

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



MANGMINCHUNG HAOKIP (29 YEARS)

S/O THONGNGAM HAOKIP

ADDRESS: G. GELBUNG, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF INCIDENT: 19TH APRIL, 2024

PLACE OF INCIDENT: SADAR HILLS

CAUSE OF DEATH: DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY (BP STROKE)



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.

MEITEI TERROR GROUPS RENEW INDISCRIMINATE FIRINGS ON KUKI AREAS ALONG BUFFER ZONES

Fresh tension escalated on Thursday as the Meitei terrorist outfits including Biren's private militia group of Arambai Tenggol opened fire towards the Kuki areas along the buffer zones between the Kukis' Kangpokpi district and Meitei-dominated Imphal-East district.

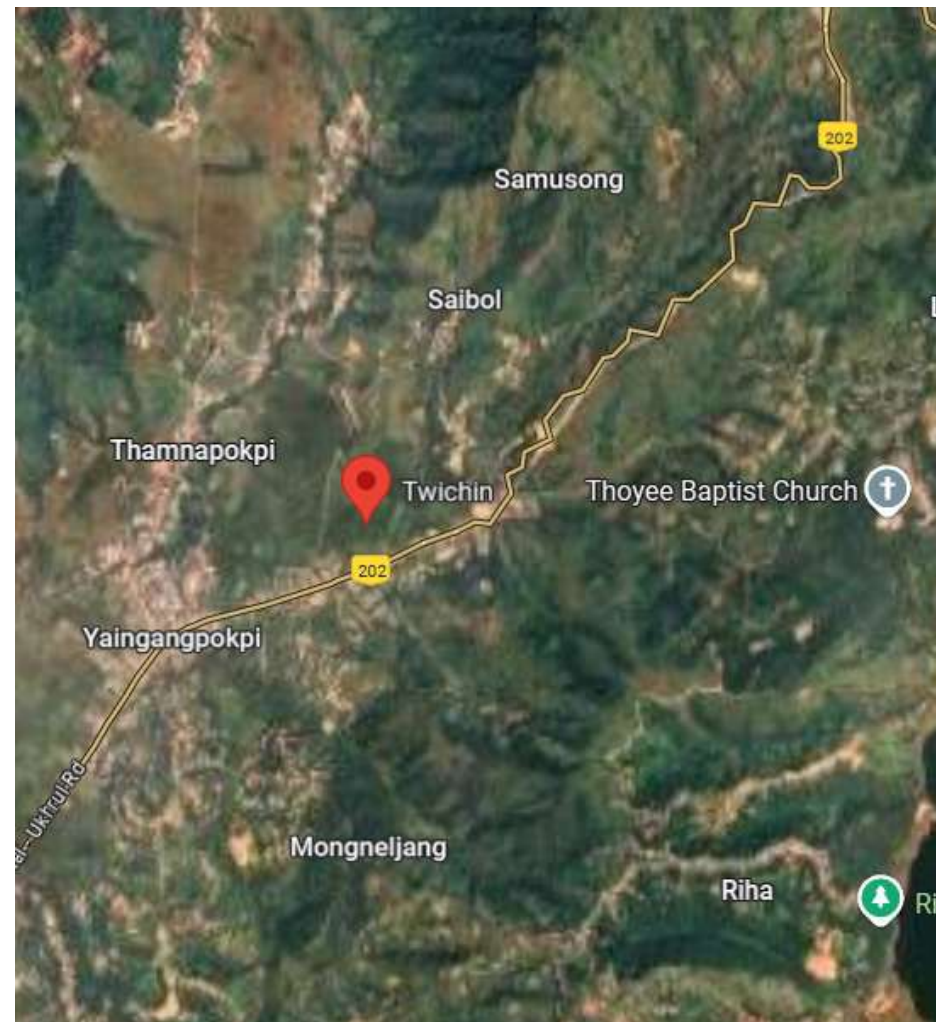
The Meitei terror groups carried out indiscriminate firings on the Kukis ancestral villages of Twichin, Phaimol located under Lhungtin Block of Saikul, Kanggui District, at around 7:30 PM today using sophisticated weapons including powerful mortars. The aggressive stance of the Meitei terrorists was retaliated by the Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers (KZVV) and the ensuing gunfight battle lasted for about three hours.

Till the filing of this report, there is no report of casualties from both warring communities. Tension still high in the vulnerable Saibol areas.

Despite the presence of Central Security Forces along the buffer zones between the two warring communities, the Meitei militants can continue to launch attacks on the Kukis' Saibol areas. This latest attack on the Kukis indicates that the escalating violence against the Kukis cannot be resolved by deploying large contingents of Central forces; but by solving the political problems of the Kuki-Zo people.

The Government of India must realise that the warring communities can no longer co-exist anymore under one administrative unit. For bringing permanent peace in the region, separate administration for the Kuki-Zo must be granted sooner than later.

It may be recalled that the Kuki areas of Twichin, Phaimol and surrounding villages were already burnt down by the



Meiteis' armed groups during the early parts of the state-orchestrated violence last year. Recently, the Kukis have begun to re-settle their ancestral land under heavy protection of the Village Volunteers.

Since the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis began on May 3 last year, at least 220 Kuki-Zo civilians have lost their precious lives and hundreds of people sustained injuries. More than 200 villages and 7000 houses including 360 Churches and Synagogues have been torched, vandalized and 42000 internally displaced.

Tension still remains between the warring communities, and peace and normalcy elusive even after 19 months of the violence.

‘WE SAID MANIPUR, HE THOUGHT KAREENA KAPOOR’: PAWAN KHERA TAKES A JIBE AT PM MODI; DELETES IT

Congress leader Pawan Khera took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi who met the Kapoor family on the 100th birth anniversary of Raj Kapoor. In a post that has now been deleted, Khera said that PM Modi mistook their request to visit Manipur to understand meeting actor Kareena Kapoor.

“Hum toh boley the Manipur, woh samajh baithe Kareena Kapoor (we said Manipur, he thought Kareena Kapoor),” said Khera.

PM Modi, during the meeting with the Kapoor family, suggested they make a documentary on the showman, considered widely to be India’s greatest. He said that there is a lot of talk about “soft power” now in diplomatic circles but Raj Kapoor had established India’s soft power all over the world at a time when this phrase did not even exist.

“Can we do something, probably a film that captures Raj Kapoor’s imprint on the hearts and minds of people of Central Asia... He had a big impact on their lives in Central Asia and I think we should resurrect it and connect it with the new generation. We should do something to link this and I think it is possible,” PM Modi said.

A day after, Kareena Kapoor had posted that the Kapoor family was invited by PM Modi for the meet. “We are deeply humbled and honoured to have been invited by the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to commemorate the extraordinary life and legacy of our grandfather, the legendary Raj Kapoor,” she said, thanking the prime minister.

The family also invited PM Modi to attend the Raj Kapoor Film Festival, organised by PVR INOX Limited and the Film Heritage Foundation from December 13 to 15. The festival would span 101 cinemas across 34 cities.

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

Khera’s now-deleted post came after the opposition parties continued to ask PM Modi to visit violence-hit Manipur. More than 250 people in Manipur have been



killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year.

The ethnic violence first broke out after a ‘Tribal Solidarity March’ was organised in the hill districts to protest the Meitei community’s demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi said that Manipur is in a humanitarian crisis but instead of finding a solution, the government is sending paramilitary forces and enforcing the AFSPA, which is adding to the violence. Gogoi said that the people of Manipur want to know when PM Modi would visit the state. “This government, in order to hide its failure in Manipur, is using George Soros as a shield,” Gogoi said.

Meanwhile, Manipur BJP accused Congress of having links with Kuki-Zo organisations. BJP general secretary K. Sharatkumar alleged, “The World Kuki-Zo Intellectual Council recently wrote to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Rahul Gandhi urging them to introduce a Kuki Political Solution Bill to create a separate Union Territory for Kuki-Zo people,” adding that this is proof of the link between Congress and Kuki organisations.

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TAKE STEPS TO END VIOLENCE IN MANIPUR: MIZORAM MP TO CENTRE

Mizoram's sole Lok Sabha representative from Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) Richard Vanlalmangaiha on Thursday urged the Centre to facilitate negotiations between the conflicting communities in Manipur. According to a ZPM press release, Vanlalmangaiha delivered this address in Parliament.

"The MP expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Centre for providing large amount of money for humanitarian assistance to the tens of thousands of refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh as well as internally displaced people from Manipur who are the blood brothers of the people of Mizoram," the statement said.

In his Lok Sabha address, Vanlalmangaiha highlighted the prolonged ethnic conflict in Manipur, which has resulted in over 200 casualties, displaced more than

50,000 people, and led to the destruction of over 300 Christian churches. "It is high time the central government takes concrete steps to end the horrific violence within its territory and find an amicable solution," he said.

He emphasised that life, which is exclusively God's creation, deserves utmost respect, and warned of additional casualties without a resolution. He noted that while the Centre has deployed additional paramilitary forces, peace would remain elusive without reconciliation between the communities.

"I demand that the central government initiate dialogue with the two communities and bring them to a negotiating table for permanent peace in Manipur," he said. (TOI)

THOUSANDS BID FAREWELL TO KUKI-ZO POLITICAL ICON THANGMINLEN KIPGEN

Thangminlen Kipgen, a respected four-time MLA from Kangpokpi Assembly Constituency and former Manipur minister, passed away at 71 after a long battle with cancer. A prominent leader among the Kuki-Zo community, Kipgen dedicated his life to public service, championing the rights and development of tribal communities. Thousands gathered in his native village of Haipi to mourn and pay their respects, reflecting his deep impact on the people of Manipur.

Born on July 7, 1953, Kipgen's political career spanned from 1995 to 2011, during which he held key roles, including Minister of Power, Minister for Horticulture and Soil Conservation, and Chairman of the Hill Areas Committee. A member of several political parties over his career, he also served as the President of the National People's Party (NPP). Kipgen focused on improving education, youth welfare, infrastructure, and addressing social issues like drug abuse, earning widespread respect.



He is survived by his children and extended family. Kipgen's leadership and contributions leave a lasting legacy of development, unity, and inspiration for future generations.



FEATURED ARTICLE

Encounter Killings of 10 Kuki-Zo Men in Manipur Shows BJP Government in Poor Light

Manoj Joshi

The autopsy report of the 10 Kuki-Zo young men who were killed on November 11 in an alleged encounter with the CRPF in the Jiribam district of Manipur raises serious questions on the nature of the incident. According to a report in the Times of India, the post-mortem conducted by the Silchar Medical College and Hospital in Assam says that most of them died of bullet wounds which were predominantly from the back.

The implications of this are obvious, though there has been little comment from the authorities. Sadly, the media, too, seems to be playing down what could possibly be a very serious case of extra-judicial killings which have added fuel to the already raging fire in Manipur.

The young men were reportedly killed near the Borobekra police station. The police claimed that the militants dressed in camouflage uniforms and armed with sophisticated weapons, including automatic guns and rocket-propelled grenades, had attacked the police station and an adjacent CRPF camp in which one CRPF constable was injured.

Now according to the autopsy report, the bodies had multiple bullet wounds, but most of them from behind which would hardly be the case had they been

the attackers. The unequal casualty count of the alleged militants and the police is also suggestive of a fake encounter.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), a Kuki-Zo organisation, has said that those killed were village volunteers and not militants and that they had been out on a patrol to protect fellow tribals when the incident occurred. On December 5, the men were buried at the Martyrs cemetery in Sekhen village after the bodies, some mutilated and missing an eye, were flown back from Silchar.

The ITLF has demanded a judicial probe into the killing of these young men and in a letter to the Union home minister Amit Shah, they said that “the post-mortem reports of the deceased clearly show that the men were shot from the back, proving that they were not engaged in a gunfight with the security forces when they were gunned down.” The letter goes on to say that they could have been ambushed or murdered after capture.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is already probing the incidents which have enraged the tribal communities in the state. They have registered

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three cases in connection with the Manipur violence after the Ministry of Home Affairs handed over the investigations to the agency, but none of them seem to directly deal with the specific incident of the death of the 10 Kuki-Zo tribals. What the NIA is reportedly doing is investigating the alleged attack on the CRPF at the Jakurador Karong and Borobekra police stations by the armed militants.

A tragic outcome of this incident was the deaths of three children and three women belonging to the Meitei community. Meitei groups alleged that they were kidnapped and murdered by the Kukis in retaliation for the deaths of the Kukis who had allegedly attacked the police.

The root of this current phase of violence allegedly began when a woman from the Hmar community, which is predominant in the Jiribam area, was set on fire at her home at Zairawn on November 7. This resulted in the train of violence involving the deaths of the 10 tribal youth as well as the three women and three children belonging to the Meitei community.

It has been more than a year since violence broke out in Manipur following Kuki protests against giving the dominant Meitei community official tribal reservations that had earlier been exclusively given to the Kuki and Naga communities. Since then violence, often akin to a civil war has wracked the state involving the Meiteis and Kukis leading to horrific incidents of violence and

arson. A reprehensible aspect of this has been the targeting of women of both communities.

The prolonged instability in Manipur has huge negative implications for the country's Act East policy. Moreh in Manipur is the point from which the ambitious India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway starts from. It is a major entry point from India into Myanmar. The state government led by N Biren Singh of the BJP seems unable or unwilling to check the conflict.

The union government, too, seems to be twiddling its thumbs. The only time the prime minister has commented was in July when he said that the "entire country had been shamed" and that "no guilty will be spared" in relation to an incident when Kuki women were stripped naked and paraded and allegedly gang raped.

It represents a major political and administrative failure on the part of the BJP. Under any other circumstances, the union government would have dismissed the ineffectual state administration. Instead, they have dug in their heels, but to what end is not clear.

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A bridge is repaired only when someone falls into the water.

— *African Proverb*

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Peacekeeping efforts through force will be immaterial unless the centre finds solution to the Kuki Zo's political problem

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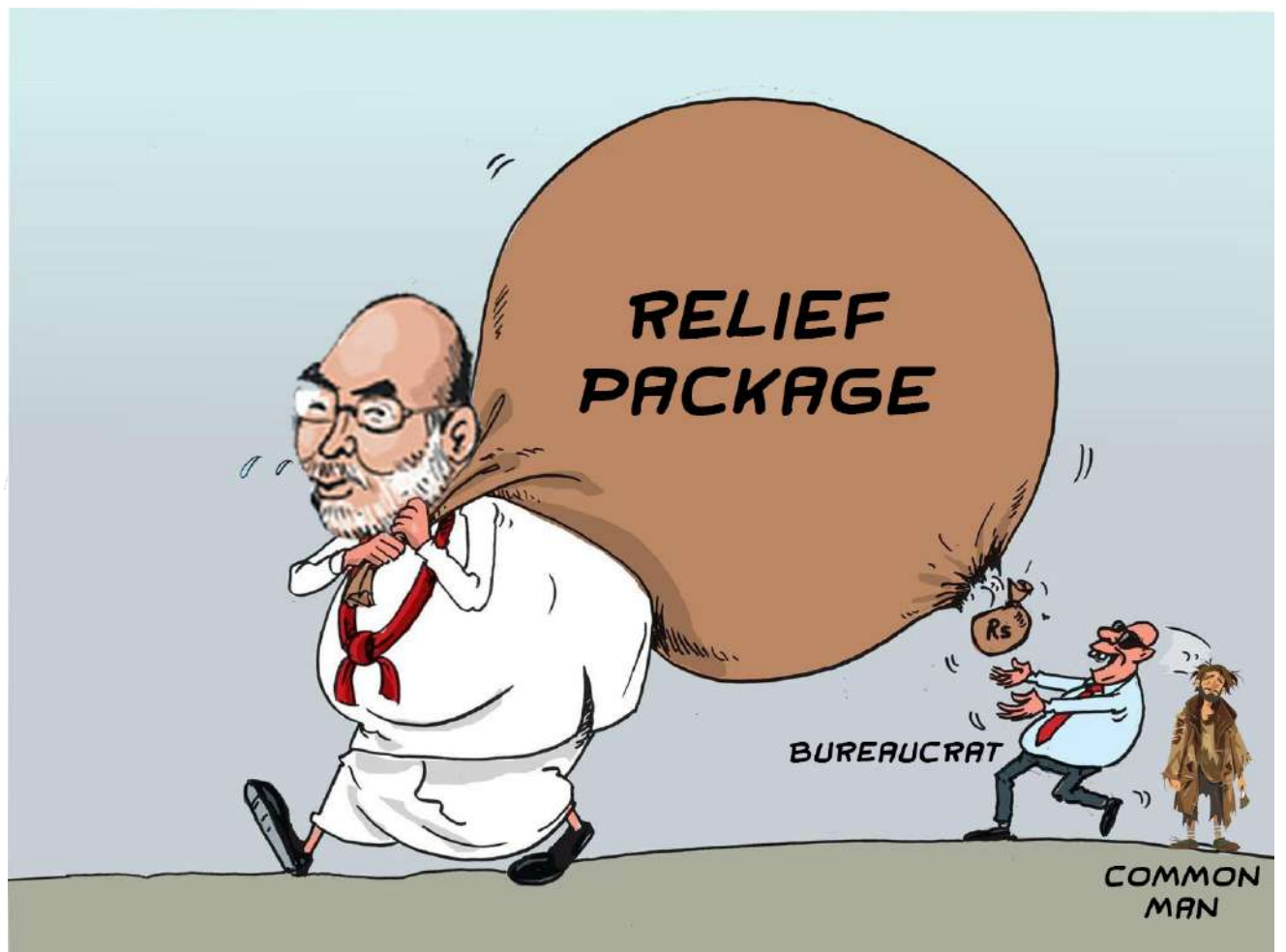
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SADASTIC COMMUNITY: THE MEITEI

Crime against women is a strong suit of the Meiteis,
In fact they excel this morbid art like none,
Even terrorist groups must be ashamed
By this act of criminals with no humanity at all.

Our women were paraded naked, molested and raped,
This sick community have no qualms of killing,
Women and children were killed in the most gruesome manner,
Sending shockwaves, anger and revulsion across the land.

While the Manipur police looked the other way
The Meitei mob unleashed one of the most savage acts.
In the heart of Imphal city, innocent people, women folks
Were hunted and hounded, dragged and murdered.

In fact rape and crime are used as a weapon of war,
It's a horrific reality we cannot ignore.
The world should stand together against this evil misdeed,
And fight for justice for Kuki's innocence.

— Jangjantlan Khampui