

Thingkho Le Malcha

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AWAITING JUSTICE



THANGJANGAM HAOKIP (34 YEARS)

H/O VAHNEO HAOKIP

ADDRESS: TINGKAI KHULLEN VILLAGE, SADAR HILLS

DATE OF INCIDENT: 27TH NOVEMBER, 2023

PLACE OF INCIDENT: TINGKAI KHULLEN VILLAGE, SADAR HILLS

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED IN AN AMBUSH BY MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 12. 11. 2024



218
DEATHS

1. Zosangkim Hmar
2. Lalsiemlien Hmar
3. Joseph Lalditum
4. Lalthanei Infimate
5. Robert Lalnuntluong
6. Ramneilien
7. Francis Lalzarlien
8. Elvis Lalropui Zote
9. Henry Lalsanglien
10. Ruolneisang
11. Fimlienkung



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.

KUKI-ZO STUDENT BODIES CONVENE EMERGENCY JOINT MEETING FOLLOWING JIRIBAM INCIDENT; DECLARE EXPANDED BOYCOTT OF CRPF

In response to the recent tragic incident in Jiribam district, where 10 village volunteers were allegedly killed by personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), various student organizations held an emergency joint meeting today. The meeting, chaired by Sasang Vaiphei, President of the Kuki Students Organisation – General Headquarters (KSO-GHQ), was convened to discuss the next course of action following the brutal killings and to finalize the ongoing boycott movement against the CRPF.

The meeting, which took place at the KSO-GHQ office at the KIM Secretariat, included representatives from multiple student bodies, with George Tuilor, President of the Hmar Students Association – General Headquarters (HSA-GHQ), offering the opening prayer. The gathering addressed the escalating tension after the tragic events in Jiribam and deliberated on a collective response to the CRPF's actions.

In light of the widespread condemnation of the CRPF's actions in Jiribam, the meeting resolved to significantly escalate the ongoing non-cooperation movement against the paramilitary force. The boycott, which aims to sever all forms of interaction with the CRPF, was expanded with the following key measures:

Non-Violent Resistance: The boycott will remain purely non-violent but will involve strict prohibitions on any form of contact with CRPF personnel. Individuals found engaging with the CRPF will face strong action by the student bodies.

Restricting CRPF Operations: The meeting decided to block the CRPF from carrying out normal activities, including frisking, patrolling, and other routine duties in the region. Steps will also be taken to restrict essential supplies, including water, food, and electricity, to CRPF camps and personnel in the area.

Increased Pressure: As part of the expanded non-cooperation, the student bodies will work to ensure

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Emergency Joint Meeting between Student Bodies 13-11-2024

Time - 11:30 AM
Venue - KSO-GHQ office, Circuit House.
Meeting chair - Sasang Vaiphei, president, KSO-GHQ
Opening prayer
• George Tuilor, President, HSA-GHQ

The joint meeting was called in light of the recent unfortunate events that had occurred in Jiribam district in which 10 of our village volunteers were ruthlessly killed by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The meeting was called after most student bodies issued public condemnations of the incidents in Jiribam and after their decision to declare non-cooperation upon the CRPF.

Agenda

- 1) Follow-up action on the boycott declared upon CRPF by student bodies.
- 2) Follow-up steps to be taken with regard to the 10 martyrs.

Resolution on Agenda No.1 - Follow-up action on the boycott declared upon CRPF by student bodies

1. Expanded form of non-cooperation
 - a. The expanded form of non-cooperation to be purely non-violent.
 - b. The non-cooperation to be extended to prohibit all forms of contact and interactions with CRPF. Prohibit all from contacting CRPF officials. Strong action to be taken against those found contacting CRPF by student bodies.
 - c. Prohibit CRPF from carrying out normal activities such as frisking and patrolling activities.
 - d. Steps to be taken to cut out all the essential necessities of the CRPF such as water, electricity, food supplies, etc.
 - e. Other more intensive steps to follow depending upon the response of CRPF.
 - f. Steps should be taken to ensure that CRPF cannot function properly in places they are deployed. Food, electricity and other essentials should be completely restricted.
2. Restrict the movement of CRPF and their activities inside the district.
3. Collaborate with other stakeholders to make the non-cooperation more powerful.
4. A tour around the town to be taken today i.e., 13-11-2024 to announce the non-cooperation against CRPF. The tour is to be undertaken alongside the media and to openly declare the steps to be taken against CRPF.
5. Press conference and media briefing.
 - a. Media/public declaration of the reasons behind the non-cooperation movement against CRPF.

Agenda No. 2 - Follow-up steps to be taken with regard to our 10 martyrs.

1. FIR should be registered at the earliest.
2. President HSA-GHQ to contact the families of the martyrs.
3. Joint appeal to all Inpis and other CSOs for acknowledgement and endorsement of the non-cooperation against CRPF.

that CRPF units cannot function properly in the district. The bodies also discussed further intensifying their actions depending on the CRPF's response to the boycott.

Collaborative Efforts: The student groups plan to collaborate with other organizations, local stakeholders, and community leaders to amplify the effectiveness of the non-cooperation movement and to ensure widespread support.

Public Declaration: A town-wide tour was conducted later today, alongside media

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representatives, openly declaring the expanded boycott measures and inform the public about the rationale behind the non-cooperation. A press conference and media briefing will follow to further explain the student bodies' stance against the CRPF's actions and the tragic deaths of the 10 volunteers.

The second major agenda of the meeting was to discuss the appropriate steps to honor the 10 martyrs who were killed during the CRPF operation in Jiribam. The meeting adopted the following resolutions:

FIR Registration: The student bodies called for an immediate registration of a First Information Report (FIR) in relation to the deaths of the 10 volunteers, pushing for a formal investigation into the incident.

Engagement with Victims' Families: The President of the HSA-GHQ, George Tuilor, was tasked with contacting the families of the deceased to extend condolences and to offer support during this difficult time.

Joint Appeal for Endorsement: The student bodies decided to issue a joint appeal to all Inpis and

other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to acknowledge the boycott and endorse the non-cooperation movement. The aim is to build a united front and increase the pressure on the authorities to take accountability for the incident.

The joint meeting concluded with a strong resolution to stand in solidarity with the families of the martyrs and to continue the fight for justice in a peaceful but firm manner. The students made it clear that they would not rest until the CRPF officers responsible for the killings are held accountable.

This declaration of non-cooperation and the call for justice for the 10 martyrs signals an intensification of student-led resistance against security forces in the region and reflects growing frustration over the ongoing violence and mistreatment by the CRPF. The outcome of today's meeting has set the stage for further public mobilization and collective action against the CRPF's presence in the region.

VICTIMS OF JIRIBAM MASSACRE TO BE LAID TO REST AT MARTYRS' CEMETERY; CONDOLENCE SERVICES PLANNED

The victims of the recent Jiribam massacre, which has shocked the region, are set to be laid to rest in a solemn ceremony at the Martyrs' Cemetery in Lamka. Following a post-mortem at Silchar Medical College in Assam, the bodies of the victims will be transported back to Manipur via Vairengte, Aizawl, in Mizoram. Their remains will travel along the Tipaimukh road, passing through Sipuikawn, and black flags will be hoisted along the entire route to honor their memory.

The Joint Philanthropic Organization (JPO) will oversee the burial and the condolence services. A service for the 10 martyrs is tentatively scheduled for November 15 on the Peace Ground in Tuibong. This will be followed by a candlelit vigil in the evening to commemorate the lives lost, with a solemn

programme of remembrance planned for the night of the burial.

This tragic incident has left the community grieving, but the ceremonies are a significant gesture of respect and solidarity, ensuring that the victims are remembered for their sacrifice. CSOs leaders and the people of Lamka are expected to gather in large numbers to pay their respects and support the families of those lost in this violent act.

The peaceful tribute will not only honor the martyrs but also provide a space for mourning and reflection amidst the ongoing challenges the region faces.

MIZO GROUPS CONDEMN KILLING OF HMAR VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

The Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), the apex student body in Mizoram, and the Mizo National Front (MNF), a former ruling political party, have issued strong and emotional statements condemning the recent violence in Manipur that led to the brutal killing of 31-year-old Zosangkim Hmar and the deaths of 10 Hmar volunteers.

Both organizations have called for swift action from the Indian government to address the escalating ethnic violence in the region, particularly the actions of extremists and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

The MZP, headquartered in Aizawl, expressed deep distress over the death of Zosangkim Hmar, a member of the Hmar tribe, who was allegedly attacked and killed by Meitei extremists in Zairawn village, Jiribam District. The student body condemned the “animal-like behaviour” of the alleged perpetrators, emphasizing that such acts of violence have no place in a civilized society.

MZP also mourned the loss of 11 Zo warriors who had died while defending their community in Jakhradwar, Jiribam District, in previous violence. In a statement, the MZP paid tribute to these fallen heroes, vowing that their blood would not be shed in vain.

In its condemnation of the violence, the MZP called on what they termed as “Meitei extremists” to immediately cease their attacks and urged the Indian government to take decisive action against these extremist groups.

The student body also expressed its disappointment with the Central Reserve Police Force, accusing them of failing in their role as neutral peacekeepers. MZP claims that the CRPF’s involvement has only served to escalate the violence, and they called for accountability for the CRPF personnel involved in the attacks.

“The CRPF’s involvement has tarnished the image of the Government of India and the state of Manipur,” the MZP stated. “We demand that the Ministry of Home Affairs take immediate action against the CRPF personnel responsible for the violence.”

Meanwhile, the Mizo National Front, a key political

party in Mizoram, expressed shock and sadness over the deaths of 10 Hmar volunteers who were allegedly killed by the CRPF while defending their village. The MNF denounced the actions of the CRPF, criticizing their failure to remain neutral in the ongoing ethnic conflict. The party emphasized that the CRPF’s actions risk further inflaming the already fragile situation in Manipur.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of these fallen heroes and pray for their strength during this difficult time,” the MNF said in a statement. “The extrajudicial killings on November 11 are a tragic example of the CRPF’s discriminatory actions against Mizo tribes.”

The party also urged the Mizo people to stand united in the face of this violence, recalling the traditional Mizo saying, “Dam leh tlang khatah, thih leh ruam khatah” (If we survive, we will survive together, and if we die, we will ensure no one dies alone). The MNF expressed solidarity with the victims’ families and with the Mizo community in Manipur, calling for a rededication to the cause of Mizo unity and self-determination in honor of the sacrifices made by these volunteers.

As the bodies of the fallen heroes are brought home from Silchar to Lamka via Mizoram, the MNF General Headquarters called on Mizo people across the region to pay tribute to the martyrs during their procession. The Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA) has organized a reception ceremony at Thuampui in Aizawl, where MNF leaders are expected to attend and honor the fallen heroes.

Both the MZP and the MNF have emphasized the need for peace, justice, and accountability as the ethnic conflict in Manipur continues to escalate. They have called for urgent action from the Indian government to ensure the protection and safety of all ethnic communities in the region and to prevent further bloodshed. (East Mojo)

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF SEHKEN VILLAGE KILLINGS: KSO DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR FALLEN SOLDIERS

Today marks the third anniversary of the tragic ambush that claimed the life of Colonel Viplav Tripathi, the Commanding Officer of 46 Assam Rifles, and six others, including his wife and young son. The attack occurred on November 13, 2021, near S Sehken village in Churachandpur district, close to the Indo-Myanmar border. Colonel Tripathi, who was returning to his battalion from the Behiang company post, was ambushed by Meitei militants while traveling with his family and Assam Rifles personnel.

The brutal assault resulted in the deaths of Colonel Tripathi, his wife, and six-year-old son, along with four Assam Rifles personnel. Additionally, six others, including a havildar, the commanding officer's driver, and members of the Quick Reaction Team, sustained injuries in the attack.

On this somber occasion, the Kuki Students Organisation (KSO) General Headquarters expressed deep condolences to the families of the deceased, honoring the immense sacrifices made by the fallen soldiers and their families. The KSO, which represents the Kuki community, reiterated its unwavering stance that the sacrifices of these soldiers should never be forgotten.

"We stand firm in our belief that justice must prevail," the KSO said in a statement. "The loss of Colonel Tripathi and his family, and the deaths of our brave Assam Rifles personnel, is a reminder of the tremendous risks our soldiers face in protecting our borders. Their sacrifice cannot be allowed to be in vain."

However, three years on, the KSO expressed grave concern over the lack of progress in bringing the perpetrators of the attack to justice. Despite extensive investigations, those responsible for the ambush remain free and reportedly continue to operate with impunity. The KSO further accused the state government of allegedly shielding the militants behind the attack, complicating efforts to bring them to justice.

"These militants who carried out this heinous act are the



same groups now actively involved in the ongoing violence against innocent Kuki civilians," the KSO noted. "It is deeply concerning that the authorities have failed to hold these groups accountable for both the attack on Colonel Tripathi and the violence plaguing our communities."

The KSO has called on the Ministry of Home Affairs to prioritize the capture and prosecution of the militants responsible for the attack. "The continued delay in holding these terror groups accountable is an affront to the memory of the fallen soldiers and to the ongoing fight for peace and justice in our region," the statement read.

As the anniversary of this brutal attack passes, the KSO has called for "swift and decisive action" to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that such tragic acts do not go unpunished. The organization stressed that the sacrifices made by Colonel Tripathi and his team must be respected through concrete steps toward accountability and justice.

The attack on Colonel Tripathi and his family remains one of the most devastating assaults on security forces in recent years, and the demand for justice for the victims continues to grow louder with each passing year. The KSO's call for immediate action underscores the deep frustrations felt by the Kuki community over the ongoing conflict and the lack of accountability for acts of violence in the region.



NEWS ANALYSIS

Complicity of Centre in Ethnic Cleansing Pogrom: An Escalating Threat to Kuki-Zo People's Existence

It is shameful and beggars belief that the Solicitor General (SG) of the Government of India, Tushar Mehta, has the audacity to blatantly lie to the Supreme Court of India, while representing the Centre over a writ petition filed against the fascist Meitei Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, over his explosive whistleblower's audiotapes.

Unprofessionally and without cross-checking the facts, SG Tushar Mehta, on November 8, submitted his arguments to the Supreme Court that "CM [N. Biren Singh] is meeting all Kuki MLAs and trying to bring the situation down to get peace", which is a blatant lie and tantamount to misleading the highest Court of the Country. In fact, the narcissistic Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, the main architect of the violence, cannot assert such negotiations for peace talk while continuing the ethnic cleansing of Kuki-Zo people.

This unsolicited and blatant lie of the Solicitor General of India, who represents the Centre in the Court, has proven beyond doubt that even the Government of India is complicit with the Meiteis and their government to annihilate the minority Kuki-Zo people in Manipur. This has become a cause of serious concern as it will result in further escalation of grave threats being launched on the existence of Kuki-Zo people in their own ancestral land.

This is not the first time that the Government of India has misled the Apex Court since the beginning of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom which erupted on May 3 last year. In August 2023, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had also told the Supreme Court that most of the Kuki-Zo dead bodies lying in the morgues of Imphal Hospitals were of infiltrators, which was a blatant lie and devoid of any facts.

"I didn't want to say this but most of the unclaimed dead bodies are those infiltrators who came with a particular design and got killed," the S-G had shamefully told a three-judge bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud that took up petitions related to the Manipur violence. The fact was that all the victims of Meiteis' atrocities were of true Indian citizens who were selectively raped and murdered, tortured to death or burnt alive just because they belong to Kuki-Zo ethnic groups.

The Solicitor General's constant lies aligning with Meiteis' fabricated narratives have exposed a shocking collusion of the BJP's "Double-Engine" governments at the Centre and State, thus

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betraying the people's trust in the establishments. It also proved that the ongoing violence in Manipur is "state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom."

Notably, there has been normalisation or institutionalisation of lies and vicious politics being played in the ongoing Manipur conflict that even the official legal representative of the present regime at the Centre has to align with Meiteis' false narratives. In such a collusion of the State and Centre over the mayhem, the Kuki-Zo tribals remain victims of this systematic injustice.

What will happen if the Government of India continuously misleads the highest court of the land about the mayhem in Manipur? Can justice be delivered by spreading/presenting false narratives of the Meiteis and their communal State government? Why is the Government of India complicit with the dictatorship of N. Biren Singh, while dehumanising the minority tribals who are the real victims?

In a statement issued on November 10, the Kuki MLAs have clarified that they had never had any meeting with the Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh since May 3, 2023, nor have any intention to meet him in future as he is the mastermind behind the violence and ethnic cleansing of the Kuki-Zo people from the Imphal valley, which is continuing till today.

While condemning the Solicitor General's unprofessional conduct of submitting arguments before the Supreme

Court without cross checking the facts, the MLAs - including Haokholet Kipgen from Saitu A/C, Nemcha Kipgen from Kangpokpi A/C, Kimneo Haokip Hangshing from Saikul A/C, Letpao Haokip from Tengnoupal A/C, Paolenlal Haokip from Saikot A/C, LM Khaute from Churachandpur A/C, Chinlunthang from Singngat A/C, Letzamang Haokip from Henglep A/C, Vungjagin Valte from Thanlon A/C and Ngursanglur from Tipaimukh A/C - have categorically stated that S-G Tushar Mehta's submission to the Supreme Court was a blatant lie and tantamount to misleading the Apex Court.

With the continued ethnic persecution and dehumanisation of the minority tribals still ongoing even after more than one and half years, the Kuki-Zo people continue to legitimately seek justice. They stand resolute in their commitment to defend themselves and repel any attack that threatens their communities' existence.

The Government of India must know that the Kukis' unwavering determination to protect their people and their land is steadfast, and they will not hesitate to take action against any threat to their safety and security. Kuki-Zo people will not rest until justice is served and those responsible for the ethnic cleansing pogrom are held accountable for their inhumane actions.

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Let us all be brave enough to die the death of a martyr, but let no one lust for martyrdom.

— Mahatma Gandhi

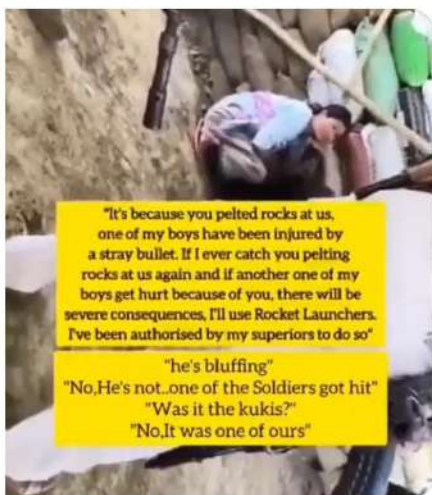


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Here's a serious issue arise to @crpfindia and @manipur_police how can a well prepared Armed man who's plan to attack security Force has higher casualty then the others.
The Local sources tell us that even some man were beaten to death using Shovel by the Security Forces

police,UNLF along with CRPF were station together at jakuradhor and Borobekra Police station,the Hmar volunteers confront the @crpfindia regarding lack of security and protection by CRPF due to the Killings and burning of women by Meiteis terrorist,while after CRPF official and HMAR volunteers meaningful negotiation the others side Took advantage tectically sit an ambush let the Women folk pelting stone and Fire at them turn the situation worsen,even CRPF jawan get hit by stray bullet as we could in



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The pattern is clear, Dr Haokip said. Whenever accountability looms, violence resurfaces to distract from the issue. This recurring phenomenon not only undermines peace initiatives but also perpetuates mistrust among ethnic communities.
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**KUKI WOMEN ORGANISATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
(KWOHR)**

PUBLIC RALLY

**OVER THE MASS KILLING
OF KUKI-ZOS IN JIRIBAM**

**15th NOVEMBER 2024
FRIDAY**

ROUTE

KOITE TO WALL OF REMEMBRANCE (WOR)

11:00 AM ONWARDS



"IT ENDS WITH US"

(A martyr's farewell to his wife)

Oh, fairest night, thy darkness hath beset me, and I find myself lost, forsaken,
and far from home's sweet solace.

They shall bring me home, enshrouded in the sacred cloth of our forefathers,
and I felt the warmth of honor's golden light, and pride's noble mantle,
borne aloft upon the stalwart shoulders of mine brothers, mine comrades true.

And, alas! the tidings that shall rend thy heart, O dearest love!
They have pronounced my mortal coil, and yet mine heart doth ache,
for the anguish thou shalt bear.

For in that final hour, I felt the pangs of death's dark sting,
and mine heart did break, thinking of thy tender soul,
that shall be torn asunder by grief's cruel hand.

Oh, that it were thy gentle arms that cradled mine head,
thy tender touch that soothed mine eyes! I closed them, dearest,
and in that moment, I knew 'twas worth the price of life itself.

The light doth fade, and memory's bittersweet flashbacks begin;
the vows we made, the knot we tied, fraught with dreams of joy and sorrow's dark hue.

When our little ones awake, tell them of us, of our love's beginnings,
and the dreams we wove; bid them love and cherish, as we didst.
Make them proud to call thee mother, and in thine arms,
may they find solace, as I didst. Be a father to them for me. And I trust you.

I embark upon the journey whence none return, O dearest!
My heart doth ache with longing for thee!
"I love thee all, more than life itself."

Beyond the veil, where eternity reigns, there shall we meet again, O beloved!
This mortal decay, my dearest, It ends with us today!

Farewell, take care!

~ *Moses H Khongsai*