

Thingkho Le Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



THANGMINLUN HANGSING (27 YEARS)

S/O LUNKHONGAM HANGSING

ADDRESS: KHUNKHO KUKI, LEIMAKHONG, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF INCIDENT: 20TH NOVEMBER, 2023

PLACE OF INCIDENT: NEAR KHARAM VAIPHEI, SADAR HILLS

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED IN AMBUSH BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 08.11.2024



207
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.

SUPREME COURT TO EXAMINE WHISTLEBLOWER TAPES AGAINST CM N BIREN SINGH

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine certain audio recordings which allegedly points to the role of Manipur Chief Minister (CM) N Biren Singh in the communal violence in the State between Meitei and Kuki communities.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra also sought details of the source of the tape and material to prove its authenticity from the petitioner - Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust.

“We grant the petitioner an opportunity to file material indicating the authenticity of the clip. The counsel says the clip shall also be submitted,” the Court noted.

This was after advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioner, said that the whistleblower had recorded conversation of the Chief Minister where he admits that “he fuelled insurgency and protected those who looted the arms.”

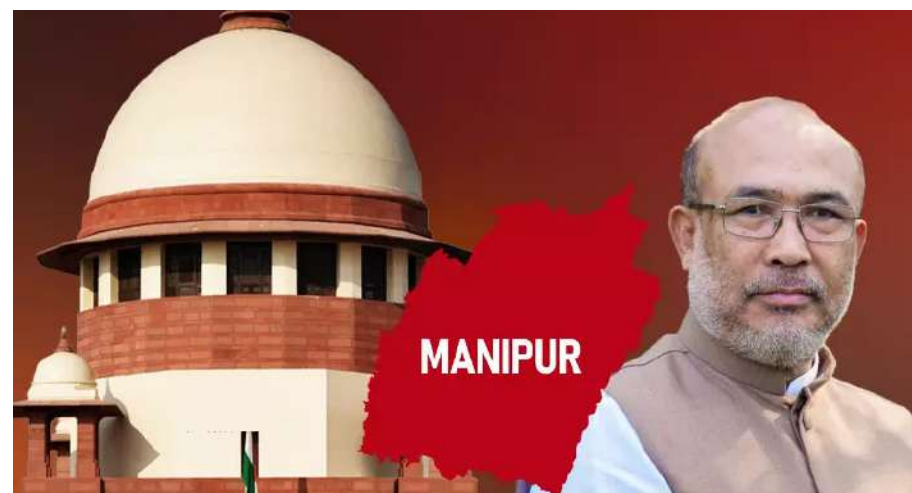
“He allowed arms and ammunitions to be looted. How can the state investigate this?,” Bhushan asked.

What is the authenticity of these tapes?

“It was submitted to the Lamba commission. This court is dealing with the Manipur matter. This is not an ordinary case,” he said.

Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Central government, vehemently objected to the plea and said that the intention of the petitioner is to “keep the fire burning”.

“Probe is going on. CM met all the Kuki MLAs to ensure peace and whistleblower do not want peace. Intention is to keep the fire burning,” he contended.



He said that the petitioners should approach the High Court.

“My suggestion is not to undermine the majesty of the High court. Let them go to the High Court,” the SG submitted.

The Court nevertheless agreed to examine the tapes and the authenticity of it.

As the hearing drew to a close, SG Mehta objected to the Court’s decision.

“We have a porous border and we do not know what is there on the ground. It is because my lords are in ivory towers. I mean not in any pejorative sense,” SG Mehta said.

“We have a duty as a Constitutional court and we cannot brush things under the carpet. We also know what happened in Manipur. It is because we are not in ivory towers. That is why we are hearing it and did not dismiss this right away. Not the least Solicitor, not the least,” CJI Chandrachud replied.

“Not any pejorative sense,” the SG clarified.

“Yes ok, thank you,” the CJI said.

UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON JIRIBAM'S ZAIRON HMAR VILLAGE CLAIMS LIFE OF MOTHER OF THREE, HOMES REDUCED TO ASHES

In a shocking and unprovoked assault, the tranquility of Jiribam's Zairon Hmar village was shattered by an armed attack late last evening that left a trail of destruction, grief, and despair.

At around 8:30 pm Thursday evening, a group of armed militants speaking in Manipuri language, suspected to be Arambai Tenggol and the Valley-based insurgent groups, attacked the small close-knit community, unleashing terror resulting in a tragic loss of life and the destruction of homes.

The attack claimed the life of Zosangkim, wife of Ngurthansang, a resident of Zairon Hmar village. In a horrifying turn of events, the beloved mother of three, was killed during the onslaught and her home was set ablaze, engulfing her in flames, leaving her children and

husband to mourn her tragic death and grappling with intense loss and trauma.

During the assault, the armed militants set fire to seven homes, displacing multiple families who now have only charred remains of what once was their village. Witnesses recounted scenes of chaos as flames engulfed homes, turning a peaceful evening into a night of horror.

The Hmar community, known for its peaceful existence, is now in mourning and in shock over the unwarranted violence.

The attack is yet another grim reminder of the intensifying communal violence that has plague the region.

EULOGY TO OUR FALLEN HEROES

ZOSANGKIM HMAR (31 years)

Wife of Pu Ngurthansang Hmar of Zairawn Village, Jiribam District, Manipur

Cause of Death:

Burnt alive by Meitei militants on 7th November, 2024 (Thursday) at around 9:00 PM

- Eighteen months since they began their ethnic-cleansing campaign, the atrocities of the Meiteis remains unabated.
- On 7th November 2024, armed Meitei militants attacked the peaceful village of Zairawn in Jiribam, gutting down more than 16 houses.
- In the attack, they captured and shot an unarmed woman named Mrs. Zosangkim Hmar, a mother of three and wife of Mr. Ngurthansang Hmar in the leg.
- In the most gruesome way imaginable, they burned the bleeding woman to death, turning an innocent victim to a rubble of ash.
- Rather than sparing a woman, they followed what they have repeatedly done in the past where the victims could not be buried properly due to the magnitude of savagery meted on the lifeless bodies, her killers denied her an honorable burial.
- This horrific act once again breaks the spell of false peace with the bloodthirsty animalistic Meiteis and reminds us all of their ultimate intention which is to kill us all and take our lands.
- We pray for her soul to rest in peace, and may this awaken us all to the war we have been forced to fight in defence of our lives, our way of life



and our ancestral land and freedom.

May her soul rest in peace!

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KUKI-ZO BODIES SOUND ALARM OVER ‘HOSTILE OCCUPATION’ IN KANGCHUP PATJANG, CALL FOR CENTRE’S SWIFT INTERVENTION”

The Committee on Tribal Unity has sounded the alarm over what it describes as a hostile takeover of Patjang, a Kuki-Zo village in Manipur’s Kangpokpi District, highlighting that the alleged occupation by insurgent forces from the KCP-PWG has ignited fears of an intensifying conflict and prompted urgent calls for government intervention.

The Committee claims the recent withdrawal of Assam Rifles units, particularly the 9th and 22nd battalions, from critical fringe areas has left Kuki-Zo territories vulnerable to infiltration by valley-based insurgents. They allege that the Meitei-led state administration has exploited this gap, deploying Meitei separatist forces within the buffer zones, an act the Committee perceives as a calculated move to destabilize and threaten Kuki-Zo territories.

Demanding immediate action, the Committee on Tribal Unity urged the Ministry of Home Affairs to reevaluate its peace efforts and called for Central Security Forces to uphold strict neutrality. “The Kuki-Zo people will never waver. We will fiercely defend every inch of our land against intruders and protect our people against any threat from the valley,” declared the Committee, signaling an uncompromising stance on their territorial security.

Meanwhile, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders’ Forum (ITLF), has also fiercely condemned what it describes as a “brazen and hostile” occupation of the Kuki-Zo village of Kangchup Patjang in Kangpokpi District by heavily armed Meitei militants from the Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP-PWG). According to ITLF, these forces have flagrantly breached buffer zones, penetrating deeply into Kuki-Zo territories, heightening the tension in a region already on edge, and threatening the fragile peace.

Labeling the incident as a calculated assault on peace and stability, ITLF laid blame squarely on the Government of India (GoI) and the Manipur state administration, led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

ITLF denounced the administration’s apparent indifference, alleging that Singh’s government has tacitly allowed armed Meitei militants to roam freely through Kuki-Zo lands, undermining community security and exposing residents to increased threats of violence. Citing the “Manipur Tapes” as evidence, ITLF reiterated claims of Singh’s complicity in orchestrated attacks against the Kuki-Zo people, questioning how he remains in office despite these grave allegations.

The forum expressed its dismay at the apparent bias in state protection, boldly questioning, “Are Kuki-Zo lives worth less than those of Meitei militants?” ITLF is demanding that militant groups like Arambai Tenggol be banned outright and that all Meitei militant camps be restricted exclusively to Meitei territories to prevent further provocations.

ITLF’s message was resolute: the Kuki-Zo people will not sit idly as their lives and lands are endangered. “We will defend ourselves if these incursions continue,” the forum warned. “The Government of India will be held fully responsible for any further fallout from its failure to protect our communities.”

Calling for swift and decisive action, ITLF urged the GoI to halt any concessions to militants that jeopardize both regional stability and national security, underscoring that sustained peace requires an end to state complicity and favoritism toward terror groups.

This escalating situation calls into question the effectiveness of current MHA’s peace efforts and security measures in the region, as local communities face heightened fears of conflict amid mounting tensions.

KUKI WOMEN'S ORGANISATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CONDEMNS BRUTAL TERRORIST ATTACK IN ZAIRAWN, DEMANDS JUSTICE

The Kuki Women's Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) has issued a strong condemnation of a brutal terrorist attack on the Kuki-Zo village of Zairawn in Jiribam District, which took place on the night of November 7, 2024. The attack, allegedly carried out by armed Meitei militants, resulted in the destruction of several homes and the horrific death of Mrs. Zosangkim, a Kuki-Zo woman and mother of three children.

The KWOHR described the attack as an "act of unimaginable cruelty," highlighting the extreme violence suffered by Mrs. Zosangkim, who was reportedly burned alive during the assault. The organization denounced the attack as a violation of basic human rights and a flagrant assault on the dignity and sanctity of life.

"This heinous crime is not just an attack on one village," the KWOHR stated in its official statement. "It is a grave violation of human rights, an assault on humanity itself, and an existential threat to the Kuki-Zo community as a whole." The organization stressed that the continued targeting of Kuki-Zo villages by Meitei militants has exacerbated the already tense and volatile situation in the region.

The KWOHR called for a "swift, transparent, and thorough" response from central government authorities and security forces to ensure that those responsible for this barbaric attack are swiftly brought to justice. "The people of Zairawn, and the family of Mrs. Zosangkim in particular, have suffered immeasurably," the statement continued. "It is crucial that these senseless acts of violence are addressed with the seriousness they deserve."

As a result of the attack, which also involved the burning of homes in the village, the KWOHR is rallying the community to unite in the pursuit of justice. "We stand in full solidarity with the victims and their



families, offering our deepest condolences and unwavering support," said the organization. "Together, we will not rest until justice is served."

The KWOHR has further urged both local and national authorities to take immediate action to prevent further violence and to protect the Kuki-Zo community from continued attacks. The group stressed that these repeated instances of violence cannot be ignored and must be met with appropriate legal and security measures to hold the perpetrators accountable.

As the investigation into the attack unfolds, the Kuki Women's Organisation for Human Rights continues to demand justice for Mrs. Zosangkim and all the victims of violence in the region. The tragic events in Zairawn serve as a stark reminder of the ongoing human rights challenges facing the Kuki-Zo people in the region.

The KWOHR has vowed to keep pressing for justice and accountability, ensuring that those responsible for this devastating crime are held to account.

KUKI-ZO WOMEN DEMAND JUSTICE AND PROTECTION FOLLOWING THE GRISLY KILLING OF MOTHER IN JIRIBAM

In a fervent outcry for justice, Kuki-Zo women in Sadar Hills held a powerful sit-in protest this afternoon in Gamgiphai, condemning the brutal killing of Zosangkim Hmar, a mother of three, in Zairawn village, Jiribam. The act, allegedly committed by armed Meitei militants, has shocked the Kuki-Zo community and intensified calls for immediate security and autonomy for the minority group.

With voices raised and banners held high, the protesters demanded accountability and protection, calling for a Union Territory with Legislature to safeguard their rights. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Zosangkim, whom the community remembers as a martyr, marking the gravity of what many describe as an escalation in violence against the minority Kuki-Zo population.

The attack, documented in videos that have since gone viral, reportedly involved Zosangkim being physically assaulted and burned alive, a crime that Ng. Lun Kipgen denounced as evidence of a "Meitei chauvinistic mindset." Kipgen further described the attack as "an egregious human rights violation" and called for both national and international condemnation. "This horrifying act only reaffirms our need for a separate administration," he stated. "Our community cannot live in fear, subjected to unspeakable atrocities without the protection we deserve.

The Committee on Tribal Unity has raised concerns over whether such incidents will ever be fully acknowledged



by national media or addressed by Delhi's corridors of power. Leaders emphasized that without structural protections, the Kuki-Zo community remains vulnerable to continued violence.

The Committee on Tribal Unity issued a strong warning that the Kuki-Zo community would take preemptive measures against any further brutal attacks or killings on their land by valley-based militants. "We are ready to defend and safeguard our people," said a committee spokesperson, emphasizing that the community would not tolerate further threats to their safety.

With the nation's attention demanded, Kuki-Zo leaders are urging swift action from the central government, insisting that recognition of their Union Territory rights is the only viable path to ending what they see as unchecked brutality and ensuring lasting peace and dignity for their people.

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No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking.

— Voltaire



OPINION

In Contrast to Secessionist Meiteis, Kuki-Zo Groups Believe in the Idea of 'Akhand Bharat'

Despite debunking the numerous Meiteis' false propaganda, distorted narratives or fake news against the Kuki-Zo communities, they still continue to engage in vile agendas and vicious politics, fueling unnecessary debates, misinformation and incitement of further violence.

Recently, Mizoram Chief Minister Mr. Lalduhoma's old speech in the USA has stirred unnecessary debates, particularly from the secessionist Meiteis and their sympathisers/supporters, due to reference to "nationhood". Those spreading an old and misinterpreted news of CM Lalduhoma's speech must know that calling to re-unite for "nationhood" does not necessarily mean seeking a political unity within a country.

Understanding Lalduhoma's speech:

In his address to the diaspora in the USA on September 4, CM Lalduhoma had emphasized the importance of cultural and spiritual unity - not separatism, among the Zo people who are spread across borders in India, Myanmar and Bangladesh. The statement was not in the political context, but about shared heritage and brotherhood. When he speaks of "nationhood," it reflects spiritual and cultural solidarity, not a political entity.

Think of it like other communities who feel bonded through shared identity, language, and faith, even if they reside in different countries! CM Lalduhoma's vision is akin to this idea of connectedness—where Zo people are a "nation" in spirit, not in terms of statehood.

Moreover, he acknowledged the different governments under which Zo people live and expressed a desire for unity within those boundaries, not a redrawing of international borders. His focus was on preserving identity, reconciliation and supporting each other without compromising national loyalties.

In that speech, CM Lalduhoma had also praised the support of Indian government and expressed gratitude for the assistance the Centre Government had provided. Such acknowledgments showed respect and loyalty, not an agenda to separate from India or any other country.

In summary, the speech calls for a unity that transcends borders culturally and spiritually—not politically. It's a reminder that the Zo community is strong and connected, even across different nations, and that this unity can coexist within each

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country's sovereignty.

In Line with 'Akhand Bharat':

Even if Lalduhoma's speech was to be taken in the context of geopolitics, he is in tune with 'Akhand Bharat' or Greater India, a concept the present regime of BJP truly aspires for. Unlike the secessionist Meiteis who conspired for sovereignty of Kangleipak, the Chin-Kuki-Mizo groups wish to remain under Akhand Hindustan.

It may be recalled that Lalduhoma, on January 4, met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the first time since assuming office, where he articulated Mizoram's aspirations for a "Greater Mizoram Project" parallel to the national vision of Akhand Bharat or Greater India.

During the meeting, Chief Minister Lalduhoma emphasised Mizoram's historical context, expressing how the British government had arbitrarily drawn the border between India and Burma without consulting the Zo (Chin-Kuki-Mizo) people. He underscored the adverse impact of this border - dividing the Zo communities, and asserted that their ultimate goal is to live under a unified administration.

Akhand Bharat, also known as Akhand Hindustan, is a concept that refers to a unified Greater India. The map depicts a unified territory spanning across South Asia, from Afghanistan to Myanmar, embracing Sri Lanka in the south and extending to the towering Himalayas in the north. It also extends to parts of China and Iran.

The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, a political organization, considered the creation of Akhand Bharat to be one of its objectives. To this day, the idea of Akhand Bharat is held onto by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), which annually celebrates 'Akhand Bharat Day' on August 14.

N. Biren Singh's Ridiculous Statement:

In response to the speech of CM Lalduhoma, the Meitei Chief Minister N. Biren has ridiculously stated that Manipur's territorial integrity remains inviolable, vowing

resolute action against any challenges to it.

Addressing media persons on November 7, Biren said, "I don't want to react to him [Lalduhoma]. However, as a proud Indian and as chief minister of Manipur and as a nationalist, I can say that no one can touch India's integrity. No one can touch Manipur's integrity."

Here, narcissistic Biren's statement on the rigidity of Manipur's territorial integrity lacks substance, showing his little knowledge on the law of the land. He must read, at least once, Article 3 of the Indian Constitution. The Article states, "Parliament may by law form a new State by separation of territory from any State or by uniting two or more States or parts of States or by uniting any territory to a part of any State; increase the area of any State; diminish the area of any State; alter the boundaries of any State or alter the name of any State."

Secessionism of Meiteis:

In contrast to the Kuki-Zo groups, whose demand is legitimate under the framework of the Indian Constitution, the Meiteis fight for their sovereign Kingdom. They do not wish to be called as Indians as is evident in their transnational conspiracy movement. All their state-sponsored militant groups operate across international borders and challenge the sovereignty and integrity of India.

Mention may be made that two Meitei leaders, who had represented their titular King Leishemba Sanajaoba, had already announced the launch of a "Manipur government in exile" in London on October 29, 2019.

Yamben Biren, claiming to be the "Chief Minister of Manipur State Council" and Narengbam Samarjit, claiming to be the "Minister of External Affairs and Defence of Manipur State Council" had said they were speaking on behalf of the 'Maharaja of Manipur' to formally launch the government in exile — "The Manipur State Council".

THE SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ



Pawan Khera 
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A teacher - mother of three children - killed and burnt in Manipur. Of course, the Prime Minister has been busy campaigning.



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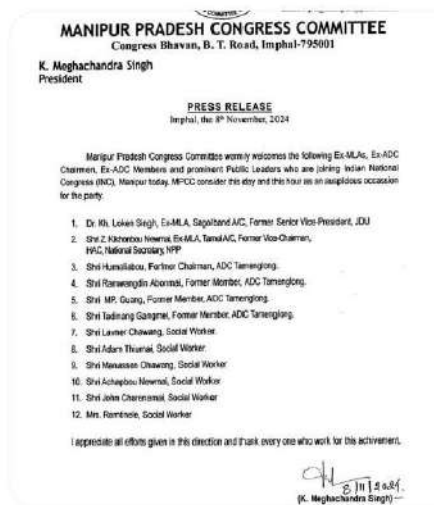
Calm shattered in Manipur's Jiribam as teacher from Hmar community is shot, set on fire

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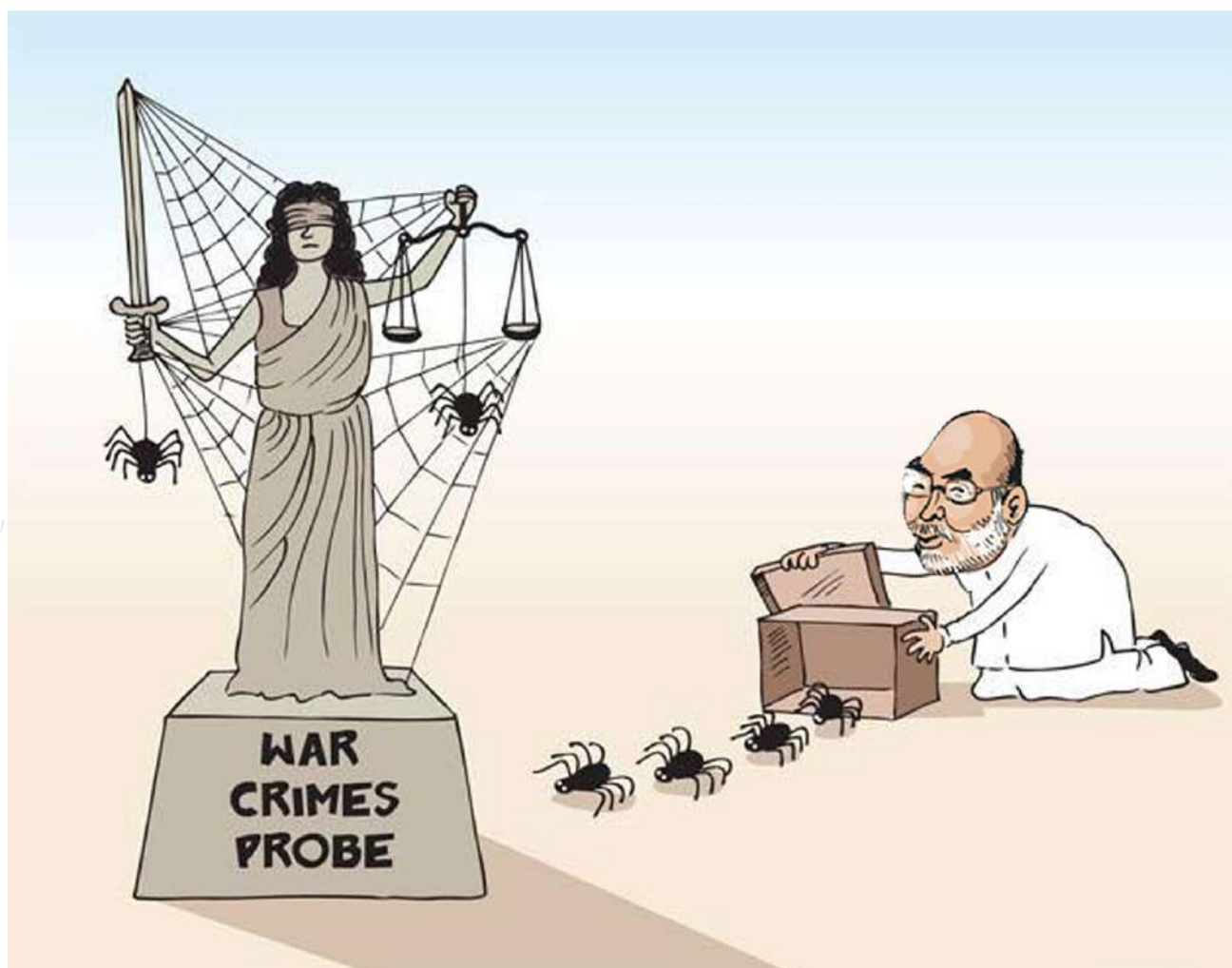
The politics of Manipur is changing. @INCIndia won both the Lok Sabha seats in the state in June 2024 and now the exodus INTO the Congress continues. This is perhaps one reason why the non-biological PM is refusing to visit Manipur.



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~ Malsawmthang Ralsun

In erstwhile Manipur's Jiribam district
Meitei militants, with hearts of stone
Burned alive a woman in endless night
A life cut short, her body charred to death.

Zosangkim Hmar's fate was sealed
Leaving behind three young children
Left to grieve and cry, ask the sky
A victim of violence, her life revealed

In this district, where hopes once rose
A solemn oath was proposed moderated by officials,
With peace to reveal, the agreement null,
As bloodshed flows now

In death's dark shadow, the pact lies torn
A failed promise, where peace was born
The words that once brought hope and cheer
Now echo hollow, through sorrow and fear

We remember you, Zosangkim dear
May your sacrifice ignite a resolve to defend,
Our lives, land, and right.
Guiding our struggle, for freedom's score