

# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



H A P P Y

# 2025

*new year*

May the year ahead be graced with fresh hopes, dreams anew,  
And milestones achieved, shining through.

May justice bloom where hearts long to be free,

**A Separate Administration for the Kuki-Zo community.**





## 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.



## CLASH ERUPTS BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND WOMEN PROTESTERS IN SAIBOL VILLAGE; MULTIPLE INJURIES REPORTED, EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN DECLARED IN SAIKUL

Security forces allegedly used tear gas and physical force against Kuki-Zo women protesters in Saibol village, Kangpokpi district, on December 31, leaving multiple people injured and sparking outrage across the region.

The confrontation erupted when local women gathered to protest what they described as the “forceful occupation” of community bunkers by security personnel. According to witnesses, the situation escalated when forces deployed tear gas against the unarmed demonstrators.

“It was like a battlefield,” said one protester who requested anonymity. “We came to voice our concerns, not to face war tactics.”

Several women reported being physically assaulted during the incident. Multiple protesters required medical attention, with some travelling two hours to reach the nearest hospital while others received first aid in nearby villages.

“This is not law enforcement; it’s sheer oppression,” a local leader said angrily, denouncing the actions of the security forces. “To use such brute force against innocent, unarmed women is a gross violation of human rights. These are not mere allegations but evidence of systemic abuse.”



Kangpokpi CSOs leaders have demanded an independent investigation into the incident. We will not let this atrocity be swept under the rug,” one leader stated firmly. “Justice must prevail, and those responsible must face the consequences of their actions.” Local organisations are now considering protests along National Highway 2 in response to the incident.

Meanwhile, an emergency shutdown has been announced in Saikul, Manipur on December 31 after locals clashed with security personnel in Saibol when local women gathered to protest what they described as the “forceful occupation” of community bunkers by security personnel. According to witnesses, the situation escalated when forces deployed tear gas against the unarmed demonstrators.

## KUKI APEX BODY CONDEMNS BRUTALITY AGAINST WOMEN BY CENTRAL SECURITY FORCES IN SAIBOL AREA

The Kuki Inpi Manipur has strongly condemned the recent violent actions by the Central Security Forces against Kuki-Zo women in the Saibol area, describing the attack as “wanton brutality” and a violation of basic human rights. The assault, which involved physical manhandling, molestation, and the use of lathis and tear-gas shells, resulted in serious injuries to many women who were standing guard to protect their ancestral lands and freedom.

In a statement, the Kuki Inpi highlighted the alarming nature of the attack, pointing to the increasing terrorization of the Kuki-Zo community and suggesting that there may be complicity between the Central Security Forces and radical Meitei armed groups. The statement emphasized that the security forces, entrusted with the

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responsibility to uphold justice and peace, must not show bias or partiality in their actions, and must not contribute to the cycle of violence and insecurity.

The Kuki Inpi also demanded that buffer zones established in the region be respected and strictly enforced. They called on the Central Security Forces to take immediate and decisive action to disarm the Meitei armed groups, who have been destabilizing the lives of the Kuki-Zo people.

The statement further stressed that the continued violence against Kuki-Zo women is a stark reminder of the urgent need for justice and accountability. The Kuki Inpi called for immediate intervention by the central government, human rights organizations, and the

international community to address the ongoing violence, particularly in Saibol and other affected areas.

“The Kuki-Zo community will not stand silent in the face of oppression,” said Janghaolun Haokip, Secretary of Information & Publicity for the Kuki Inpi Manipur. The organization urged all stakeholders to act decisively in order to ensure the safety, dignity, and rights of the Kuki-Zo people, especially women, who have increasingly become targets of brutal attacks. The statement concluded by calling for an end to the cycle of violence and a renewed commitment to justice and human dignity for all communities in the region.

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## ITLF WOMEN WING: CAPF ASSAULT ON KUKI-ZO WOMEN DURING CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR CAUSED FEAR, TRAUMA AND SUFFERINGS

The Women Wing of the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) has strongly condemned the physical assault on Kuki-Zo women by the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) during a peaceful protest against violence in the Saibol-Twichin area of Kangpokpi District.

The brutal attack, which occurred earlier today, resulted in serious injuries to more than 30 women, with some suffering severe head injuries. The ITLF has described this incident as a gross violation of human rights and an affront to the dignity of the Kuki-Zo community. The women were protesting peacefully when they were subjected to unwarranted physical violence by the CAPF.

This disturbing incident is even more significant as it took place during the Christmas-New Year period, traditionally a time for celebration, peace, and unity. Instead of joy, the actions of the CAPF have caused fear, trauma, and suffering to the Kuki-Zo community, already reeling from months of conflict.

The ITLF Women Wing has emphasized that this attack

will not go unnoticed and will be closely monitored by the global Kuki-Zo community. “This brutal incident has deeply wounded the sentiments of the Kuki-Zo people,” the statement read, “and we demand justice for those affected.”

The group has called for an immediate cessation of CAPF operations in the region, urging the government to take concrete steps to prevent further violence and hold the perpetrators accountable. Additionally, the ITLF demands an end to what they perceive as biased actions by the government, particularly against Kuki-Zo villages. “The Kuki-Zo people never attack unless provoked,” said the ITLF Women Wing, calling for peace and an end to attacks on Kuki-Zo villages by Meitei forces.

The ITLF Women Wing has expressed its solidarity with the women of Saibol-Twichin and reiterated its demand for justice for the victims of the assault.



# WITHDRAW CENTRAL FORCES FROM SAIBOL OR FACE INDEFINITE BLOCKADE ON NH-2: WARNS CoTU

Amidst escalating tensions in Kangpokpi District of Manipur, the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) of Sadar Hills has issued an ultimatum to the authorities, demanding the withdrawal of Central Forces from Saibol village by 4 pm on December 31.

Failure to comply, CoTU warns, will trigger an indefinite economic blockade on National Highway 2, a critical transportation route connecting the region to the rest of the country.

The demand follows a violent incident in Saibol, where security forces allegedly used tear gas and physical assault against Kuki-Zo women protesting the occupation of community bunkers by Central Forces. The crackdown reportedly left 15 women injured, with three in critical condition at Saikul Community Health Center (CHC). One victim has suffered severe eye injuries, further intensifying outrage in the region.

Denouncing the government's actions as a blatant human rights violation, CoTU spokespersons have vowed to take a firm stand. "Our people have suffered enough. The use of excessive force on unarmed women is unacceptable," a CoTU representative stated. "If our demand for the withdrawal of forces is not met by the deadline, we will enforce a complete blockade of National Highway 2."

The proposed blockade threatens to paralyze the region's transportation and commerce, with potentially severe economic consequences. As the region's lifeline,



National Highway 2 is pivotal for the movement of goods and essential services. The disruption would escalate the already volatile situation, heightening tensions between the Kuki-Zo community and the authorities.

"This blockade is not a choice but a necessity," the spokesperson added. "The government has pushed us into a corner. We demand justice for the injured and an end to the occupation of our community spaces."

The Saibol incident has sparked widespread condemnation and intensified calls for accountability. Community leaders and human rights advocates have decried the actions of security forces, urging the government to address grievances before the situation spirals further out of control.



**Leaders think and talk about the solutions.  
Followers think and talk about the problems.**

— John C. Maxwell

# KUKI WOMEN GROUPS CONDEMN BRUTALITY BY CENTRAL SECURITY FORCES IN SAIBOL VILLAGE

Various Kuki women groups have strongly condemned the actions of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) in Saibol-Twichin, Lhungtin sub-division, Kangpokpi District, on December 31, 2024. The Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) denounced the violence perpetrated by the forces against peaceful protesters, primarily Kuki women, who had gathered to voice their concerns over escalating violence and insecurity in the region.

The KWOHR described the incident as a direct violation of human rights, highlighting that the central security forces, whose mandate is to maintain peace and order, instead engaged in brutal and excessive actions. The protest, which was aimed at addressing increasing violence by Meitei radical mobs and the lack of protection for Kuki communities, was met with lathi charges, tear gas, and physical assaults. Several women were reported to have been manhandled, molested, and left unconscious, with some having their clothes torn.

The KWOHR condemned the targeting of Kuki civilians, especially women, and criticized the central forces for siding with Meitei mobs instead of protecting the vulnerable Kuki-Zo community. In addition, the KWOHR raised concerns about the lack of accountability and transparency in the actions of the forces, particularly as they failed to intervene during previous attacks on Kuki villages by Meitei terrorists.

A list of casualties from the December 31 incident has emerged, naming several Kuki women who were injured during the violent suppression. The KWOHR has called for an impartial investigation into the events, demanding justice for the victims and accountability for the CAPF personnel involved.

The Kuki-Zo Women's Forum in Delhi also condemned the brutality, describing it as part of a wider pattern of



systemic violence against the Kuki-Zo community. They stressed that the Kuki-Zo people, particularly women, had shown immense courage in the face of ongoing violence, yet their right to protect themselves and their communities was being denied. The Forum also called for the intervention of Indian and international human rights bodies to hold the perpetrators accountable.

In a separate statement, the Kuki Women Union General Headquarters (KWU-GHQ) condemned the actions of the CRPF and BSF forces, who they claim used teargas and physical force against innocent civilians. They accused the central forces of abandoning their duty to protect the Kuki community and instead siding with the Meitei attackers. The Union demanded that the central security forces either fulfill their mandate or withdraw from the buffer zones, allowing the Kuki volunteers to defend their communities.

The ongoing violence in Saibol and surrounding regions, compounded by the brutal actions of the security forces, has deepened the mistrust between the Kuki community and the central government. The Kuki women groups are now calling for immediate action to ensure justice and the protection of Kuki civilians.



**NEWS ANALYSIS****Violence During Christmas: A Direct Attack on Faith, Culture, and Identity Amidst State Failure**

What values does the right to freedom of religion as entitled by the constitution in the form of Fundamental Rights when you had to run and fight for your life amidst the religious festival celebration in your own home and villages due to failure of state agencies and an attacks from heavily armed militants?

Christmas is more than a religious festival for the Kukis, the festive season has become a part and parcel of Kukis culture, and it serves as an occasion for family reunion, community get together and the only resting period for the farmers who toiled the lands all the year round in all weather conditions to feed themselves and their families.

Thus, the continual attacks by VBIGs during the festive season is an attack both on their beliefs and their identity in itself. Through their actions they sent the message that anything and everything what Kukis holds dear will have no place in the state dominated by the Meiteis. As opposed to the widely belief on the turmoil in Manipur as a conflict between two ethnic communities, VBIGs left on multiple occasions the religious animosity they had towards the Christian community in the state.

The government in power once again proved by its actions that they won't give peace and negotiation a

chance, Brute force and attack is their only option available for the Kukis in their administration. The continual disrespect and disregard for Kukis sentiments in their decisions and policies is a testament to the above allegation. Respect and representation of their sentiments would have been the path they choose had they opted for Negotiations and talks.

An attack of this scale during this festive season despite knowing the importance it holds to the Kukis cannot happen without the state government knowledge. A denial would only meant their incompetence to hold the power they in the state. Thus, either Biren should acknowledge his complicity or his incompetence and dissolve his government altogether.

The failure to content VBIGs despite the humongous presence of paramilitary forces is indeed a shame they must retrospect upon, one can take it as an proof for the fact that the Imposition of AFSPA in the valley district is proven to be effective on paper. If Biren got the central government backing after his failure this time, will it be wrong to assume they are complicit as well?



THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ

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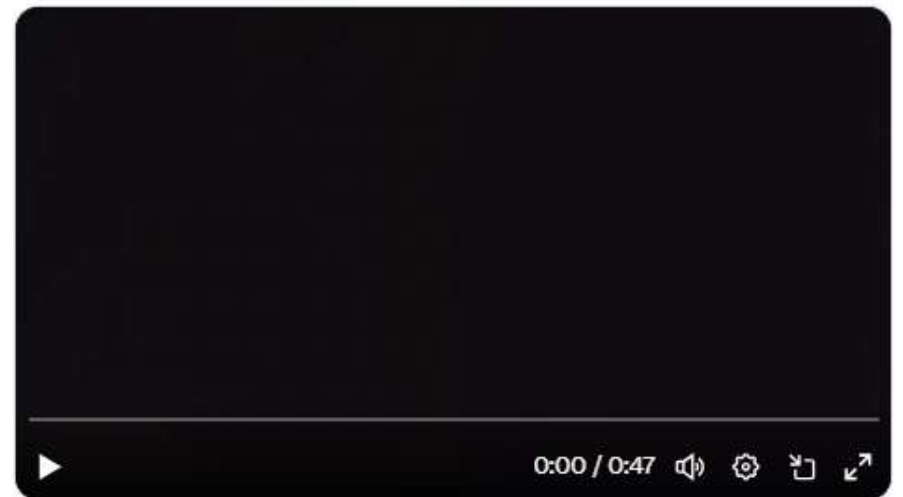
KAPTHANG KUKI @KapthangHaokip

Mystery of Central Security Forces in #Manipur.

#Kuki Villages were under attack from #Meitei Militants since 24 Dec. but they were nowhere to be found.

But when #kukiVolunteers had to protect & retaliate, then they came to demolish the post occupied by volunteers.

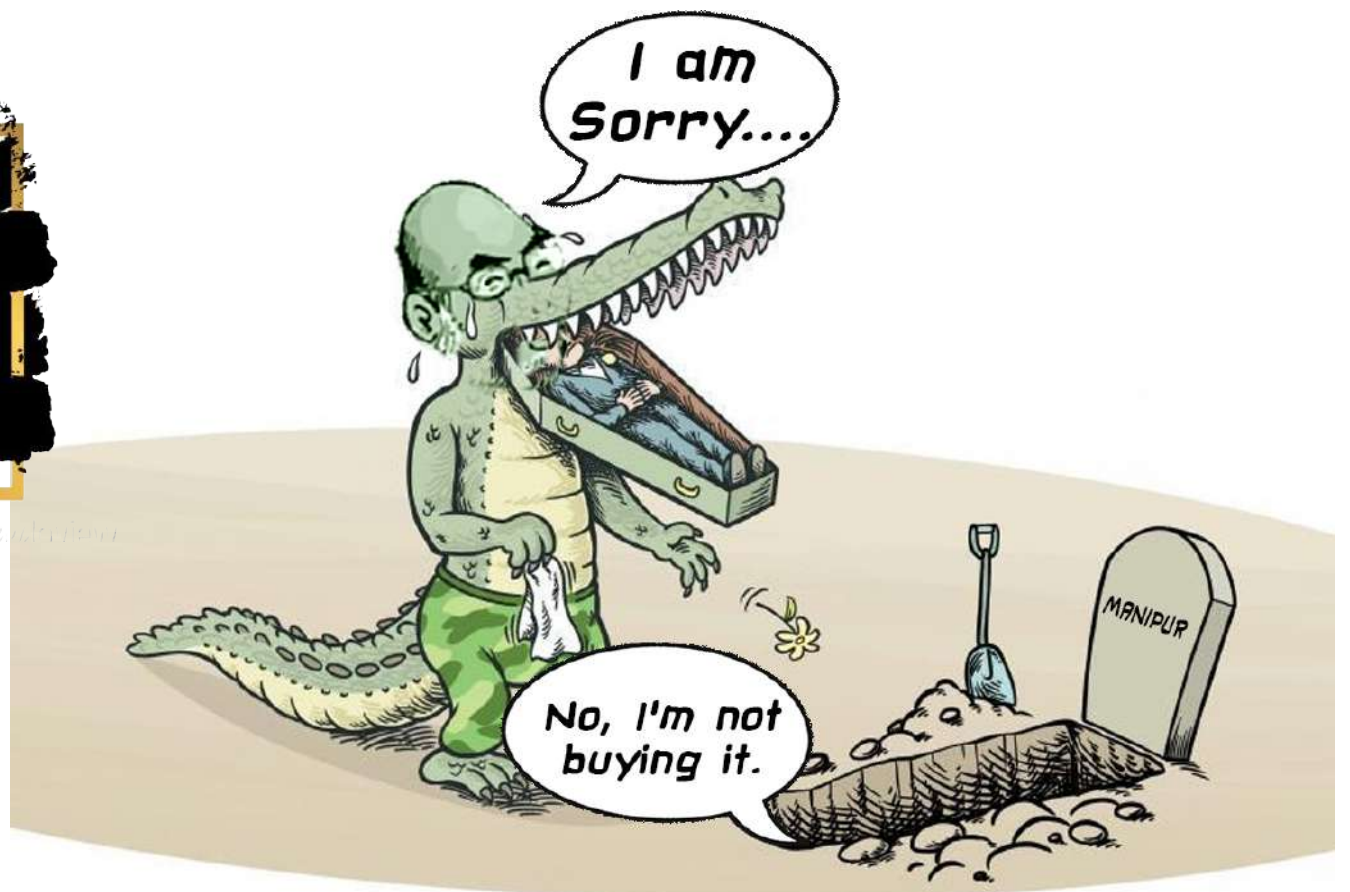
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Dear readers and well-wishers of TLM,

We are rather filled with a mix of emotions as we bid adieu and leave behind the daily publication of **Thinkkho Le Malcha (TLM)**, as well as our gratitude for the unwavering support you have shown us towards a platform that has been our voice, our strength, and our beacon of truth.

In this tumultuous period, TLM has played a vital role in debunking the lies and perfidy of the Meiteis. We have strived to bring truth, clarity, and perspective to the fore, often in the face of adversity.

We remain committed to our mission as we unravel the lies and will continue to debunk the narratives that are being peddled as the gospel truth by the extremely self-centered Meitei society and put in perspective the authentic truth.

We trust that the DIVINE BEING who has guided us thus far will continue to be with us, and with you, our dear readers. May we remain committed to the pursuit of truth, justice, and self-determination.

Thank you for your loyalty and support. **We look forward to continuing to serve you through our weekly publication.** To HIS care commending our daily edition in prayer, we bid an affectionate farewell.

*Sincerely,*  
Team TLM, a publication of KSO Media and Documentation Cell



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# NEW YEAR, NEW HOPE IN *Zalen'Gam*

Since the Third of May, Twenty Twenty-three,  
Nineteenth months of ethnic cleansing, a bitter strife,  
Meetei encroached on Kukiland, our homes under siege.

No Kuki voice in the media, no ally near, the truth denied,  
We cry for justice, where truth would sit,  
State and Centre Government turned away, justice died.

Yet, as the New Year dawns, we dare to dream,  
Kukiland—a dream, yet more profound,  
Let the New Year bring justice clear.

May the Courts and Leaders, hear our plea,  
For peace and rightful destiny,  
A separate path, our Kukiland.

New Year, New hope, for Kuki's reign,  
A land of justice, freed from pain,  
For Zalen'Gam, Kukiland, a hope defined.

~ Thongminthang Lhungdim





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AS WE ENTER THIS NEW SEASON, MAY WE FIND  
SOLACE IN THE PERFECT GIFT OF

**Imma  
nuel**

**GOD WITH US**

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Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. *(Matt 11:29)*