



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13. 12. 2024



223
DEATHS

1. Lunkhohao Haokip



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.

MEITEI CM BIREN SINGH REACHES SENAPATI BY AIR AFTER KUKI-ZO COUNCIL'S WARNING

In a dramatic turn of events, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Wednesday opted to travel by helicopter to Punanamei village in Senapati district for the 'Robvena Ni' festival, following a warning from the Kuki-Zo Council (KZC). The council had previously raised concerns over his planned route, which was to pass through Kangpokpi district, citing heightened tensions in the region.

The Kuki-Zo Council issued a strong statement on December 17, urging the Chief Minister to reconsider his journey through Kangpokpi, warning that it could exacerbate the already volatile situation in the region. The Council accused Singh's administration of involvement in violence against the Kuki-Zo people, alleging that under his leadership, the Meitei State Government had aligned with extremist groups to target the Kuki-Zo community.

Given the current unrest, the KZC emphasized the risk of further conflict, asserting that the presence of Singh in the Kuki-Zo areas could provoke additional tensions. "Sentiments among the indigenous Kuki-Zo people are running high," the council's statement warned, highlighting the possibility of public unrest. It also cautioned that any attempt to breach the designated



buffer zones could endanger both the Chief Minister and his entourage.

The Kuki-Zo Council further insisted that any negative outcomes resulting from the Chief Minister's visit would be the sole responsibility of the state government. The KZC called for the cancellation of Singh's trip to preserve community harmony and ensure the safety and well-being of all involved.

In response to the warning, the Chief Minister chose to fly directly to the festival venue rather than risk traveling through the contested district. His air travel underscores the ongoing tensions in Manipur and the complex security situation facing political leaders in the region.

MANIPUR CONGRESS ACCUSES PM MODI OF IGNORING MANIPUR CRISIS

The Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) staged a protest rally in Imphal today, criticizing both the BJP-led state government and the central government for their failure to restore peace and normalcy in the violence-hit state.

MPCC president Keisham Meghachandra expressed frustration with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of the Manipur crisis, accusing him of ignoring the people's pain while prioritizing a meeting with the Kapoor family.

This statement referred to a recent meeting between Modi and the famous Bollywood's Kapoor family, which has drawn criticism amid the ongoing violence in Manipur.

The Kapoor family had met the Prime Minister to invite him to the Raj Kapoor Film Festival, which marks 100 years of the legendary actor and filmmaker's legacy.

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Manipur continues to grapple with unprecedented violence, curfews, and widespread lawlessness, leading to numerous deaths and a growing sense of uncertainty among its citizens

Despite the gravity of the situation, the Congress claims that both the central and state governments have failed to effectively address or resolve the crisis.

The Manipur Congress has called for immediate government intervention to end the crisis and restore normalcy for the sake of the people and the nation.

The Congress party also submitted a memorandum to Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, urging the central government to take immediate action to end the 19-month-long turmoil in the state

The memorandum called for the swift resettlement of internally displaced persons, secured movement of citizens between districts, and an urgent restoration of peace and security. (NELive)

MANIPUR SITS FILE CHARGE SHEETS IN JUST 6% OF 3,023 CASES

Nineteen months after ethnic violence erupted in Manipur, the 42 special investigation teams (SIT) constituted by the Supreme Court have filed charge sheets in only 6% of the 3,023 registered cases.

According to a report accessed by The Hindu, charge sheets pertaining to rape, sexual offences against women, arson, loot, murder, and other heinous acts have been filed only in 192 cases.

The SITs, constituted in August 2023 by drawing police officers from across the country, had till November 20 arrested 384 persons, identified 742 suspects, and examined 11,901 witnesses. As many as 574 accused persons have been charged so far.

The SITs also seized 501 weapons looted from police armouries in the State and 13,464 ammunition.

It was not clear if trial had begun in the cases.

One of the SITs led by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officials that was probing the May 4, 2023 sexual assault of two Kuki-Zo women, who were paraded naked by a mob, filed a charge sheet against six accused, including a juvenile, in October 2023.

The case was registered and transferred to the CBI in July 2023, more than two months after the incident took place as a video of the women being paraded

naked went viral.

Despite the charge sheet being filed in the case by the CBI in a Guwahati court last year, the trial is yet to begin as directions are awaited from the Supreme Court, a lawyer who is monitoring the cases said on condition of anonymity.

Six groups

Per the directions of the Supreme Court, the SITs were divided into six groups — one group for cases of murder and heinous crime; one for rape and sexual offences against women; and four for cases of arson, looting, and other crimes.

The districts of Imphal East, Imphal West, Kakching, Bishnupur, Churachandpur, and Kangpokpi had six SITs each, while Thoubal and Tengnoupal had three each.

The report stated that the 42 SITs were investigating 126 cases of murder, nine cases of sexual crimes against women, and 2,888 cases of loot, arson, and other property crimes.

More than 4,500 weapons were looted from police armouries in Manipur after ethnic violence erupted between the tribal Kuki-Zo people and the majority Meitei community on May 3, 2023. (The Hindu)

UNLF EXTORTED CRORES IN NAME OF ‘LIBERATION STRUGGLE’, USED IT TO ‘EXACERBATE MANIPUR VIOLENCE’—ED PROBE

A letter dated 7 October 2023 from the director of finance, United National Liberation Front (UNLF), addressed to a businessman, demanding a “contribution” of Rs 10 crore for the “ongoing liberation struggle of Manipur against Indian colonial rule”.

Another letter, dated 18 September 2023, demanding Rs 2 crore.

These letters have been put on record as evidence by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in its investigation of a money-laundering case involving UNLF cadres in Manipur. The letters are included in a chargesheet filed by the ED in a special PMLA court in Delhi and seen by ThePrint.

According to the ED’s probe, funds worth crores were extorted by cadres of the UNLF from the general public and businessmen, and lakhs were collected by way of unauthorised collection of toll taxes at national highways to exacerbate the ethnic unrest in Manipur.

The ED’s investigation found that cadres of the UNLF collected this money in cash and such funds were raised as “part of a larger conspiracy”.

The ED had initiated its investigation into the matter in July 2023, based on a case registered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The NIA’s case pertained to a “transnational conspiracy” hatched by Myanmar-based terror outfits, operationally active in the northeastern states, to “exploit the ethnic unrest in the state of Manipur” and “to wage war against the Government of India”.

The ED had arrested two men—Thokchom Gyaneshor and Laimayum Anand Sharma—on 16 October under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), following which a chargesheet was filed on 12 December. The court took cognisance of



the chargesheet Wednesday.

‘Funds used for recruitment, training’ The funds collected through extortion, the ED said, were utilised in a planned manner for the “recruitment and training of UNLF cadres, acquisition of illegal arms and ammunition, arranging logistics and maintenance of the organisation and its camps as well as individual expenses of cadre”.

“This money was collected and was used to wage war against the Government of India and execute terrorist attacks, thereby exacerbating the security situation in Manipur,” an ED officer said.

According to the ED, an analysis of digital devices seized from the accused revealed that they were actively involved in the “raising of funds, preparation of budget and acquisition of illegal arms”. The UNLF is a proscribed terrorist organisation established in 1964 with the aim of making Manipur independent from India.

“It also has an armed wing called Manipur People’s Army (MPA). Thokchom Gyaneshor was self-styled Chief of Army Staff of UNLF and also remained the self-styled Secretary, External and Regional Affairs Department (ERAD) of UNLF. Laimayum Anand Sharma was self-styled Intelligence Officer of UNLF”, the ED said in a statement. (ThePrint)

ENPO ACCEPTS CENTRE'S FRONTIER NAGALAND OFFER



The Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) has agreed to a temporary arrangement proposed by the Government of India (GoI) for Frontier Nagaland (FNT).

The decision was made following a crucial tripartite meeting held in New Delhi on December 13.

The meeting, which was convened after discussions between the ENPO and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Committee in August, was attended by representatives from the Centre, the Nagaland Government, and the ENPO.

While the ENPO's primary demand remains a separate statehood for Eastern Nagaland, the organization has accepted the FNT proposal as an interim solution. "The Demand of the People of Eastern Nagaland is for a separate Statehood 'Frontier Nagaland. However, the

ENPO having considered the difficulties of the Government of India at the present juncture had decided to temporarily accept the offer of the GOI for FNT, a Unique Arrangement with Executive, Legislative and Financial Autonomy," the ENPO said in a statement.

The FNT arrangement offers a unique framework with executive, legislative, and financial autonomy for the region.

The ENPO expressed optimism about the ongoing negotiations, stating that it has confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to fulfill the FNT proposal in the interest of the people of Eastern Nagaland.

A subsequent round of discussions is scheduled for early January 2025 to address remaining issues and finalize the FNT arrangement. (NENow)



Mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent.

— Adam Smith

**NEWS ANALYSIS****Leaders of Manipur Nagas are Hypocrites, Unprincipled**

Recent developments of inviting the chief architect of Manipur violence, N. Biren Singh, by leaders of Manipur Nagas or Kuchha Nagas in their festivals, amid tensions between the warring parties, clearly indicate that they have deserted a set of principles they are supposed to faithfully follow, thus losing dignity in their political aspiration. They cannot be called 'men of principles'.

It is ironic that the Nagas of Manipur are shouting 'Greater Nagalim' to be carved out of Manipur; but in reality, they are embracing or supporting Manipur's territorial integrationists like N. Biren Singh. It seems that their dream of fulfilling the much-touted "framework agreement", signed between NSCN(IM) and the Government of India, has been blown in the wind.

All they did against the Kuki-Zo people, even in silly matters, proved that they took a less neutral stance in letter and spirit on ground (even though they speak of neutrality in their mouths). Their actions manifest that they are more of "Manipuris" than "Nagamese".

For instance, during the Robvena Ni festival held in the Naga-inhabited Senapati headquarters, the Meitei CM N. Biren Singh has sought the help of Manipur Nagas for peace and integration, which the Nagas

happily complied. He said, "The role of the people of Senapati district is huge. The role of the Naga Peoples' Organisation, Senapati District Students' Association, United Naga Council Headquarters and other civic societies is huge in protecting the unity and integrity of the state and strengthening the indigenous communities of Manipur".

This shows that even though they speak of Nagas sovereignty in their mouth, their actions are for "United Manipur", together with the Meiteis. They are hypocrites, unprincipled.

The Manipur Nagas should note that the Bible calls hypocrisy a sin. Here are some examples of how the Bible describes hypocrisy - Matthew 6:2, 5, 16: Jesus rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy. Job 8:13: "The hypocrite's hope shall perish". Matthew 23:3: Hypocrisy is the failure to practice what you preach. Matthew 23:25-28: Hypocrisy is appearing outwardly righteous to others, while actually being full of uncleanness and self-indulgence. Matthew 7:15: Jesus called hypocrites "wolves in sheep's clothing". Matthew 23:27: Jesus called hypocrites "whitewashed tombs". Matthew 23:33: Jesus called hypocrites "snakes," and "brood of vipers".



FEATURED OP-ED

Bad Santa of Manipur

Lt. Gen. Prakash Katoch (Retd.)

Doctored news about the volatile situation in Manipur is rampant in the mainstream media. A small glimpse of the ground situation posted on November 17, 2024 can be read here (<https://news4masses.com/manipur-supreme-court-india/>), which covered; Chief Minister N Biren Singh using Arambai Tenggol (AT), UNLF and police for ethnic cleansing, his cross-border links; the Manipur Tapes saga, no dialogue with Kuki-Zo MLA's; rape, torture and burning alive of Zosangkim Hmar (mother of three), followed by 10 suspected Kuki insurgents killed by the CRPF unleashing fresh wave of ethnic violence; gunfights, arson and shutdowns rocking Manipur despite additional central forces pumped in; AT caught on camera ordering CRPF, NSCN (IM) general secretary threatening to resume armed resistance, etc.

Post-mortem reports of 10 Kuki-Zo youths killed in supposed encounter with CRPF on November 11 shows multiple fatal bullet injuries mostly from behind. The bodies, brought for postmortem to a hospital in Assam on November 14 were in early stages of decomposition; four bodies each had one eye missing – indicating severe torture. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) maintains they were village volunteers. After the burial ceremony, with a Mizoram delegation in attendance, in Manipur's Churachandpur District on December 5, 2024, the ITLF reiterated its demand for a separate administration in Manipur.

Had the encounter involved the Army, there would

have been hell to pay, a string of court martials and the mainstream media rubbing the Army's face in mud. But central and state administrations remain soft and silent on police forces. Not surprising that the Telangana High Court has ordered a second post mortem of suspected Naxalites killed by the CRPF in an encounter amid allegations that the victims were poisoned and/or sedated and shot dead in cold blood.

Extortion and anarchy in Imphal Valley by the AT became the order of the day with shopkeepers and businesses hurt the most. There were numerous extortion threats by the AT, especially in urban areas such as Imphal city and the district headquarters in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi during October 2024, as reported by locals to the media. The Centre has pumped in 288 additional companies of central forces in Manipur but violence and extortion has continued. On November 25, 2024, Lashiram Kamal, a Meitei went missing from the Army Camp at Leimakhong and is still missing.

The takeover of Imphal by AT armed cadres roaming freely in vehicles is on record, with no security forces in sight, which must be the result of the governance of Biren Singh. Same was the case when the AT forced the MLA's and even a junior union minister to congregate and take an oath of

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allegiance, Biren Singh can hardly absolve himself of this default.

Now the AT chief Korounganba Khuman is reportedly on radar of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for the above with the Supreme Court transferring the case from the NIA Court in Imphal to the NIA Special Court in Guwahati. Khuman and eight others are also involved in two other cases (shifted from Imphal to Guwahati) for attacks on police, looting arms and accusations by Kuki-Zo groups of orchestrating attacks on their community since violence began in May 2023.

However, with the strong bond between Biren Singh and the Korounganba Khuman-led AT, all these cases are expected to be no go. The so-called “looting” of arms from police/IRB armouries, which happened in mid-2023 quite possibly with full knowledge of the state administration and according to ground sources. The official figures of 4,000 plus weapons and 50,000 rounds of ammunition (actual figures being many times more) were “distributed” to Meitei militants (read AT).

There is also news of action being taken against three AT cadres for extortion and possessing firearms. Is this to show a semblance of justice? AT maintains it began as a youth group of valley-dominant Meitei and took up arms when violence broke out in May 2023. But, how did AT expand to an incredible armed strength of 15,000 to 20,000? Biren Singh will not dump AT, his private army, which he has so lovingly nurtured, armed, and given a free run. Concurrently, a lawyer indicates Biren Singh has raised another group (EYOOM); his personal elite 200-250 strong force of well trained, heavily radicalized fighters drawn from police commandos and foreign outfits.

The veracity of this would be known to Biren Singh and the Centre but EYOOM was raised in January 2024 as a socio-cultural group. Will it be expanded and armed like the AT?

A dicky bird in the core of the national hierarchy says our aim is to arm every Hindu. Fair enough, but why in Manipur and why by looting police/IRB armouries? Why not systemize it and tap the illegal weapons business in the country, imports included, like narcotics under political patronage? In a recent article, GK Pillai, former

union home secretary with the reputation of an upright officer, has called for criminal charges to be filed against CM N Biren Singh. But this is hardly possible because Biren Singh is the blue-eyed boy of the Centre, especially of the union home minister. Despite the burning state, Manipur doesn't even have a full-time Governor, giving a free hand to the chief minister. Not only this, nothing will come of the Manipur Tapes Case which purportedly shows Biren Singh giving instructions for ethnic cleansing of tribals and related actions.

The story earlier circulated was of Bangladeshi Islamists helping the Kuki-Zo, indicating severe discrepancies between announcements and reality; radical Islamists helping Christian tribals (Kuki-Zo, Hmar and Nagas) instead of killing them? The story having fallen flat, Biren Singh is accusing P Chidambaram the root cause of the crisis in Manipur and the entire northeast.

The question raised is why is Chidambaram not prosecuted and jailed/hanged for this? What has Biren Singh done as chief minister in the last seven years (since 2017) other than branding indigenous tribals as infiltrators and indulging in ethnic cleansing?

Biren Singh began his first chief ministership in 2017 portraying himself as the Santa Claus of the Meitei, who are Hindus. He never realized Kuki-Zo, being tribal fighters, would not take ethnic killings lying down; the backlash was inevitable. So, Meitei are also suffering and call him the “Bad Santa of Manipur”. They say we don't understand what is the Centre's policy? Why the intransigence to burning Manipur? A veteran asks, “Why is the prime minister ineffectual and avoiding visiting the area? Is this the development of the northeast the political hierarchy is thumping its chest about?”.

Unfortunately, the reality is far more hideous than what has managed to emerge from the dark depths of Manipur; watch this a must see expose; ugly truth of not only promoting and arming an organization like AT in Manipur but opening its

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branches in New Delhi, Chandigarh and West Bengal. It lays bare the perverted administration at the Centre and the State, as also an intransigent judiciary. The latter is far more dangerous than the Supreme Court query on how an electronic voting machine (EVM) could log 1,500 votes in a time period where at best 660 votes can be logged; which is quietly shoved under the carpet.

India chants Jai Shri Ram and preaches Shri Krishna's Gita gospel of moral code of conduct, human values and the like, but is promoting terrorist organizations as barbaric as ISIS? The West is already celebrating Christmas but America has handed Syria to Al Qaeda where Christians can't celebrate Christmas on pain of death. Are we imitating the US by celebrating Maha Kumbh 2025 next month while Manipur burns?

Finally, why cry about inimical forces trying to destabilize India when we willingly present this asymmetrical

battlefield? What message are we giving to the coming Trump Administration – only killing of Hindus in Bangladesh? The Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) has been sparingly reimposed but not in all Manipur and the deep state is already protesting to repeal it altogether. The Centre is giving no indication of changing from ethnic cleansing of tribals, placing more restrictions on them and contemplating abrogation of the SoO agreement, which will aggravate the situation more. The average Meitei doesn't want violence but is trapped in vicious political games

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THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ

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"Manipur Violence is ethnic, not terrorism or religious"-Amit Shah @AmitShah

This strong statement from UHM @HMOIndia is a tight slap on Biren's regular false narratives against the Kuki tribal.

This is purely state-sponsored #EthnicCleansing against the minority Kuki-Zo community in Manipur. Protect the minority community by granting #SeparateAdministration



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Come rain or shine.

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