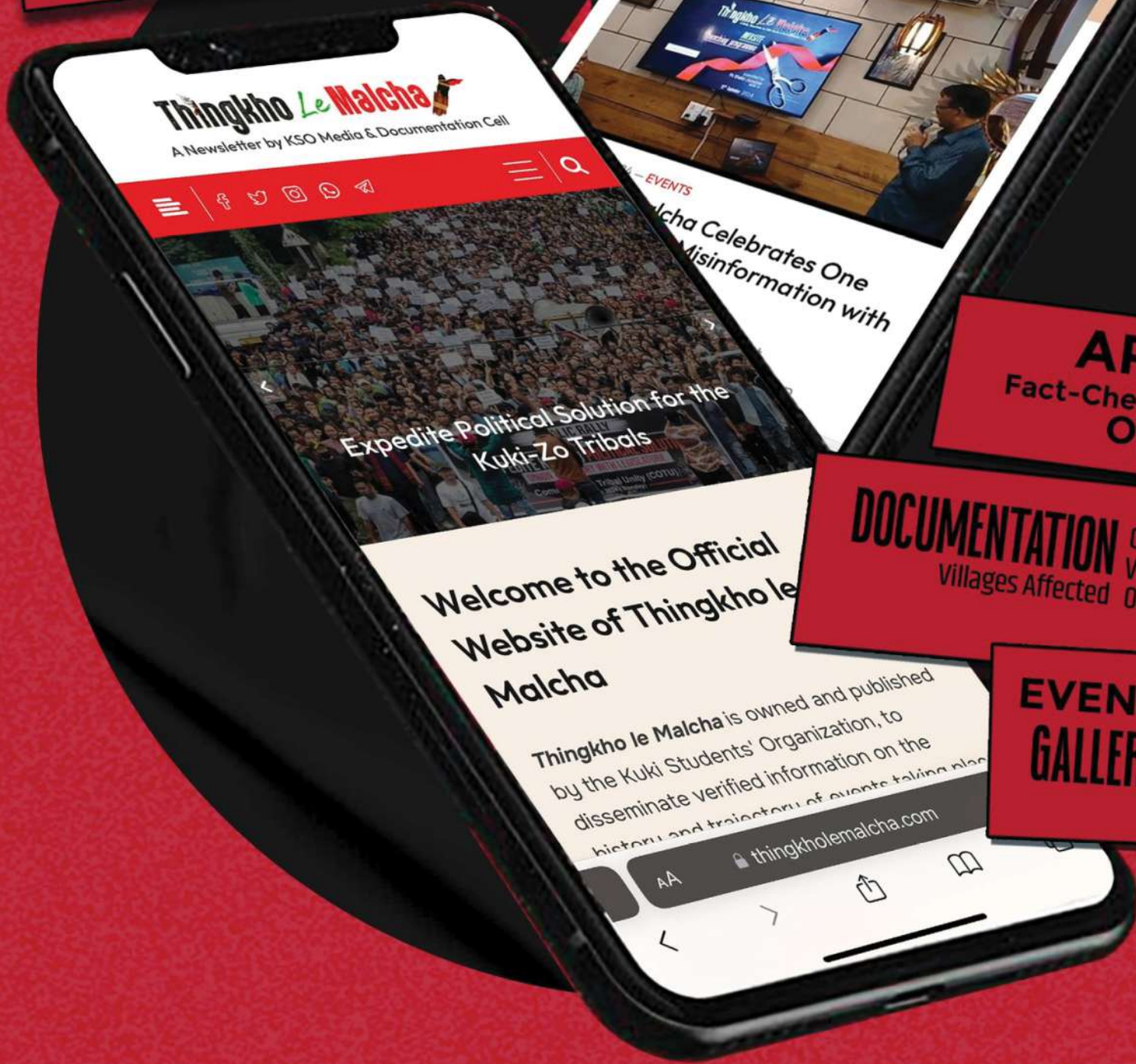
More importantly, Kuki-Zos' political demand for Union Territory with Legislative power should be granted for permanent peace in the region so that the warring communities can co-exist as good neighbours.



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NEVER AGAIN IS NOW

Never Again is Now, a cry that echoes near,
A call to remember, the wounds that bring us here.
The weeping widow, the child who starves with pain,
The mother's cries, a haunting refrain.

Their tears, a testament to the suffering they've known,
Their hunger, a reminder of the injustices sown.
The Meitei's hand, a force that brought them to this place,
A legacy of pain, a burden they cannot erase.

We remember the past, the atrocities that were done,
The lives lost, the families torn, the futures undone.
We honor their memory, by standing strong and tall,
By demanding justice, by refusing to fall.

Never Again is Now, a vow we make today,
To stand with the oppressed, to drive the oppressors away.
To bring hope to the hopeless, to heal the wounds of old,
To build a brighter future, where all can live with dignity to hold.

~ *Diana Phiamphu*