

Thingkho Le Malcha

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Merry Christmas 2024

May the joy of Christ's birth
fill your heart and home this
Christmas and throughout
the coming year.





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.

KUKI WOMEN UNION DEMANDS EQUAL TREATMENT FROM NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AMID ONGOING MANIPUR VIOLENCE

The Kuki Women Union (KWU) GHQ has issued a strong press release calling on the National Commission for Women (NCW) to treat Kuki women with the same level of attention and concern as women from the majority Meitei community. The Union highlighted the ongoing discrimination faced by Kuki women amid the violence in Manipur, which has persisted for over 19 months.

In their statement, the KWU expressed profound disappointment that the NCW has remained silent on the suffering of Kuki women, despite the prolonged conflict in the region. The situation was further exacerbated when A. Asholi Chalai, Joint Secretary of the NCW, was reportedly biased in directing the Director General of Police (DGP) of Manipur to act on a representation submitted by the Republican Party of India (Athawale), an action that has raised questions about the NCW's impartiality.

The KWU questioned whether political party representations were a prerequisite for the Commission

to address grievances, pointing out that the Commission has failed to take action on the issues affecting Kuki women. They also expressed concerns that their minority Christian community's suffering is being ignored due to religious and ethnic biases.

The press release includes a demand for the NCW to take immediate and impartial action to ensure justice for Kuki women, urging the Commission to direct the DGP of Manipur and other relevant authorities to uphold the rule of law and deliver justice without prejudice.

In a stern warning, the KWU declared that if the NCW continues to overlook their concerns, they may be forced to seek support from international organizations dedicated to ensuring justice and fairness for marginalized communities.

SNATCHED SUV LINKED TO ARAMBAI TENGGOL MEMBER; INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY: MANIPUR POLICE

In connection with a case reported on October 1, 2024, where unidentified armed miscreants forcibly snatched an SUV (Fortuner) from a civilian in Imphal West district, it has been established that the stolen vehicle was used by an Arambai Tenggol (AT) member, Asem Kanan Singh (50), son of A. Ibochouba Singh, currently residing in Uripok Sorbon Thingel, Imphal West, along with his associates.

A statement by the Manipur Police Control Room said "acting on this information, a joint team of security forces conducted a raid on December 22, 2024, at the residence in Uripok Sorbon Thingel". However, the

accused and his associates were not found at the location. During the raid, the following items were seized one DVD machine of a CCTV camera, one four-wheeler vehicle (i-20), three olive-green bags, one life jacket marked as SDRF (yellow in color), one air gun marked as Hurricane MOD-18 and two bulletproof jackets with metal plates (black in color).

Further investigations are underway to apprehend the accused and uncover additional details related to the case, the statement said. (NET)

MANIPUR CONGRESS DEMANDS AMIT SHAH'S RESIGNATION OVER REMARKS ON BR AMBEDKAR

Gaikhangam, former Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur and a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), has condemned Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on Dr. BR Ambedkar, made during a discussion in Parliament on "75 Glorious Years of the Constitution of India."

On December 17, Amit Shah reportedly said, "It is a fashion to say Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar... if God's name is taken so many times, then they would have attained heaven (Swarg) seven times."

Congress leaders, including Gaikhangam, described the comments as satirical and disrespectful toward the Father of the Indian Constitution.

Gaikhangam criticized the remarks, calling them "highly condemnable and in bad taste." He joined Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in demanding an unconditional apology from Amit Shah and called for his immediate resignation.

The Congress leader highlighted that when MPs from the INDIA bloc peacefully protested the remarks, BJP MPs allegedly created chaos near Makar Dwar in the Parliament premises. Gaikhangam accused BJP members of violating security protocols by bringing rods and sticks into the area, leading to physical confrontations with opposition leaders.

Mallikarjun Kharge, who was injured during the commotion, had to be provided a chair after sitting on the ground in protest. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, AICC General Secretary, led the demonstrations with several women MPs, who were allegedly pushed and misbehaved with by male BJP MPs.



Gaikhangam condemned the BJP for attempting to shift focus from pressing national issues, such as the Adani controversy and the Manipur crisis. "The BJP is trying to divert attention from real issues by attacking the Constitution and its champions," he stated.

Reaffirming his commitment to constitutional values, Gaikhangam vowed to resist any attempts to undermine democracy. "We will not let this attack on Dr. Ambedkar's legacy and the Constitution go unchallenged," he said.

The Congress party continues to press for Amit Shah's resignation, emphasizing its stand against any perceived affront to the principles enshrined in the Constitution.

MEITEI MILITANTS LAUNCH FRESH ATTACK AGAINST KUKI CHRISTIANS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

As usual, the Meitei militants including Biren's private militia group of Arambai Tenggol, in cohort with the State Police Commandos, have disrupted Kuki-Zo Christians' festive season by indiscriminate firing towards Saibol area late night today.

The aggressive attack against the Kukis using sophisticated weapons including mortars occurred today at around 11:20 PM when the Kuki Christians began the celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday. This shows that the Meitei do not respect the Christian communities even in their largest festive season, but took a chance to annihilate all of the Kuki-Zo ethnic Christians, which is a clear violation of Fundamental Human Rights enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Sources said that during the whole day, the Meitei militants were well prepared to carry out aggressive attacks on the Kuki area under Kangpokpi district, adjoining the Meitei ancestral homeland of Imphal-East.

The attack began late night today wherein the Kuki-Zo Village Volunteers, who are guarding their ancestral land in the Hills, only retaliated after sometime. Gunbattle thus ensued, and the firing continued until the filing of this report.

There was no report of casualties from both the warring groups until now.



This latest attack clearly indicated that the Meiteis are hellbent on persecuting the minority Christians since the beginning of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom in May last year. So far, more than 220 Kuki-Zos' precious lives have been lost and thousands internally displaced as a result of Meiteis' atrocities. More than 200 villages including 7000 houses were burnt down and 360 Churches or religious structures were torched and vandalized.

Notably, most of the villages in Saibol Kuki area were already burnt down by the Meitei armed groups in August last year and the people have re-started re-settlement a few weeks ago. The villagers are presently guarded by the Village Volunteers in order to re-claim their lost ancestral homeland.



A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

— Benjamin Franklin



NEWS ANALYSIS

Biren's Plan for Working Together of Newly Inducted IRB Personnel from Meiteis, Kukis Unrealistic

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As the situation of civil war between the Kukis and Meiteis is still tense and they are physically and demographically separated, working together as a

team in the police force is impossible in the near future.

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Frankenstein Monsters of Imphal Still Walk Free; NIA Toothless Against Majority Community

In the wake of the ongoing State-orchestrated ethnic cleansing pogrom, selective enforcement of law is also being applied in partisan manners, possibly along ethnic lines.

The Governments of the days, both at the Centre and State under the BJP regime, are seen acting in favour of the majoritarian views over the persecuted Kuki-Zo people's genuine cause, thus applying more leniency of laws towards the majority Meitei community. As is evident in the public domain, criminal cases involving Meitei extremists are overlooked while swift actions are taken against the Kuki-Zo individuals.

A credible instance is the NIA cases of Korounganba Khuman, Chief of Arambai Tenggol. The criminal cases were filed in February this year but still kept in abeyance for months without taking any action. Despite grave charges against him, he continues to evade arrest and still walks free. Even if often seen brandishing looted weapons openly in the streets of Imphal, NIA still fails to find him. His continued evasion from arrest proves that he is deliberately protected by the higher authority, as is evidenced from the 'Manipur Tapes' - the self-incriminating audiotapes of N. Biren Singh.

Is NIA spineless in the absence of the Supreme Court's intervention? Hypocritically, India's investigating agencies have become toothless when it comes to criminal cases against the Meiteis; but acted like a lion in cases related to minority Kuki-Zo people.

One cannot fathom why NIA or CBI is still beating around the bush over grave charges against the Meitei radicals despite credible evidence of their crimes fully available in the various platforms. This shows that equal laws are applied unequally, and being a minority is a curse in this largest democracy of India.

Criminal cases of AT Chief:

Reports stated that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is investigating two cases of attacks on police and arms loot involving the chief of Arambai Tenggol (AT), a private militia group. Given the security situation, the Supreme Court of India had transferred the two cases from the special NIA court in Imphal to Guwahati, as requested by the Agency.

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According to NIA, Khuman led a group of AT cadres “armed with sophisticated weapons, sticks and other deadly weapons” wearing police uniforms and camouflaged dresses came in several vehicles and assembled at the Palace Compound in Imphal East district around 5:30 pm on November 1 last year. The mob had gathered following Khuman’s post on Facebook, which when translated from Meitei, meant “please come all brave brothers, let us teach them a final lesson today”.

“When they were stopped by the Imphal East police at the palace gate, the group fired at police, overpowered the local police and proceeded through Sanjenthong bridge towards Imphal West side in many light vehicles,” NIA said in its FIR.

The second case against Khuman was a continuation of incidents related to the first one on November 1. As per FIR, the AT chief and his supporters went to the northwestern gate of the 1st Manipur Rifles and ransacked government offices and belongings including vehicles and looted the arms and ammunition from the 1st Manipur Rifles battalion. After the arrival of reinforcement of security forces including civil police, Assam Rifles and CRPF, the assailants escaped with arms and ammunition looted from security personnel.

The FIR charged Khuman and his associates with armed rioting, obstructing public servants, snatching, robbery, criminal conspiracy, terrorist act, looting of firearms from police/security force and unauthorised use of police/defence uniform.

AT involvement in Genocide:

Formed in 2020 as a socio-cultural outfit by cadres of Meitei militant groups under the patronage of CM N. Biren Singh and Leisemba Sanajaoba, Rajya Sabha MP, Arambai Tenggol has metamorphosed into a terror organisation aimed at protecting the interests of the

Meitei religion of Sanamahism and their so-called historical Meitei Kingdom of Kangleipak, using violent means, if needed. This radicalised armed outfit has become a Frankenstein monster beyond the control of the people who created it.

The cadres of Arambai Tenggol are responsible for all crimes against the Kuki-Zo community; and in some instances, targeted Nagas and even Meiteis opposed to their tactics. Their direct involvement in the genocide is seen in the burning of villages, churches, and horrendous crimes against Kuki-Zo women, infants, children, elderly and hundreds of innocent civilians.

The group was also in the spotlight this year when it summoned all Meitei MLAs, MPs and ministers to a meeting at the Kangla Fort in Imphal on January 24 and forced them to take an oath of allegiance which is seriously inimical to the framework of the Indian Constitution. When 3 MLAs, including two from BJP and the state Congress chief K Meghachandra refused to comply, they were assaulted by AT cadres.

Separate administration for peace:

In these current circumstances and beyond, there is no possibility that the Meiteis and Kukis can co-exist peacefully as before. The Meiteis are still preparing to annihilate the Kukis, and unless the two warring communities are separated under two administrative units, peace and normalcy will remain elusive forever.

As the two groups are physically, ethnically, demographically and emotionally disintegrated, the only way forward is granting Union Territory with Legislative powers for the Kuki-Zo people.

SOCIAL MEDIA
THE BUZZ

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This is the situation after writing a neutral report.

Tell me, who would want to report on Manipur? Who would want to the truth? Who would care about Manipur?

Johnson
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Separate Administration through Violence and editor @EditorRajan's support to the secret war.
Kukis had initiated a Crisis in Manipur on May 3, 2023 by attacking Meitei village at Torbung area. Editor Rajan still diverts/hides the real @rashtrapatibhvn @PMOIndia @AmitShah



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The News Track
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#Manipur: Another day in the era of "peaceful coexistence," where sponsored, military-grade drones are purchased by #Meitei group target #Kuki #Christians. Who could question the state's role in : With such killings, one has to wonder—does this "peace" they're for only begin once there are no Christians left to oppose them?



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A FRONTLINE CHRISTMAS

Aw, December, the festive cheer,
The coldest month of every year,
A time for laughter and love, season of joy,
Yet sorrow lingers in this space.

While others gather 'round the Christmas tree,
With laughter, songs, and dance,
Our Tahchapa, our Tahchanu stand,
Guarding homes with trembling hands.

No warm coats to shield the frost,
No feasts, no songs, no lights aglow—tradition lost.
The echoes of church bells seem far away,
Replaced by the watch of night and day.

No warm embrace, no festive cheer,
No carols sung for loved ones near.
Their Christmas dawns with muted grace,
Yet courage shines in every face.

Oh, frontline warriors, brave and true,
Let the spirit of Christmas still burn in you.
For your sacrifice is a gift divine,
A beacon of hope through troubled times.

~ Thongminthang Lhungdim