

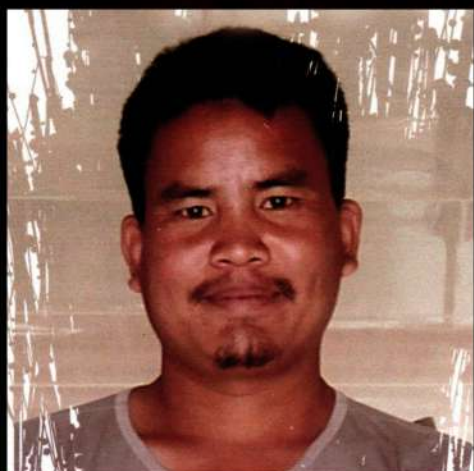
# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



**GINKHOHEN HAOKIP  
KUM 34**

# AWAITING JUSTICE



## **GINKHOHEN HAOKIP (34 Y)**

S/O NEHKAM HAOKIP

ADDRESS: KOTLEN, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF DEATH: 3RD MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: KEINOU THONGKHA, BISHNUPUR DISTRICT

CAUSE OF DEATH: BEATEN TO DEATH BY RADICAL MEITEI MILITANTS





## KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 23.04.2024



**176**  
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.



# JAWS OF DEATH LOOMS AS KUKI FRINGE TEETERS POST CENTRAL FORCES EXIT : COTU

Amidst the 12-hour total shutdown enforced by the Committee on Tribal Unity in Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District, hundreds of Kuki men and women, draped in mournful black, gathered to honor a fallen Kuki Village Volunteer as they solemnly laid their comrade to rest at the Martyrs' Cemetery in Sadar Hills' Phaijang village today.

A 45-year-old father of five children, Lammang Kipgen, a Kuki Village Volunteer, was killed during the brutal attack unleashed by suspected armed Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol early this morning at Bethel village in the fringe of Sadar Hill's Leimakhong-Kangchup region.

The burial ceremony for the fallen Kuki Village Volunteer was conducted under the auspices of the Committee on Tribal Unity, Sadar Hills, Kangpokpi District. It was attended by various prominent Kuki leaders, civil society organizations, as well as the bereaved family and their loved ones.

Following the killing of the Kuki Village Volunteer, the Committee enforced a 12-hour total shutdown from 12 noon today until 12 midnight across the entire Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District.

All business establishments closed their shutters during the total shutdown, while the typically bustling National Highway 2 wore a deserted look as vehicular movement came to a standstill, except for emergency services such as medical, airport, and media, which were exempt from the shutdown.

On the sideline of the burial ceremony, CoTU's Media Cell Coordinator, Ng. Lun Kipgen said, "The Kuki-Zo have placed our existence to survive from the 'Jaws of Death' in the hands of our Central Security Forces, but today,



we just buried one of our braveheart volunteers who gave his life for our tomorrow following the withdrawal of the central security forces".

He continued that what baffled them now was why these Central security forces were withdrawn from all fringe areas when the aggression from the valley is still ongoing.

He said that post the withdrawal of central security forces, there has been a significant surge in the movement of Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol across the fringe areas of Sadar Hills Kangpokpi District, plunging the peripheral regions into chaos.

He pointed out that central security forces were initially withdrawn from certain fringe areas before the Lok Sabha polls, citing election duties and following a bomb blast near Saparmeina along NH-2, vehemently condemned by several Kuki bodies, more withdrawals took place in most Sadar Hills fringe areas, creating a pathway for Valley-Based Insurgent Groups to advance closer into the kuki areas in fringe regions.

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He recalled that after central security forces exit, a two-day gun battle broke out in the Phaileng-Luwangsanggol border area of Sadar Hills Kangpokpi on April 23, triggered by attacks from Meitei militants and the Arambai Tenggol followed by another brutal assault in fringe areas of L. Khonomphai, Wakan, and Sinam Kom in the Saikul region on April 26.

He also recalled that prior to this morning's attack, on Saturday evening, women and children from Kharam Vaiphei and L. Phaijang villages in Kangchup-Leimakhong were evacuated to safer places due to an ambush on the Kuki Village Volunteers in the Lambung area and following the mounting tensions with the anxious movements of Meitei militants and Arambai Tenggol in the fringe areas of Sadar Hill's Leimakhong-Kangchup region.

He further said that Meitei militants, and the Arambai Tenggol, fired bullets towards Phaileng-Luwangsanggol

on the same Saturday evening, with no casualties reported and additionally, residents observed militants advancing toward Gamgiphai after central security forces withdrew, a previously unseen movement.

He said that the pressing issue at hand is who will be held accountable for any untoward incidents following the exit of central security forces, leaving a void in the buffer zones.

He wondered, "Will the central government leave the minority Kuki-Zo community exposed in the jaws of death?"

He also said that power comes with responsibility and accountability; without them, it becomes a total "Banana Republic", and he asked, "How much more of our blood needs to be shed for the Kuki-Zo to eventually prove our patriotism?"

## KUKI YOUTH BODY QUESTIONS BLAME IN CRPF ATTACK

The Young Kuki, an apex youth organization representing the Kuki community in Manipur, has challenged reports attributing the CRPF attack in Bishnupur district's Narayansena region to "Kuki militants."

On Saturday, two CRPF personnel were killed in a suspected militant attack in Bishnupur district's Naranseina. The Young Kuki expressed "deep concern and dissatisfaction" with media reports labeling "Kuki militants" as the perpetrators.

"Reports hastily blaming the Kuki community based on unverified police briefings, without concrete evidence, raise serious ethical concerns," stated Lun Kuki, Advocacy Coordinator of Young Kuki, in a response emailed to Northeast Now.

"Manipur's complex ethnic makeup, where Meiteis, Nagas, and Kukis often share physical similarities, makes such accusations problematic. Identifying the



attackers, especially during chaos and low visibility, seems improbable and irresponsible," he said.

Kuki further highlighted, "Significantly, Manipur's security advisor, Kuldiep Singh, refrained from naming a specific group, stating only that 'the active group in the area is responsible.' This cautious approach was disregarded in your reporting, which explicitly named 'Kuki militants' as the culprits."

Source: [NE Now](#)



# KNO CLARIFIES MEDIA REPORTS ON “KUKI MILITANTS” ATTACKING CENTRAL SECURITY PERSONNEL AS “ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED”

With regard to the recent deadly attack on personnel of Central Reserve Police Forces in their outpost situated in the Meitei dominated Naranseina area of Bishnupur district, the Kuki National Organisation (KNO), an umbrella organisation of Kuki insurgent groups under Suspension of Operations (SoO) with the Government of India, has strongly refuted the allegations made by various media houses wherein they have accused the “Kuki militants” of attacking the central security personnel.

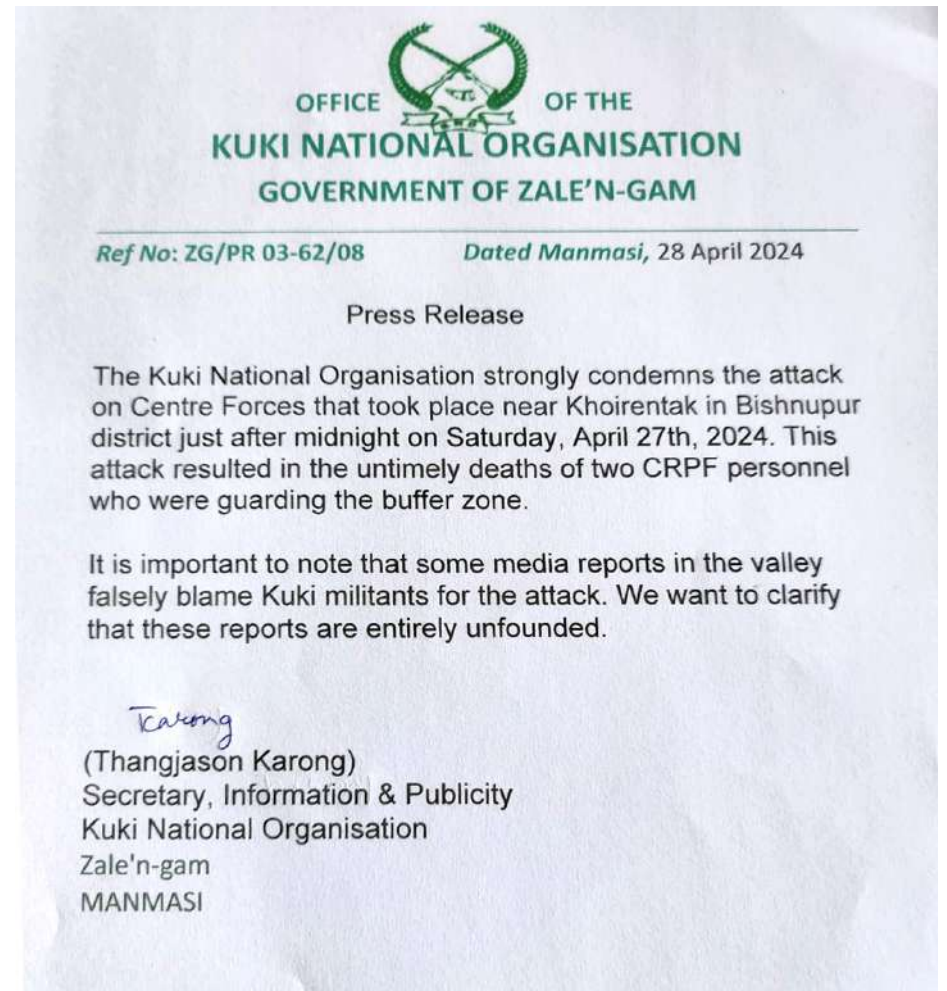
Taking a serious note on some media reports from the valley falsely blaming “Kuki militants” for the attack, the Kuki National Organisation has clarified that those reports are entirely unfounded.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the Kuki National Organisation also strongly condemned the attack on Central Forces that took place near Khoirentak in Bishnupur district just after midnight on Saturday, April 27th, 2024.

“This attack resulted in the untimely death of two CRPF personnel who were guarding the buffer zone”, said Thangjason Karong, Secretary Information and Publicity, KNO.

Earlier, several Kuki top bodies such as the Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) and Indigenous Tribal Leaders’ Forum (ITLF) have also refuted the allegations of “Kuki militants” involvement in the deadly attack of central security personnel.

The Kuki apex body said that the Central Security Forces have been in the forefront in protecting the lives of innocent civilians on both sides of the Buffer Zones and have been instrumental in ensuring public security, establishing social order, and providing hope



for restoration of peace and normalcy amidst the ruins of the brutal ethnic cleansing perpetrated by the majority Meiteis against the minority Kukis.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) had also alleged that the ruthless attack on central security personnel in IRBn (India Reserve Battalion) camp at Naranseina, Bishnupur District, was mindlessly carried out by the Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), resulting in the death of two CRPF personnel and injury to several others.

Stressing that it is imperative for media organizations to uphold journalistic ethics by refraining from speculative reporting, the Kuki apex body urged the media organisations to focus on thorough investigation and verification of facts rather than hurried and false reporting.

# IG CRPF CLAIMS ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS CREATING DISTURBANCE OVER HIGH ELECTION DEPLOYMENT

The Inspector General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Akhilesh Prasad Singh, expressed deep sorrow over the tragic incident that unfolded in Manipur, where two CRPF personnel tragically lost their lives in an armed militant attack on their outpost on April 27.

In response to this heinous act, IG CRPF Akhilesh Prasad Singh shared his sentiments with the media, stating, "The problem in Manipur is a decade-long issue. CRPF has been here since the 1980s...When ethnic clashes erupted, more companies of CRPF were inducted our first role was to control the ongoing conflicts and to maintain law & order. We have provided security even to police stations. In the elections also, CRPF has the highest number of deployments in the state amongst all other paramilitary forces and hence, the anti-social elements thought that numbers were less and we were a depleted force, and they took advantage of that".

Inspector General Singh described the complexities as a "decade-long issue". He underscored the CRPF's longstanding presence in the region since the 1980s, particularly during periods of ethnic clashes. During such tumultuous times, the CRPF played a crucial role in maintaining law and order, often deploying additional companies to control conflicts and provide security to police stations.

However, he pointed out that this high deployment might have led anti-social elements to perceive the CRPF as a "depleted force", possibly emboldening



them to launch attacks such as the one witnessed in Naransena.

The attack, which occurred in Manipur's Naransena area, resulted in the unfortunate demise of two CRPF personnel from the 128 Battalion stationed in the Bishnupur district. The incident commenced at midnight and lasted until 2:15 am, during which armed groups targeted a village under the Moirang police station's jurisdiction. The IG CRPF vowed to identify the perpetrators behind this attack and also assured the deliverance of swift justice against them.

Source: [India Today NE](#)



**People don't resist change.  
They resist being changed.**

— Peter Senge





In their bid to conquer and dominate the narratives of the present crisis in the State and to cover up their ongoing aggression over the Kukis, the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity(COCOMI) have declared to hold deliberations on May 3 with the slogan '365 days of chin Kuki Narco Terrorist Aggression in Manipur'.

Federation of Civil Society Organisations (FOCS) had also declared to observe May 3 as "black day" from 2024 onwards to remember the attack launched by the 'Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zou groups'.

Such declarations by the meitei apex bodies do not come as a surprise since they have been changing the narratives in their desperate attempt to portray the Kukis as the aggressor in the present conflict.

As per the Meiteis' narrative, the initial part of the conflict was 'between the Kuki and the Meiteis'. Gradually they shifted the narrative to 'the conflict was between the illegal immigrants and the Meiteis or indigenous people of manipur'. However, the present and latest claim by the meiteis is that the 'present crisis is a battle between the indigenous people and the chin-kuki narco-terrorist group'.

TLM had repeatedly mentioned that the crisis in

Manipur began on May 3 after some members of the Arambai Tenggol tried to burnt the Anglo-Kuki War centenary gate in Churachandpur district, the same day when the All Tribal Students Association, Manipur, held a peaceful rally in all hill districts of Manipur against the inclusion of the Meiteis in the schedule tribe list.

The rally went peacefully in all districts. However, the situation in Churachandpur district turned ugly after Arambai Tenngol members burnt the Anglo-Kuki War centenary gate in Churachandpur.

The Arambai Tenggol's attack of the Anglo-Kuki war centenary gate in Churachandpur, a Kuki dominated district speak volumes about the present crisis. The rally was conducted in all the hill districts, even in Naga dominated districts, but the Meiteis chose to enter and start a conflict in Churachandpur district alone.

As narrated by witnesses , the members of AT who came to burn the gate on May 3 were in thousands. Arambai Tenggol was very little heard of or not known by many before may 3.

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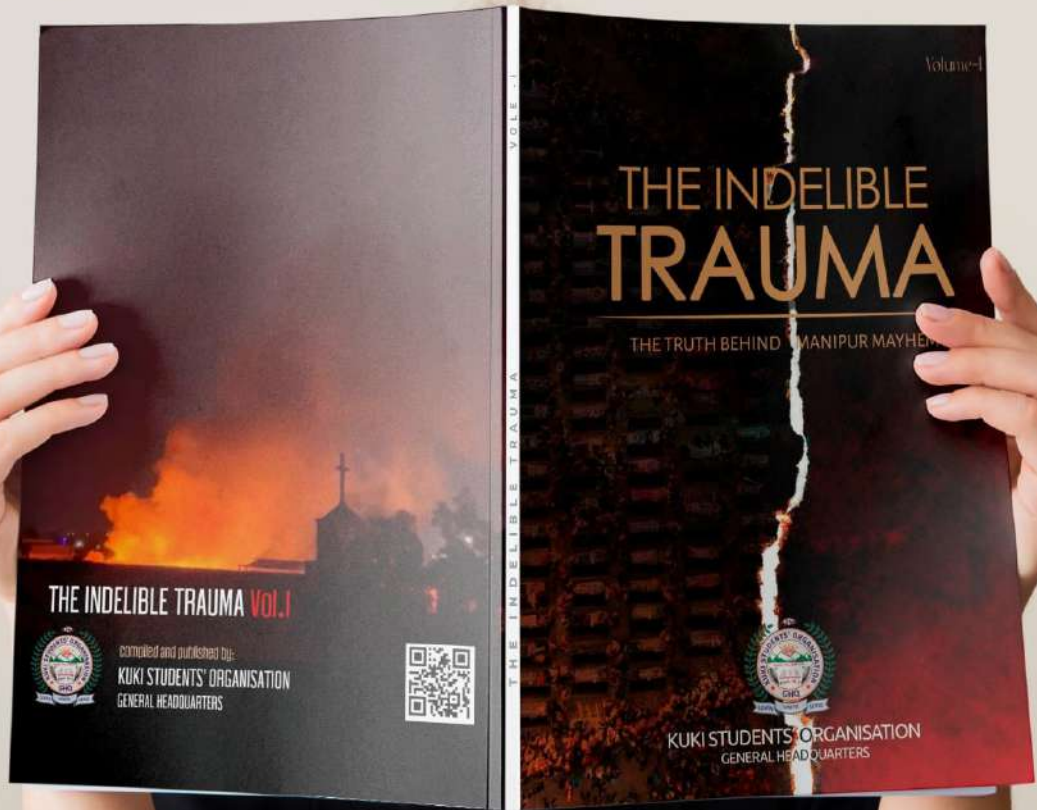
How did the AT which was very little heard of or not known by many, even by the Meiteis, gathered around a thousand members to drive till Churachandpur and burn the Anglo-Kuki war centenary gate? It clearly showed that the attack was a pre planned move by the Arambai Tenggol and its patrons; Biren Singh and Leishemba Sanajaoba, and that the Arambai Tenggol was instituted much ahead of May 3.

Moreover, the casualties suffered by the Kukis on May 3 and the following days in different Meitei dominated areas indicate that the Kukis were innocent and had no idea about what their near future had in store for them.

Had the Kukis preplanned the violence, they would have vacated and abandoned the valley districts before may 3 and the number of casualties would be much different from the present figure.

If the crisis had risen solely because of the tribals' opposition to Meitei ST demand, the Arambai Tenggol could have also attacked other non Kuki inhabited tribal districts and few tribal areas in the valley. But the attack was selectively targetted to the Kukis.

The Zo-United on April 25 had issued an advisory to all Kuki bodies to observe May 3 under the common banner 'one year of State sponsored ethnic cleansing against Kuki Zo'. Following the advisory issued by Zo-United, the COCOMI on April 27 made a declaration to hold deliberations on May 3 with the slogan '365 days of Chin-Kuki Narco-Terrorist Aggression in Manipur'.



LAUNCHING SOON

This treatise is being prepared and published to unravel the lies and perfidy of our adversaries and put in perspective the authentic truth so that it stands as a testimony of the genocide that is being perpetrated on us and our people With the hope and expectation that the perpetrators of these reprehensible crimes are brought to justice; and ignite a glimmer of solace and consolation to our indignant souls.





OPINION

## The Bridge Over River Guundung

Lunminthang Haokip

### THE PLIGHT OF RIVER-SPLIT FOLKS:

Many Kuki-Zo villages settled in harmony in Selkui-Molbem-LTphai to UTPhai-K. Phailien-Teijang zone. They lived on the confluence suburb of Chakpi and Imphal rivers of Manipur. The ethnic conflict of May-June 2023 pushed the poor backblock families to flee from their home and hearth. To save life came foremost to them. Most of the IDPs found temporary relief in the Shelter Camps of Lamka/CCPur. But age-old emotions pulled them back to where they belonged, now and then. Even if the the IDP knows that there's nothing of much value in the ruined hut, an occasional visit to 'sweet old home' soothes the heart like breeze ruffling a pond.

### CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN SHAMBLES:

Displaced people too need their own living space. The District Administration of CCPur may have provided food and roofs to the fate-battered lot. But Jesus said, "Man shall not live on bread alone (Matthew 4:4)." The shattered and scattered hill settlers require means of living and education for their offspring. No parents want gen-next to suffer in illiteracy as they did. If the mom and dad fail to find some work that can sustain them as a family, the kids' schooling will be at 'sixes and sevens.' Now that all belongings had gone for a toss, a son or a daughter holding a job is the only desperate hope.

### AANA JAANA BAR BAR:

Home or no home, 'Hope springs eternal' even in the

heart of the arson-struck IDPs. They want their kids to be better-placed. Remains of tarnished houses had to be retrieved. So they need to shuttle back and forth from 'make-shift camps' to 'charred homes of origin.' In dry seasons, commuting is easy. Passenger vehicles are up for grabs. But when 'Guundung (Imphal river)' gets flooded, access to former home is difficult. Now that they can't pass through the fringe roads of Kakching Dist, @ this Chakpi-Guundung axis is the only link-route for them and the Lamka to Moreh sojourners.

### SORROW OF RIVER-BANK NATIVES:

During rainy season, cross-over options are limited. The only point where the Chakpi-Imphal river-mouth dwellers can cross stream-flow by canoe is between New Bijang of CCPur Dist and K. Molnom of CKG Sub-Divn. The local CSOs made bids to construct a low-cost river-bottom bridge earlier. But the authorities did not play ball. Mention may be made that Imphal river can be crossed across knee-deep rivulets from the months of December to May. During that period, river course is manageable every which way. Four-wheelers too can ply across. A failed attempt was made to bridge the two banks with a semi-pucca ensemble at river-bottom level.

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Of late, the twin-river delta natives chose a viable spot north of the canoe-crossing point to build a concrete bridge on public donation. The work had started a few months back. The pillars should be laid before the monsoon rains pour in. Mandays were raised from nearby villagers. Voluntary labour was mobilised somehow. But the new bridge is slated to take on the load of four wheelers, if not commercial light vehicles. So the expertise of civil engineers too were sought. Some experts in the field lent a helping hand to realise the 'ambitious' undertaking.

**BIG-HEARTED DONORS:**

On this date, a few columns of the bridge had already been erected. A few more are under progress of being filled with concrete mixture. Bro Tonglal HK, who is the chief of K. Molnom, had been the main 'mover and shaker' of this 'dream project.' Monetary support came from various unlikely quarters. Prominent among the donors were Kuki Inpi, USA; Mr & Mrs Lhouvum; Mr Jangpao Baite; KWS (Azara), Guwahati; KKL GHQ; Kuki Inpi, TPL; MPC; YPA; and Mr Boipu Sitlhou. KCTPC will ever remain profusely indebted to all the above organisations and individuals whose contribution kick-started the Bolero-bridge on Guundung. May God bless them a hundredfold.

**THE ONLY LIFELINE ROUTE:**

The Kuki-Zo inhabitants of the conflict-ravaged zone of CKG Sub-Divn had undergone an untold ordeal of the worst kind in 2023-24. The Chakpi-Imphal river 'Sangam' region may be located about 35 Kms from CCPur DHQ. But the problem lies in its administrative jurisdiction under Chandel Dist. Chandel DHQ is another 35 Km away on the opposite side. But Lamka/Songpi is more familiar to the distressed IDPs. So they prefer to rub shoulders with residents of the Eimi township they know closer. Besides, passing the valley areas en route to Candel is taboo, for obvious reasons, as of now. The under-construction 'Guundung' bridge will be the only lifeline for the hinterland residents to make both ends meet.

**LOCALS HARD-HIT BY CONFLICT:**

In the June-2023 mayhem, about 60 Kuki-Zo villages of the Chakpi area had either been torched or vandalised.

The grain left in the granary, the clothes stocked in the house, and other household items have been ransacked and stolen after the fear-stricken victims fled for safety. The philanthropic CSOs of CCpur Dist and GoM took care of their immediate necessities, so far. The children of the IDPs had to pursue higher studies in outside States. In times of grave struggle for survival, they have no other option but to spend heavily in travel via Aizawl on their way to places of study. Seeking a job is also doubly hazardous. Recruitment centres are far-flung. No proper prep in hassled days!

**GOD SPARED OUR LIVES:**

We must come in terms with the queer suffering we are in. We know that the going is tough. But it's when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Students hailing from the twin-river belt must study harder to be in vantage positions to redress the hardship they endure. Our 'spared' Church pulpits and pews must go wet with tears of passionate prayer. Let us thank the LORD first that we are still in the land of the living. In the nightmarish turbulence of 2023, we too could have been wiped out along with our property. But God salvaged our lives. 'Life ho to hope hai.' We heard of much more deadlier attacks occurring elsewhere.

**LET'S CALL UNTO GOD:**

On our knees, with a broken heart and contrite spirit, let's knock heaven's door in prayer. Only God can make grand things happen for the livelihood restoration of our beleaguered brethren. To gain the Almighty's favour, we must all repent deeply, confess our sins and beg for heavenly wisdom to tackle our peculiar situation. Others may not hear our collective cry. 4Gs and 5Gs may fail us to connect. Yet, HG - Heavenly Generation - is always super active. Let's in prayer dial heaven's number — Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." The Spiritual Wi-Fi is always 'on,' never switched off.



## THE BUZZ

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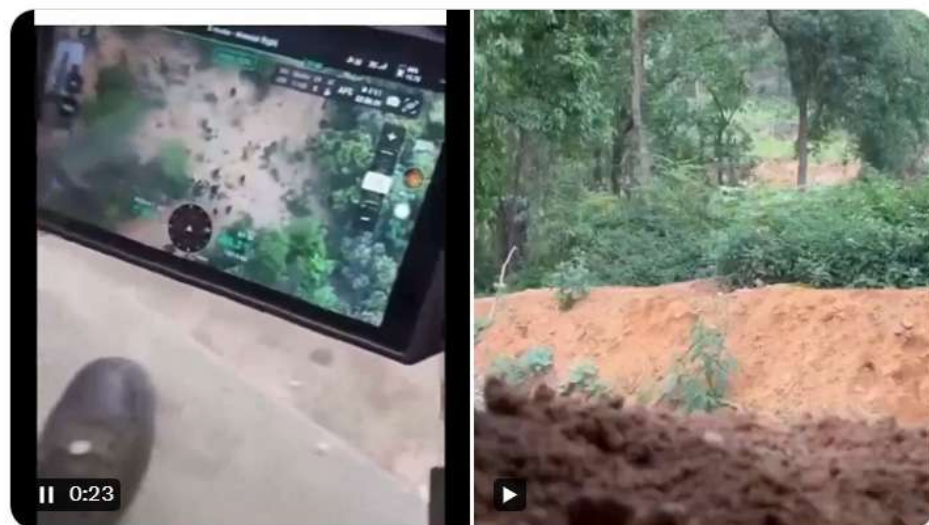


BhaiPal  
@RayiCis

Another attack on [#Kuki\\_Zo](#) areas by suspected militants from the [#Manipur](#) Valley has occurred.

Despite many openly declaring their attacks on video and boldly proclaiming responsibility,

many still fail to recognize the perpetrators and advocate for the implementation of AFSPA.



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Pito Swu  
@imPswu

After almost a year, killing hasn't stopped in Manipur. Weeks ago, BJP was taking all credit of saving Manipur, but killings are happening daily. Arambais are moving freely, brandishing weapons in the streets, while the SFs look on helplessly. Singh is no better than a scarecrow now.

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Min (Kuki ka parivar)  
@ngulminthang

[#Manipur](#)

It is almost comical how some Meitei propagandists zealously spread the myth that the Kukis, like stealthy ninjas, managed to launch a successful operation killing 2 CRPF jawans at a heavily fortified camp from a distance of 7-8 kilometers—and all this without a single Kuki getting a scratch! It's as if they believe Kukis have mastered the art of Kung Fu fighting straight out of an action movie.

Sadly for our supposed Kung Fu master Kukis, their legendary status was short-lived. The Hindu has since updated their reporting, based on the latest insights from Manipur Security Advisor Kuldip Singh, setting the record straight. Here's the updated story for those interested in facts rather than fiction:

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THE 'AMRIT  
KAAL'  
POLL AGENDA



Credit: Satish Acharya





# History forsakes the weak

History narrates the stories of the strong,  
It records the adventures of the brave,  
It has no room for cowards, and  
The weak have no place on its thousand pages.

Nobody wants to listen to the accounts of the defeated;  
But rather, the chronicles of the conquerors.  
Nobody wants to read the loser's diaries,  
But rather, the exciting records of the champions.

Rest not, my people; Never let go of your grip!  
For we must write our own history!  
With the ink of our blood and sweat,  
On the pages where our Fatherland serves as paper.

Remember, the weak have no country of their own;  
For they live only in the shadows of the strong!  
Nor do cowards enjoy the fruits of their land;  
For they only live by paying taxes to the brave!

- Hillsman J. Tearsworth