

# Thingkho *Le* Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



# AWAITING JUSTICE



## **KHUALMINTHANG VAIPHEI (27 YEARS)**

**S/O PAUTHIANMANG**

**ADDRESS: K. KOTLIAN, LAMKA**

**DATE OF DEATH: 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023**

**PLACE OF DEATH: IMPHAL**

**CAUSE OF DEATH: MURDERED BY MEITEI MILITANTS**



## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 10.07.2024



**186**  
DEATHS



**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.

# SENAPATI POLICE ISSUES ORDER AGAINST SDSA FOR BLOCKING ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO KUKI AREAS

In response to reports that the Senapati District Students' Association (SDSA) and its volunteers are allegedly stopping and inspecting vehicles carrying essential commodities destined for Kuki-dominated areas, the Superintendent of Police in Senapati, has issued an urgent directive.

The order highlights serious concerns about the actions of the SDSA, which is reportedly halting deliveries from online stores such as Flipkart, Amazon, and Myntra, specifically targeting orders placed by Kuki individuals.

The official statement from the Superintendent of Police underscores the potential for these actions to escalate into a significant law and order issue within the district. To prevent further disruption, the order mandates the Officer-in-Charge of Senapati Police Station (OC SPT PS) to ensure that such activities are immediately ceased on National Highway 2 (NH-2). Reinforcements from the Reserve Line (RL) and Home Guard Police (HGP) are to assist the local police by deploying day and night patrol teams to ensure the smooth flow of traffic along the highway.

Furthermore, the directive also states that the Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) in charge of law and order (LO) and the ASP responsible for NH-2 personally supervise the situation on a daily basis, ensuring continuous oversight and swift action to maintain peace and order in the region.

The recent economic sanctions imposed on the Kukis by the Senapati District Students' Association are absurd, as they deprive the Kukis of their economic rights. If sanctions are justified by the violence along the National Highway, it's important to note that many incidents of violence occur without targeting specific communities.

Even during conflicts or wars, stopping medicinal



supplies and essential items is not acceptable. Despite their current conflict with the Meiteis, the Kukis have allowed trucks carrying essential supplies to Imphal to pass freely, considering humanitarian needs. The checkpoints set up by the Kukis in Kangpokpi district are meant for security and not to harass a neutral community.

If harassment and frisking are the reasons for the embargo on the Kukis, it's noteworthy that the Nagas have faced even more severe harassment in the Imphal valley, including incidents of violence, kidnapping, and ransom demands by Meitei radicals. The killing of Lucy, a 55-year-old Maring woman, by the Arambai Tenggol highlights the seriousness of such incidents.

Since the ethnic conflict began, the Kukis have stopped traveling to the valley for shopping, leading them to shop more in Senapati bazaar. This shift has boosted the economic activities in Senapati district, opening new opportunities for entrepreneurs and leading to the growth of shops and businesses. The Kukis have also started using medical facilities in Senapati, contributing to the development of the healthcare sector and the opening of new clinics.

# ATTACK ON TRIBALS CONTINUES; KIDNAPPED CHIRU MAN TORTURED TO DEATH BY ARAMBAI TENGGOL

A man from Kangchup Chiru village, located at the border of Imphal West District and Kangpokpi District, has succumbed to his injuries after being kidnapped and brutally assaulted by Arambai Tenggol – a Meitei armed militia group. The deceased has been identified as Merangir Mechek, 45, son of Someng Mechek.

Speaking to the media at RIMS Morgue premises on Tuesday afternoon, his wife, Jatakpon Mechek, stated that her husband left home around 8:30 AM on Monday but did not return. Around 8:30 PM, unidentified persons, after brutally assaulting him, handed him over to the Meira Paibi women of the village. Despite rushing him to the hospital, he died on the way, she said. Jatakpon Mechek appealed to the relevant authorities for justice and stated they would not claim his body until the perpetrators are apprehended.

Kangchup Chiru Village Chairman Alen Thanga and Meira Paibi leader Anei Jachi condemned the killing of Merangir Mechek, who was a daily wage earner and father of four children. They warned of intense agitation until justice is delivered and appealed to the government to protect the indigenous Chiru tribe, which has a small population. They also urged other communities not to ridicule or suppress the Chiru community.

The deceased was abducted by members of Arambai Tenggol yesterday at around 11 am from Kangchup Chingkhong. He was charged with suspicion of being a spy of the Kukis by the Meiteis. After being kidnapped, he was badly tortured by Arambai Tenggol and he later succumbed to his injuries at RIMS hospital.

During this ethnic strife in the state of Manipur, minority communities have often bore the brunt of Meitei



brutality. It may be recalled that Lucy Maring, a 55-year-old Maring woman who had a mental illness was found murdered by the Meitei radical groups on July last year. She had been shot and her face disfigured. According to the police, nine people including five women have been arrested in connection with the incident.

To protest the shocking instance, the United Naga Council then announced a 12-hour shutdown on all Naga-dominated areas in Imphal. The group called the killing a “cold-blooded murder” and said in a statement that the victim was “forcefully apprehended” by a women’s group and handed over to a private militia that killed her. It is truly shocking that an innocent man from a minority community had been kidnapped and brutally tortured by Arambai Tenggol to confess for no fault of his.

# 'NAHAROLGI THOUDANG' EDITOR'S RESIDENCE ATTACKED WITH GUNSHOTS; IMPHAL MEDIA FACES BIAS ALLEGATIONS AMID RISING ATTACKS ON PERSONNEL

Incidents of violence continued in Manipur, unidentified assailants fired several rounds at the residence of Khoirom Loyalakpa, editor and publisher of the vernacular newspaper "Naharolgi Thoudang."

Prior to 2001 present Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh was editor and publisher of this newspaper.

A senior police official said, "In the early hours of Tuesday attack took place at Loyalakpa's home in Kontha Khabam Lai Haraobam, Imphal East district, under the jurisdiction of Heingang Police Station. Around six rounds were fired, Loyalakpa was not at home during the attack."

No group or individual has claimed responsibility for the attack, and the motive remains unclear. The All Manipur Working Journalists Union (AMWJU) and the Editors Guild Manipur (EGM) held an emergency meeting condemning the attack and called for swift action.

The attack was made after the withdrawal of security guards by the state government. Earlier, the editor who was under threat from unknown armed men was provided security guards. The guards were withdrawn on June 5, 2024.

Media personnel and media houses in Imphal have been frequent targets of attacks by armed assailants. However, the conduct of Imphal-based media organizations during these conflicts has also raised concerns. Their reporting and editorial stance have often been criticized for bias. The media, considered the fourth pillar of democracy, is expected to maintain



strict neutrality and provide factual reporting to the public.

Yet, Imphal Valley-based media outlets have been accused of showing favoritism towards the Meiteis while antagonizing the Kukis. Regardless of their location, media organizations are expected to uphold neutrality in their coverage of events. The biased nature of their reporting has been highlighted in the findings of the Editors' Guild of India (EGI). In conflict situations, it is recommended to refrain from identifying specific communities involved in incidents of violence. However, Imphal Valley media has been known to name Kukis even in cases where they are not directly implicated.

It is concerning when acts of violence are perpetrated against media personnel who are perceived not to be fulfilling their journalistic responsibilities.

# CONGRESS ACCUSES BJP OF 'STATE-SPONSORED VIOLENCE' IN TRIPURA, WARNS OF MANIPUR-LIKE SITUATION

Congress on Tuesday targeted the BJP over “state-sponsored violence” in Tripura ahead of the panchayat polls, alleging that the state was treading down a “distressing path, echoing the turmoil witnessed in Manipur”.

Party president Mallikarjun Kharge appointed Lok Sabha Deputy Leader of Congress Gaurav Gogoi and senior MP Tariq Anwar as AICC Observers to Tripura with regards to the violence and attacks on Congress workers and offices by the BJP after the announcement of the panchayat election schedule in the state.

Congress Tripura in-charge Ajoy Kumar alleged that party workers were facing “continuous unjust and violent” situations in Tripura from the “congenital rioters”.

“In Tripura, under the current BJP administration, life for the Congress workers unfolds in a daily struggle against targeted violence and intimidation, simply for their political affiliation. The state has witnessed a disturbing breakdown of law and order, with the ruling party turning a blind eye to these atrocities”, Kumar told reporters.



He claimed that during the recent Lok Sabha elections, around 1,000 incidents of violence and electoral violations were reported.

“Shockingly, no substantial actions have been taken against the perpetrators, highlighting a stark disregard for justice and fairness under the current regime. The plight of Congress workers serves as a poignant reminder of the challenges faced by political dissenters in maintaining their democratic rights amidst an environment marred by unchecked aggression and impunity”, he said.

Source: [Deccan Herald](#)



**When the world pushes you to your knees,  
you're in the perfect position to pray.**

*-Rumi*

# EXTORTION THREATS RAMPANT IN IMPHAL VALLEY; NON-LOCAL MANIPUR BARBERS DECIDE TO PULL SHUTTERS DOWN

Amid the violence, small businesses and daily wage earners, mostly non-locals, including barbers in capital city Imphal are facing another challenge - extortion threats. The situation is so bad that most barbers in the city was left with no option but pull down their shutters. The extortion demands range from Rs 50,000 to a whopping Rs 5 Lakh.

This has come as a double blow to the barbers, particularly the small one who earn on a daily basis, and were trying to recover from the hit their businesses took due to the violence in the state since May last year.

The Manipur Barbers' Association urged those making the extortion demands not to put undue pressure on them as there was no way they could fulfill them.

"We don't want any trouble with anyone, but the demands were too much for us," said MBA general secretary Papur Thakur while speaking to Northeast Live.

"We want to help them, but the amount they have asked for is beyond our capacity," he added.

As per reports, most financial demands are made to the non-local barbers operating in the state especially in the Imphal area.

Meanwhile, the Manipur Barbers' Association (MBA) at its meeting at Thau Ground in Thangmeiband recently urged those making the extortion demands not to put undue pressure on them as there was no way they could fulfill them.

This is not the first time that non-locals in the state have faced extortion threats. Previously, non-locals have been subjected to brutality by the Meiteis, including being beaten, harassed, and even killed. Pramot Singh, the Chief of Meitei Leepun, has also opened fire on non-local businessmen over minor issues. In addition to



extortion and monetary demands, non-locals face significant risks living among the hostile Meiteis.

Even Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh in 2017 informed the Assembly that as many as 20 non-locals were killed in attacks by militants operating in the state since 2017.

With the talibanization of the Meiteis' ancestral land of Greater Imphal, the safety and security of the common people has been jeopardized. The radicalised armed groups of Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun and extremist valley based insurgent groups (VBIGs) have taken over the law enforcement agencies and rule over the people as per their whims and fancies. Law and disorders take a toll not only on the Kuki people but also to all the non-Meitei communities too.

Notably, Imphal Valley becomes the "Kukis' Valley of death" and all Kukis were ethnically cleansed in the Meiteis' valley of Imphal. Population exchange had been completed and thus the Kukis and Meiteis are now totally separated. As there is no chance of co-existence between the Kukis and Meiteis, Separate Administration in the form of UT is the only option for peace to prevail.



**ANALYSIS**

**Meiteis' Attack on KSO Bulletin: Despite Threats and Intimidation, TLM will Stand its Ground**

The Meiteis' unrestrained lodging of Police complaints against the truthfulness of Kukis has now led to an initiation of legal action against "Thingkho le Malcha (TLM)", a newsletter published by the Media and Documentation Cell of Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), which counters the daily false narrative set by Meiteis' media houses.

In their latest devilish design of silencing any person who speaks truth against Meiteis' false propaganda since the escalation of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis, a First Information Report (FIR) was filed against the KSO Bulletin at Heingang Police Station, Imphal, on May 24, 2024. The FIR, filed by one Salam Rajen Singh of Luwangsangbam Mamang Leikai, a Meitei who claims to be associated with Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, accused "Thingkho le Malcha" of spreading enmity between different groups, making false statement, insulting to provoke the other person and promote, on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community under section 153-A/499/504/505 of Indian Penal Code.

The complainant stated that the newsletter had allegedly called the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh as "Narcissistic Meitei Chief Minister" and serious allegations had been made against him of having

close links with the Kingpin of flesh trade, Kumarjit Laishram, planning the ethnic cleansing program against Kukis, and having close proximity to drug lords, etc.

"The article was intentionally published to wedge a rift between the Chief Minister and his Cabinet Colleagues and MLAs and to malign his image in the eyes of the general public," said the complainant, adding that the article was alleged to have been intentionally published and circulated to flare up the communal clash which has now returned to certain normalcy. Salam Rajen Singh also accused the article of instigating the people to revolt against the Government, to bring communal disharmony, to create enmity between the communities, to create mistrust among his cabinet colleagues and MLAs and defame him.

Apart from mentioning "Thingkho le Malcha" newsletter and KSO President/Secretary, the complainant also accused Benjamin Mate, a well-known Kuki person, for his alleged role in instigating to worsen the communal flare-up. The complaint statement alleged that Benjamin Mate was a well known hater of the Chief Minister, N.

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Biren Singh, and his “X” account (formerly Twitter) had uploaded one group photo of Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh and three others which include Kumarjit Laishram who was recently shot at in the knee in connection with flesh trade.

It is to be noted here that the FIR lodged against the KSO Bulletin and others is ridiculous, subject to contemptuous and dismissive behaviour on the part of the Meiteis’ and their narcissistic Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. Since the beginning of the ongoing ethnic violence on May 3, 2023, the Meiteis have resorted to police complaints against Kuki leaders, intellectuals, research scholars or sympathizers who speak truth about the nature of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom. They have used FIR as the best method of silencing the Kukis and like-minded people from speaking out the inhuman treatment and war crimes committed on the Kuks by the fascist regime and its radicalised armed groups of Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun and proscribed Valley-Based Insurgent Groups.

While serious police cases of crimes against humanity committed by the insane Meiteis on Kukis still lay unexplored, the Meiteis resort to unrestrained police complaints against Kukis arbitrarily. It shows the jealousy, hypocrisy and sanctimony of the Meiteis who orchestrated the ethnic pogrom for their lust of grabbing the Kukis’ ancestral land and freedom.

The Meiteis must realise that no matter how hard they try to implicate the Kukis in falsehoods, the Kukis will not back down under the Meiteis’ hegemonic power over the minority communities. The KSO Bulletin (Thingkho le Malcha) will continue to speak and spread truthfulness over the Meiteis’ false and unfounded propaganda until the demand for separate administration is fulfilled. The Bulletin/ Newsletter will continue to inform and disseminate the Meiteis’ perpetrated crimes against Kukis, and will counter all false narratives created by them against the Kukis.

## TODAY IN HISTORY/EVENTS RECALLED: JULY 16, 2023

### A RECAP OF THE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ON JULY 16, 2023 AS A RESULT OF PRE-PLANNED STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC CLEANSING POGROM AGAINST KUKI-ZO

#### 16th July, 2023:

Meitei radicals groups advancing towards Thangbuh encountered a Kuki-Zo and one Kabui individual near Thangbuh Village. Tragically, both individuals were captured alive by the groups. Upon discovering that the Kabui man belonged to another tribe, he was ultimately released by the captors. However, the situation took tragic turn, as Jangkholun lost his life at the hands of his captors.

Meiteis radicals groups attacked Phaileng-Thingsat at around 9:00 AM. No casualties were reported. Firing continues till 2:00 PM.



SOCIAL MEDIA  
THE BUZZ



Sushma Sharma  
@SushmaSh22

Mr. Mirangir, Chiru tribe was beaten to death by #Meitei terrorist group #ArambaiTengol Yesterday. This is severe loss of humanity. When will these violent happenings will stop?

#yks2024 #Encounter #WizKidAt34



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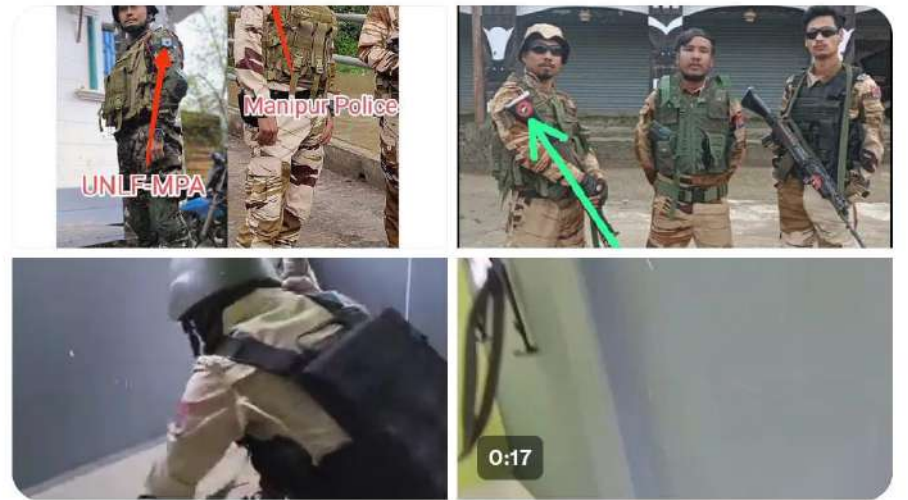


Pauboi Kuki\_Zo  
@pbkhuptong

Replying to @manipur\_police

Thanks for confirming that all these are not real. They are Meitei Militants in Police uniform with the knowledge of your department. Bravo.

@HMOIndia @PMOIndia @AnusuiyaUikey  
@DelhiPolice @IPS\_Association



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THE FAILED  
INTIMIDATION



Sorry Boss!  
Truth will  
prevail, no  
matter what!

File an FIR on  
him! He is  
exposing our  
master.



# AVAILABLE NOW

*TO ORDER CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:*

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5. HYDERABAD: TOTONG (94884 41995)
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7. DELHI: SEILENMANG (98216 48109)
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  - II. ULTIMATE: DEBORAH (9366875418)
  - III. ENDURANCE: LHINGNEICHONG (9863212287)
10. SADAR HILLS: THANGRIJOY (70857 76180)
11. UKHRUL: HAONEO BAITE (8700682439)
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13. GUWAHATI: JAMES (76620 81293)

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## WAKE UP, MY PEOPLE!

Don't you see it?  
How we were treated!  
Don't you hear it?  
How we were taunted!  
Don't you feel it?  
How we were degraded!

In whatever name  
we may call ourselves within us,  
we are known as the same from outside.  
We have the same look, thoughts, and culture.  
We are one and the same from outside.  
That's what we are; so were our forefathers!

It's time to look beyond our differences,  
it's the right time to unite ourselves!  
Pour out, we must, our thoughts as one,  
to free ourselves from all subjugation.  
Wake up, my people!  
Otherwise, we will be kept in a cage forever!

And when we wake up, everything will be gone!  
What's left of us, given by our forefathers,  
will be all gone in the blink of an eye.  
Save your anger and ill-thoughts of your brothers.  
Instead, let's dine together at the table of brotherhood.  
Otherwise, we and our children will all perish forever!

**-Hillsman J. Tearsworth**