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They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

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KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

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JIRIBAM MASSACRE: CRPF BRUTALLY KILLS 11 INNOCENT VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS In despicable ACT; kuki-zo bodies call 12-hr total shutdown

In a shocking and gruesome act of violence, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has killed 11 innocent Hmar Village Volunteers in the Jakhradawr region of Jiribam district, Manipur. The incident, which occurred earlier today, has sparked outrage and condemnation from local communities and human rights groups alike.

Sources on the ground report that the violence erupted after armed militants launched an attack on the CRPF post at Jakuradhor and the nearby Borobekra Police Station around 3:00 pm. During the assault, a CRPF soldier was reportedly injured and evacuated to Silchar Medical College in Assam. In retaliation, CRPF forces, enraged by the attack, turned their fury on innocent Hmar villagers who were stationed in the area to protect their communities from ongoing attacks by Meitei militants.

It is believed that the CRPF forces, acting hastily and with apparent complicity, targeted the Hmar volunteers under the influence of Meitei militants and possibly with the backing of the current state government led by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. Witnesses have described the operation as an indiscriminate act of revenge that escalated to the point of mass murder.

The 11 deceased volunteers were identified as Lalsiemlien (Commander), Laltha, Henry, Joseph, Ate, Puia, Robert, Ruola, Fima, and Ramneilien. Reports indicate that the volunteers were captured alive, subjected to brutal torture, and then executed. The manner of the killings has been compared to the infamous Jallianwalla Bagh massacre, where civilians were ruthlessly gunned down by colonial forces.

Meanwhile, the Kuki-Zo Council has declared a Total Shutdown across Kuki-Zo areas tomorrow, 12 November 2024, from 5:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The shutdown is being held to honor the victims and to express collective grief, unity, and solidarity with the families of those who were brutally shot dead.

In a statement, the Kuki-Zo Council said, "the victims were part of a group of Kuki-Zo volunteers who had been stationed in Jiribam to protect their communities from ongoing threats, including attacks from Meitei militants. The tragic incident unfolded earlier today when the CRPF forces, allegedly in retaliation to a militant attack on their post, targeted and murdered the II volunteers, leaving the community reeling in shock and sorrow."

The Kuki-Zo Council condemned the violence as an "inhumane and unprovoked act" and called for an immediate and thorough investigation into the killings. "The loss of our precious Kuki-Zo lives is a devastating blow, not only to the families but to the entire Kuki-Zo community. We stand united in our pursuit of peace, justice, and security. We demand that the perpetrators of this brutal act be brought to justice," the Council's statement read.

In a show of solidarity, the Kuki-Zo community has come together to mourn the loss of their loved ones. "Let us come together as a community, not in anger, but in solidarity, as we seek justice for those who have been lost," the statement continued. The Council also extended its deepest condolences to the families of the victims, pledging support during this difficult time.

The shutdown will be observed in coordination with various Kuki-Zo organizations, including the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU), Kuki Students' Organization (KSO) Moreh, KSO Churachandpur, Zomi Students' Federation General Headquarters (ZSF-GHQ), and Hmar Students' Association Tuithaphai JHQ.





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HMAR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS BRUTAL MURDERS OF Volunteers in Manipur, Calls for Urgent Action

The Hmar Students' Association (HSA) General Headquarters (GHQ) has issued a strong condemnation following the brutal murder of 11 Hmar Village Volunteers in the Jakhradawr region of Jiribam, Manipur.

The volunteers, who were engaged in protecting their villages, were ambushed, captured, and killed by a combined force of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Manipur police, allegedly acting under the influence of Meitei militants. The incident occurred on 11 November 2024, and disturbing videos that have circulated on social media show the bodies being dragged by CRPF personnel, fueling widespread outrage.

This massacre follows a similar wave of violence, which saw the attack on the Hmar village of Zairawn on 7 November 2024. In that attack, Mrs. Zosangkim, a mother of three, was captured, tortured, raped, and burned alive, while numerous homes were set on fire. The HSA has condemned these atrocities as part of a larger pattern of targeted violence against the Hmar community, which they claim is being facilitated by both state and non-state actors.

In response to the killings, the HSA has called for immediate action from the Indian government and international human rights organizations. The organization has demanded a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)-led inquiry into the killings in Jakhradawr and the attack on Zairawn, and also called for the suspension of CRPF and Manipur Police from Kuki-Zo areas until neutral, unbiased security measures are put in place.

"This premeditated massacre is not only an attack on the Hmar community, but an alarming escalation of violence that risks plunging the region deeper into chaos. It is clear that the forces involved have failed in their duty to protect the people and are instead complicit in the persecution of our people," stated the HSA in a press release.



The HSA also expressed deep mistrust towards the Manipur state government, particularly Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, whom they accuse of being the "mastermind behind the violence." This accusation is based on claims by Kuki-Zo MLAs, including BJP members, who have publicly stated that they have not met with Singh since May 2023 due to a breakdown in trust. The HSA points to an audio recording, now under investigation by the Supreme Court, that allegedly implicates Singh in fomenting communal tensions in the state.

The recent violence underscores the ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur, which has been raging for over 19 months and has led to widespread fear, displacement, and the destruction of community ties. Despite peace talks initiated by the Union Home Ministry involving representatives from the Meitei, Kuki-Zo, and Naga communities, incidents such as these—allegedly fueled by state-backed aggression—have further eroded any hope for reconciliation.

In their call for justice, the HSA has emphasized the need for neutral peacekeeping forces to be deployed in Hmar and other tribal areas to ensure community safety and prevent further

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violence. They urge the Indian government to take immediate steps to protect Kuki-Zo villages and end the cycle of violence.

"The situation is dire, and the lives of our people are at risk. We demand justice, the protection of our communities, and an end to the violence that threatens our future," the HSA statement concluded.

As the situation continues to develop, the HSA has pledged to remain vigilant and will continue advocating for the rights of the Hmar people. Further updates are expected as the HSA works with legal, human rights, and international bodies to ensure accountability for the killings and broader communal violence in Manipur.

The HSA has demanded immediate CBI Investigation into the murders in Jakhradawr and Zairawn, suspension of CRPF and Manipur Police from Kuki-Zo areas until neutral security measures are in place and deployment of Neutral Peacekeeping Forces to ensure safety in Hmar and other tribal villages.

The HSA has also appealed to the international community to recognize the targeting of the Hmar community and provide necessary support for justice and peace in the region.

KUKI MLAS DENOUNCE SOLICITOR GENERAL'S STATEMENT IN SUPREME Court, reject meeting with CM N. Biren Singh

In a strong statement issued on November 11, 2024, ten Kuki Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) have categorically refuted a claim made by the Solicitor General of India during a Supreme Court hearing on November 8. The Solicitor General had reportedly stated that "the Chief Minister is meeting all Kuki MLAs and trying to bring the situation down to get peace."

The Kuki MLAs, however, labeled the statement as a "blatant lie" and accused the Solicitor General of misleading the Hon'ble Supreme Court. "We have never had any meeting with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh since May 3, 2023, and we have no intention of meeting him in the future," the MLAs stated, adding that they hold the Chief Minister responsible for the ongoing violence and ethnic cleansing in the region, which has seen continued unrest since May 2023.

The MLAs also condemned the brutal killing

of Mrs. Zosangkim Hmar on November 7, 2024, allegedly by Meitei militias, despite a heavy security presence in Jiribam district. The incident has further escalated tensions in the already volatile region. The MLAs described the killing as an act of barbarism, and emphasized that it reflects the continuing insecurity faced by the Kuki community.

Additionally, the Kuki MLAs expressed outrage over the Solicitor General's conduct, accusing him of submitting "unverified" and "unprofessional" arguments in the Supreme Court without confirming the facts. They called for accountability and clarification from the government regarding the situation in Manipur, which has seen months of ethnic violence and displacement.



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KANGPOKPI ERUPTS IN FURY, HOLDS JIRIBAM PEACE PACT ARCHITECTS Responsible for rape and brutal killing of mother in Zairawn

An unprecedented wave of fury and grief has swept through Sadar Hills as hundreds of Kuki-Zo women from the Saikul region gathered in Saikul Hill Town, 35 Km. away from Kangpokpi District Headquarters to protest the brutal rape and murder of Zosangkim Hmar, a cherished school teacher and mother of three, in Zairawn village, Jiribam District.

Outrage over this horrific killing has intensified calls for accountability from the Jiribam District Administration and security forces, including the CRPF and Assam Rifles, now accused of betraying their commitment to protect the community.

Organized by the Kuki Women Union Saikul under the aegis of the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) Sadar Hills, today's protest in Saikul was a fierce condemnation of the Jiribam administration's and security agencies' alleged hollow promises, sparking intense public outrage over their apparent indifference and neglect.

The protestors chanted slogans, "We Condemned the brutal and charring killing of Zosangkim Hmar", "We Want Justice", "We Demand Union Territory with Legislature", etc.

Speaking to the media, a prominent member of Kuki Women Union Saikul, Ngahpi Chongloi said that we are protesting against the gruesome, heinous crimeswords cannot even describe how horrific and brutal the act was.

She explained that the incident occurred on November 7 in Zairawn village, Jiribam, where Meitei militants allegedly attacked the village. "The villagers were unprepared for such a tragic attack because a peace agreement had been made on August 1 in the



presence of central forces. They had no reason to expect that Meitei militants would attack them. As a result, the militants easily attacked, and during this assault, our sister, Zosangkim Hmar, was shot dead."

She continued, "Zosangkim Hmar was not only shot, but she was also brutally burned. The militants raped her; otherwise, they would not have burned her. They wanted to hide all the evidence, which is why they burned her."

She emphasized that this attack on Kuki minority women is not an isolated incident. "This has been happening repeatedly. We always come out to protest, but our voices are not being heard. Are we not Indian enough that our voices have not been heard?" she questioned.

In a direct appeal to the central Government, Ngahpi continued, "We request that the government arrest those who gruesomely murdered a mother. She has left behind three children and was a teacher by profession."

The Kuki Women Union Saikul has also vowed to continue its demonstrations until action is taken.

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"We urged the Central Government to take action. We will not be silenced; our cries for justice will continue until our sister ZosangKim Hmar's death is answered with accountability and our people's security is guaranteed", Chongloi asserted.

"Enough is enough. The Jiribam District Administration and the security forces who championed this so-called peace agreement have blood on their hands. They vowed to protect us, yet they stood by as this innocent mother was brutally assaulted and murdered. Their negligence is unforgivable, and we will not remain silent," declared another Kuki-Zo women's leader echoing the crowd's anger.

"This was not just a failure—it was a betrayal. The central government must step in, investigate, and deliver justice. Our mothers and daughters will not continue to suffer because of a failed administration and indifferent security forces," said another protestor with conviction.

The protestors filled Saikul Hill Town with cries of anguish and demands for justice, raising their voices in unison to denounce the Jiribam peace agreement as a "false promise." They accused the administration and security forces of failing to enact meaningful protections, leaving the community vulnerable to unchecked violence.

Ng. Lun Kipgen, Spokesperson of CoTU recalled the Jiribam Peace Agreement stating that on August 1, 2024, a high-profile peace meeting was held at the Group Centre CRPF in Dayapur, Cachar, Assam, aiming to restore peace between the Meetei and Hmar communities in Jiribam District. Facilitated by top officials, including the Deputy Commissioner of Jiribam, DIG CRPF Jiribam, and commandants of the 39 Assam Rifles and 87 Bn CRPF, the meeting concluded with resolutions to prevent violence, ensure cooperation, and coordinate controlled movements. Signed by community leaders and security representatives, the agreement was hailed as a critical step toward peace and stability in the region.

Yet, just three months later, this "commitment to peace" has been exposed as an empty promise, as Zosangkim Hmar's murder obviously confirmed that temporary peace without structural change is not enough, he added.

He continued that the central government and national media have advocated for peace without directly addressing the Kuki-Zo people's core demand: a separate Union Territory with legislative powers citing hopes that Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities might co-exist as before. We have maintained and firmly denied any possibility of returning to their prior state of coexistence with the Meitei people, asserting that only a distinct administrative boundary can secure lasting peace and protect their communities. However, our call for a separate administration which we consider the only solution for lasting peace—has often been met with accusations that we are obstructing peace.

He further said that The tragic aftermath of the Jiribam Peace Pact, culminating in the horrifying rape and murder of an innocent mother of three, has once again proven and serves as a grave reminder that temporary peace accords, without addressing the underlying call for a separate administration, will ultimately result in renewed violence and bloodshed.

In light of the recent tragedy, Ng. Lun Kipgen urged the central government to acknowledge and act on the Kuki-Zo people's core demand for a separate administration to prevent further bloodshed and build a foundation for true stability.







WOMENFOLK IN LAMKA PROTEST AGAINST BRUTAL KILLING OF Zosangkim Hmar

Several tribal women's organizations, including the Zomi Mothers Association (ZMA), Hmar Women Association (HWA), Kuki Women Union (KWU), ITLF Women Wing, and Mizo Peoples Convention Women Wing, gathered in a strong protest at Lamka Public Ground today. The demonstration was a response to the brutal killing of Zosangkim Hmar, a 31-yearold mother of three, from Zairawn Village in Jiribam District, Manipur.

The protest, led by Kuki-Zo women, was organized in the wake of a tragic incident on the night of November 7, 2024, when Meitei militants attacked the peaceful Zairawn village. According to sources from the ITLF, the militants set fire to 17 homes in the village and captured Zosangkim Hmar. The unarmed woman, who had three young children—Franky Lalchawisang (3), Victoria Laldomawi (9), and Lalringdik (7)—was brutally tortured and murdered. Reports indicate that she was shot in the leg, preventing her from fleeing, before being raped, burned alive, and left in an appalling state. Her charred remains were found alongside fragments of her brain, underscoring the horrifying cruelty of the attack.

This incident is part of an ongoing series of violent assaults by Meitei militants, which has plagued the region for over eighteen months. The protestors decried the rise of ethnic violence, targeting primarily the Kuki-Zo tribes, with women and children suffering the most. The brutal killings and sexual violence have been described as part of a systematic campaign to intimidate and erase indigenous communities from the region.

In a memorandum submitted to the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, the women's groups condemned the continued violence and human rights violations, particularly the weaponization of sexual violence. The joint statement highlighted the widespread atrocities since the onset of the conflict on May 3, 2023, including the burning of homes, mass killings, and sexual violence against women. The groups specifically cited the attack on Zairawn, where Meitei militants and members of the Arambai Tengol militia captured and killed Zosangkim in a horrific manner.

The memorandum also called on the National Commission for Women to recognize the gravity of the situation and take urgent action to address the systemic abuse of women in the ongoing conflict. The women's groups warned that the use of such barbaric tactics as a means of asserting dominance must be condemned in the strongest possible terms, stressing that the attack on Zosangkim is not an isolated incident, but part of a broader strategy to terrorize and displace indigenous tribal communities.

"We will not stand silent while our women and children are subjected to such horrors," said one of the protest leaders. "Zosangkim's death is a call to action for all of us to unite and defend our land, our families, and our dignity."

The protestors have demanded justice for the victims, accountability for the perpetrators, and immediate intervention by national and international bodies to stop the ongoing ethnic violence. The call for justice for Zosangkim Hmar, and for all victims of this brutal conflict, echoes across the tribal communities of Manipur, as the situation remains dire.

As the protest continues, the women's groups vow to remain steadfast in their fight for justice, and have called on the Indian government to intervene and bring an end to the violence that has plagued Manipur for nearly two years.







FRESH CLASHES ERUPT IN MANIPUR'S FRINGE AREAS, 2 Meitei militants injured

A fresh outbreak of gunfire rattled the tense and volatile border areas of Saibol in Kangpokpi district, Thamnapokpi in Imphal East and Churachandpur -Bishnupur border in Manipur. As clashes intensified, local farmers from the Tangkhul community, who had gone to tend their paddy fields in Yaingangpokpi, were caught in the crossfire, sustaining injuries.

The exact source of the bullets that injured the farmers remains unknown, as both parties involved were actively exchanging gunfire. The injured were immediately rushed to a nearby medical facility.

Adding fuel to the fire, a video clip that has quickly gone viral on social media reportedly shows two armed men in Meitei uniform insignias, specifically bearing the "Salai Taret" logo, firing indiscriminately across a paddy field. The presence of these men, equipped with sophisticated weaponry, has drawn further concern and criticism from community leaders and activists, who fear the situation may lead to more unrest and violence in the area.

For the past several days, fringe areas across Manipur have been plagued by near-constant outbreaks of violence. Villages along these borders have witnessed repeated exchanges of gunfire, exacerbating alreadyhigh tensions.

In an alarming development, paddy rice belonging to the Kuki-Zo community, which was prepared for harvest, was also allegedly set on fire by armed Meitei groups in the Saitol area of Churachandpur district

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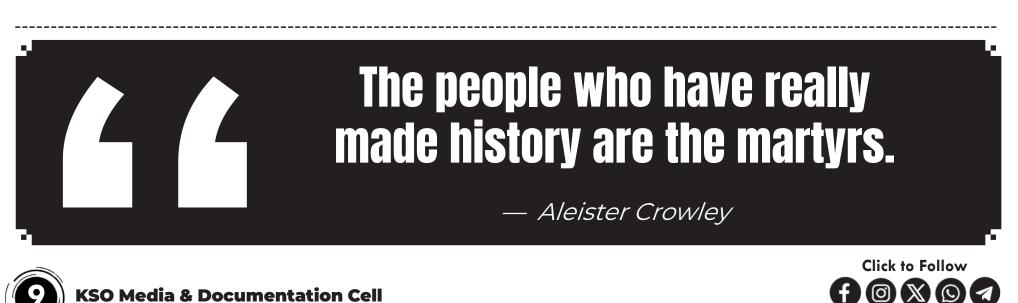


last night. The Meitei militants burned down more than 10 acres of paddy fields which were prepared for harvest.

A heavy exchange of gunfire also occurred at buffer areas of Churachandpur and Bishnupur district since early this morning. The firing took place near Kotlenphai and Changpikot village of Churachandpur district which shares borders with Kumbi Assembly Constituency of Bishnupur district. As per reports, the firing took place as a result of the buffer zone breach by the Meitei militants. The Kuki Village volunteers retaliated with heavy rounds of shots.

Till the filing of this report, two Meitei militants sustained injuries and were admitted to a hospital in Imphal. No reports of injuries from the Kukis side have been reported so far.

Families along the borders have been advised to stay indoors, and many have fled to safer areas in search of shelter.



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CRPF's BETRAYAL IN JIRIBAM

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Today, 11 Kuki-Zo Volunteers killed in cold-blooded attack by CRPF forces working with Meitei extremists. These boys, branded as "Kuki militants" to cover the crime, were killed simply for protecting their families, after Pi Zosangkim, a mother of 3 suffered a tragic fate on 7th November night at the hands of ruthless Meitei militants. Her life was taken, and in an act of unimaginable cruelty, her body was set ablaze. #CRPFWarOnCivilians

#CRPFMeiteiCollusionExposed #ManipurViolence #KukiZoLivesMatter



CRPF's BETRAYAL IN JIRIBAM I Kuki-Zo Killed in cold-blooded attac

oday's brutal massacre of 11 young Ku boys by @crpfindia, in collusion with Meitei extremists, shows the price of protecting Kuki families. Branded "Kuk aliltants" to justify this crime, these boy were murdered in cold blood. CRPF ha become a weapon for Biren Singh's oppressive regime, working to keep the

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Premjit Huidrom DIG (ops) CRPF, the guy who donated money to Arambai Tengol is now leading CRPF operations against Kukis. This will lead to more innocent CRPF jawans put as sacrificial lambs by the combined CRPF & AT-UNLF-Meitei Police. #ManipurCrisis #Manipur #MeiteiWarCrimes



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11-a number etched in blood and honor, A symbol of those who stood as one, undeterred. On November's solemn day, 11 lives intertwined, Bound by courage, sealed in sacrifice.

11-not just a count, but a heartbeat, Each soul a flame against encroaching dark. They rose together, shields of our people, their memory now an ember we'll carry, steadfast.

In every dawn, 11 will echo, Their legacy alive in our breath, our fight. Forever we remember, forever they remain-11 stars, Guiding us to justice, to peace.

Here's a martyr's pledge, his final words to his dearest mother "Please do not hold me back, I won't abandon my duty Until my last breath to defend my homeland. There are other parents who lost their only son. Please don't fret; you have other sons to support you. It's not like I am going out to do bad things, my goals are focused on the future of our community."

~ Manmasi

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