

# Thingkho Le Malcha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



## AWAITING JUSTICE



### KHAITINMANG BAITE (34 YEARS)

S/O (L) PAOTHANG BAITE

ADDRESS: MOREH, TENGNOUPAL

DATE OF INCIDENT: 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

PLACE OF INCIDENT: MOREH, TENGNOUPAL

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED 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.

## JIRIBAM KILLINGS: ITAC ACCUSES MANIPUR POLICE OF CITING FAKE MHA DIRECTIVE TO HALT PROCEDURE; SOURCES DENY ISSUANCE OF ANY SUCH INSTRUCTION

The Indigenous Tribes Advocacy Committee (ITAC) has strongly condemned the brutal killing of 10 Hmar Village Volunteers (HVV) by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at Jakuradhor in Jiribam District, Manipur, on November 11, 2024.

The ITAC claims that despite prior warnings issued in September 2024 about the presence of Meitei insurgents and AT militants in the Jiribam area, the authorities failed to take adequate preventive action. In a press release, the ITAC had alerted the central government and security forces about the imminent threat to indigenous Kuki-Zo tribals in the region, specifically from the 5G Meitei insurgent groups—UNLF, KYKL, PREPAK, and KCP—and the AT.

The committee's allegations also include claims that the Meitei terrorists and AT cadres have been sheltered by local Meitei communities and the state police, facilitating the violence against indigenous communities. According to ITAC, the HVVs, who were primarily tasked with protecting Kuki-Zo villages, had no intention to confront security forces but were tragically targeted by the CRPF on November 11. ITAC states that the CRPF personnel fired on the volunteers without provocation, leading to the brutal deaths of the 10 men. The bodies of the volunteers were reportedly mutilated, with their eyeballs gouged out and bodies severely disfigured.

Further distressing details have emerged regarding the postmortem process of the deceased. ITAC claims that the Manipur Police obstructed the postmortem of four of the volunteers' bodies, despite the postmortem being conducted at Silchar Medical College (SMC) in Assam. ITAC alleges that the police cited a non-existent directive from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) as the reason for halting the procedure. However, sources have since denied that the MHA had issued any such instruction.



The families of the victims are reportedly still waiting for the return of their loved ones' remains, while the authorities have refused to complete the postmortem or release the bodies, further fueling anger over what ITAC describes as a violation of human dignity and human rights.

The ITAC has issued several demands, including:

1. Immediate Investigation into the murder of Zosangkim Hmar, a woman who was allegedly tortured, raped, and killed by Meitei terrorists and AT militants in Zairawn village on November 7, 2024.
2. Compensation for the families of the 10 HVVs who died in the attack at Jakuradhor.
3. Permanent Removal of CRPF personnel from Kuki-Zo villages.
4. Completion of Postmortem of the remaining bodies of the HVVs and their immediate release to the families.
5. Disciplinary Action against the Manipur Police personnel who allegedly threatened civil society leaders during their inquiry about the postmortem process. The ITAC has expressed deep concern about the impunity with which security forces, state authorities, and armed militants are operating in the region, calling for immediate justice for the victims and their families.



# COTU ACCUSES MANIPUR CM OF “ETHNIC CLEANSING,” CALLS FOR UNITY AMONG TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN SADAR HILLS

In an emphatic statement today, the Committee on Tribal Unity (COTU) has reiterated its commitment to stand as a pillar for the minority voices in Manipur’s Sadar Hills, particularly for the Kuki-Zo community. The COTU condemned what it describes as state-backed atrocities and systemic repression against the Kuki-Zo people, accusing the majority Meitei community of trampling the community’s basic rights to freedom and existence.



The COTU claims that, over the past 17 months, Kuki-Zo individuals have faced unrelenting racial profiling, religious persecution, and the calculated dismantling of their institutions. The committee alleges that these actions have been bolstered by the misuse of government machinery to impose a “fascist, nepotistic, and hegemonic” agenda. COTU directly blamed Manipur’s Chief Minister, Nongthombam Biren Singh, as the architect of what it terms an “ethnic cleansing campaign,” arguing that he has mobilized state resources to carry out divisive and hostile acts against his own citizens.

Addressing the Naga community’s recent neutral stance on the escalating ethnic conflict, COTU urged Manipur’s Naga leaders to remember their shared history with the Kuki-Zo community. COTU expressed disappointment but called for renewed unity, stressing that the same divisive tactics could be aimed at any tribal community. “It is our sincere call to our Manipur Naga brethren: resist the divisive influence of the majoritarian forces that seek to annihilate anyone outside their own ranks,” COTU implored.

Calling the situation a “political genocide in plain sight,” COTU asserts that Mr. Singh is wholly unwelcome in Kuki-Zo areas, denouncing him as a symbol of intolerance and exclusion. The statement accuses him of manipulating Manipur’s pluralistic fabric to impose a narrow and exclusivist vision that isolates the Kuki-Zo community from their ancestral lands.

Furthermore, COTU urged the Liangmai Naga Council (LNC) to withdraw its recent complaints against the organization, directed to the President of India. Emphasizing that COTU stands for all tribal and minority rights, it invited LNC and other groups to join forces for a more united front against alleged abuses of state power.



**It is the cause, not the death, that makes the martyr.**

— Napoleon Bonaparte

# KUKI CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION DENOUNCES RNSOM'S ALLEGATIONS; NUNGBA AREA VA ASSOCIATION REJECTS BOYCOTT CALL ON KUKIS

The Kuki Chiefs' Association, Tousem Block, has rejected the accusations made by the Rongmei Naga Students' Organization Manipur (RNSOM) regarding the arson of trucks carrying essential goods along National Highway 37 on November 13. The Chiefs' Association claims that RNSOM made the allegations without providing any proof or evidence.

Accusing the Kukis of carrying out the arson, RNSOM announced a total boycott of all supplies to the Kuki community in Tamenglong and Noney districts, starting on November 13.

The Kuki Chiefs' Association condemned the arson, which targeted a goods truck owned by Govind Sharma from Rajasthan. The truck was set ablaze by unknown assailants at around 5 a.m. on November 13. The Kuki Chiefs expressed concerns over the lack of clarity regarding the identity of the perpetrators and called for a more balanced approach to resolving the issue.

The Kuki Chiefs' Association also highlighted their ongoing efforts to maintain peace in the region, particularly following a peace agreement signed on June 21 with the Jiribam and Tamenglong district administrations. The agreement stipulated the free movement of essential goods, but the Kuki community has faced obstacles in transporting supplies due to continued instability and security concerns. They called for renewed commitment from the state government to ensure the safe movement of essential commodities.

The Kuki Chiefs also criticized the Meetei CSOs for calling a shutdown across Manipur, including Jiribam, on November 13, yet allowing goods trucks to continue moving. They urged civil organizations to focus on finding solutions rather than blaming one community for every incident.

## OFFICE OF THE KUKI CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

Tousem Block, Tamenglong District, Manipur.

Head Office :

Phaitol, P.O. Gularthol-795115

Ref No. 11/KCA/PR/24

Chair

### CONDEMNATION

13th November 2024

The Kuki Chief Association, Tousem Block condemn the act of arson in which one Goods Truck was set ablaze on NH 37 around 5am in the morning. The vehicle belonging to one Govind Sharma of Rajasthan was set ablaze by unknown miscreants today morning and the reason still uncertain.

The Kuki Chief Association, Tousem Block had been toiling hard to maintain peace in the area since the past one year and have been representative to every Peace agreement signed in the area. Representatives of Jiribam and Tamenglong District Administration along with Kuki CSOs had a written agreement on 21st June this year that the State Government should ensure free movement of essential commodities to every community. But, unfortunately the State government and District administration could not fulfill the agreement to protect essential commodities till now and Kuki-Zo community could not transport their essential commodities till now.

On the other hand, Meetei CSOs had called for shutdown in Manipur including Jiribam on 13 November and inspite of that Goods trucks have been moving incessantly from early morning. The Rongmei Naga Student Organization Manipur(RNSOM) without any proof or evidence had been blatantly accusing Kuki-zo community related with the incident of burning goods truck and boycotting a particular community without substantial evidence will be immaturity on their part.

As such the Kuki Chief Association appeals to every Civil organization that instead of blaming one community for every incident and creating a communal environment, we should be able to come together to create a solution to problems in the area. The Kuki Chief Association appeals that concern authority should try to uphold their concern in providing adequate security and making the National Highway a free and undisturbed to violence and threat.

Issued By;

Department Of Information & Publicity

Kuki Chief Association, Tousem Block.

Meanwhile, the Nungba Area Village Authority Association (NAVAA) issued a statement rejecting RNSOM's call for a boycott of the Kuki community. NAVAA argued that such actions could incite communal tensions and disturb the educational environment, especially as students in the area are preparing for their final exams. NAVAA emphasized that they would not cooperate with any group attempting to create unrest or disrupt public peace in the region. They also warned that any organization violating their directives would face legal consequences.

# ITLF DEMAND BODIES OF 10 KILLED BY CRPF BE BROUGHT TO CHURACHANDPUR BY ROAD, AUTOPSY REVEALS THIRD-DEGREE TORTURE IN ZOSANGKIM'S DEATH

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) have said the bodies of the 10 men allegedly gunned down by CRPF must be brought to Churachandpur by road through Mizoram from Silchar where the bodies are kept for post mortem.

In a statement, ITLF said, "following extensive decision, it was decided that the 10 martyrs must be transported by road through Mizoram and then to Lamka (Churachandpur) by Tipaimukh road once the post-mortem are conducted. Other modes of transportation will not be accepted." The statement is signed by 10 different bodies including Mizo People's Convention, Kuki Inpi Churachandpur, Hmar Inpui.

The autopsy report of the 31-year-old tribal woman, who was killed in Manipur's violence-hit Jiribam district on November 7, revealed that she was subjected to third-degree torture and suffered 99 percent burns.

The report of the autopsy, which was carried out at Silchar Medical College and Hospital in Assam on November 9, also said several body parts and limbs were missing and visceras for chemical analysis could not be collected as most were charred and unrecognizable. It also added that the brain tissue was found wrapped in a plastic tissue that was liquefied and decomposed.

The body of the woman, a mother of three, was found at her home at Zairawn village following an attack by a group of armed militants on November 7.

"Death was due to shock as a result of third-degree mixed flame antemortem burns as described which covered 99 per cent of total body surface area," the report stated as the cause of her death.

According to the report, the hospital received a completely charred body along with burnt bone fragments, devoid of healthy soft tissues.

"Right upper limb and parts of both lower limbs and the facial structure found missing," it stated.

The report further said that vaginal smear for microscopic analysis could not be taken as body parts were "completely charred and not recognizable".

"Visceras for chemical analysis could not be collected as most were charred and unrecognizable or missing. Burnt and separated fragments of bone did not show any signs of vital reaction indicating the post mortem nature of separation," it added.

The body was also found with deep penetrating wounds, and a metallic nail was found embedded in the left thigh.

Highlighting the unimaginable condition of the body and torture meted out on her, the report said, "Burnt and separated fragments of bone did not show any signs of vital reaction indicating the post mortem nature of separation." More than 220 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence in the northeastern state since May last year.

Ethnically diverse Jiribam, which was largely untouched by the clashes in Imphal Valley and the adjoining hills, witnessed violence after the mutilated body of a farmer was found in a field in June this year.



# CENTRE RE-IMPOSES AFSPA IN SIX VALLEY POLICE STATION AREAS

The Centre has re-imposed the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, under which an area is declared as “disturbed” for the convenience of security forces to operate, in Manipur’s six police station areas, including the violence-hit Jiribam.

In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the decision was taken given the continuous volatile situation there due to the ongoing ethnic violence.

The police station areas where AFSPA has been reimposed are Sekmai and Lamsang in Imphal West district, Lamalai in Imphal East district, Jiribam in Jiribam district, Leimakhong in Kangpokpi and Moirang in Bishnupur.

The fresh order came after the Manipur government imposed AFSPA in the entire state on October 1, barring



19 police station areas that include these six.

The police stations excluded from the Manipur government’s October 1 order of AFSPA imposition were Imphal, Lamphal, City, Singjamei, Sekmai, Lamsang, Patsoi, Wangoi, Porompat, Heingang, Lamalai, Irilbung, Leimakhong, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Nambol, Moirang, Kakching, Jiribam.



Rana Ayyub  
@RanaAyyub



Manipur. About a dozen killed, a family missing, locals allege bombs are flying through the roof. Gunfights, arson reported in multiple locations. Two thousand central armed forces deployed. Meanwhile Prime Minister and Home Minister continue to be on campaign trail



Last edited 10:42 · 14 Nov 24



Ravinder Kapur.  
@RavinderKapur2

Follow

From the archives of the violence in #Manipur Dated 12 June 2024

## ABSENCE OF AFSPA CRIPPLING ARMED FORCES IN MANIPUR VALLEY

Due to absence of AFSPA in Meitei areas, CSFs are at risk. Seen here are the Meira Paibis paving way for Meitei Militants while armed forces watched helplessly.

@HMOIndia  
@SamKhongsai\_



13:11 · 14 Nov 24 · 3,416 Views





**AN HONEST OPINION  
OF A NAGA**

**OPINION**

## **A Retrospect of the Current Manipur Violence**

**Imchungla Ao**

The ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur since 3rd May 2023 has been a deep concern to the right thinking citizens of the country. Several lives and properties have been lost. While the lost on both the communities have been enormous, some groups of the society have been playing a dirty politics out of it for their sole political gain which in its stupidity will surely echo back to their own society.

We are well aware, particularly the Naga society, that some vested interest groups are looking for opportunity, instead of feeling the pain of both the community. Looking back at the history of both the community-the Kukis and the Meiteis, I went through some historical research and found some interesting facts: that the Kukis and Meiteis had always lived in perfect harmony. The Kuki warriors always helped the Meitei kings in their (Meitei Kings) endeavour. (Writing their history may lead me to writing a huge volume; therefore, let me be brief here). The Meiteis owe a great debt to the Kukis, and vice versa. Linguistically, both are close and originated from Tibeto-Burman group of language. Meaning, they are inseparable. Then, what actually went wrong is a big question.

Kaccha Nagas of Manipur, who are led by the NSCN IM, UNC, Tangkhul Long, the Haomee Federation, etc. Frankly speaking, we know that the present crisis is a game played by the CM of Manipur, Biren Singh and MP Rajya Sabha, Sanajaoba. Both are assisted by the COCOMI, Leepun, and Arambais. But the larger issue is 'who is controlling these illiterate leaders of Manipur? They are none other than the Central BJP leaders who are again spin by the RSS, the dreaded Hindu Sangathan, who always dreams of making Hindu-Supremacy in India. The May 3rd violence was a well-planned, co-ordinated and executed by the RSS (the whole world knows very well). For the foolish Biren and Sanajaoba it is a political ambition to grab the tribal land while for the RSS it is a persecution of the Christian minority. If it was just a misunderstanding between the two communities, why should the Meitei outlawed fundamentalists organisations attack its own Meitei Christians and churches? Few years ago we knew that the RSS have penetrated the North East, and are planning an attack on the Christians. Hence, Proved.

But here, I am particularly worried about the role of the

**Contd.**





**Contd.****Do you know that after the Kukis you could be the next target?**

Another great question is why didn't Biren utilise those battalions of state forces to curb the violence on the May 3rd? Why didn't Biren use the state forces to protect the Kukis in Imphal and the Meiteis in Churachandpur? He simply allowed the killings and hunting of the Kuki Zo community in Imphal valley. This Christian minority were hunted in their work places, homes, rented homes, hostels, colleges and even in the hospital, having nowhere to run. (This simply reminds ones of the hunting of the Jews by the Germans in Europe). The sudden issue of Illegal Immigrants, refugees, foreign fighters, etc are just a blame game against the Kukis to suit their narratives. Even your Wangbaren god will not accept your narratives.

Now, my question to the Kaccha Nagas of Manipur is 'why on earth do you look for an opportunity to strike the Kukis? You have seen the pain and sufferings of your fellow Christians in Manipur. You have betrayed them on May 3rd. This proves you are double-minded, and unworthy to be trusted. (The same game will not be applicable here in Nagaland). The Kukis trusted you wholeheartedly but you betrayed them and distanced yourselves away from the conflict. Had you truly been serious about the tribal issue, you would choose to stand with your fellow tribals at all cost. The Meiteis started their counter-blockade against the Kukis on May 2nd while turning a blind eye to you. This situation leads one to conclude that you had a secret agreement with the Meiteis; your outward opposition against the ST demand was just a fox-in-sheep's clothing. After 18 months of the conflict, it is apparently becoming clear of your involvement in the incitement of the conflict. When Biren became the CM you invited him to Ukhrul (your intention is highly doubtful), while honourable Ibobi Singh wasn't allowed to set his foot on the soil of Ukhrul. You supplied the Meiteis arms and ammunition. In this dying time, it is the duty of the Kukis to grab

any rope to climb up the top, to use all forms of means like the economic blockade to face their opposition. We have seen you warning the Kukis of dire consequences, (and what not) even after knowing that your Christian brothers are being killed gruesomely. Why don't you also follow Sanamahism? Why do you call yourself Christians and betrayed your Christian brothers? Are you now satisfied when your Christian brothers are dying in huge numbers? You never protested nor condemned when their churches were burnt. Your greed for their land, and envy for their jobs has reached its zenith. In fact, you could not compete them in any field- in government jobs, sports, banks, courts, parliaments, etc. That's why you hate them. You excel them only in dirty politics (of hatred and division). Not only this, you threatened them often, boycott them, chased them, fined them (did they fine you for burning their 100 houses at Chassad?). The Liangmais have often released a PR against them when in fact you received the good news of the gospel from the Kukis, and even follow their pattern of gathering songs and gathering dances. You should be ashamed of yourself.

Recently, the Thangal community, the community we thought are peaceful, have openly challenged the Kukis at Yaikongpao by blocking their rally, taking the opportunity that the Kukis have nowhere to go but to pass through the Senapati Road. You've a deep hatred against the Kukis, and we are well aware of all these. You envy Kangpokpi district. You think Kukis are insects that can be trampled and kicked away. We are aware of the treatment you meted out to your fellow Christians who have been burnt by the fanatic Sanamahi devotees, instead of coming to their rescue. You should be

**Contd.**

Contd.

ashamed of your dirty politics. The 70+ years of your freedom movement proves who you are. Even in 1000 years you will not be successful because God is not in your movement. Had God been in your movement, you would have achieved sovereignty long time ago.

The game you played is over. You talk of sovereignty, yet you love Manipur, and called them blood brothers. If Meiteis are your blood brothers, you are not Nagas. Everything has its own time. Your time is up. So f..k off Nagaland .

Finally, dear Meitei people, open your eyes to the facts. I have several Meitei friends who are peace lovers. They know the truth behind the present crisis but could not speak due to the radicalised groups of the society. Babloo, Brinda and the likes have been threatened and

silenced for speaking the truth. They know that RSS are using Biren Singh and Sanajaoba as a tool. The November 7 incident in which a Kuki woman in her 30s with 3 children was burnt to death after mutilating her body parts have brought in a new wave of violence. Don't blame the Kukis for the new flare up. Heaven knows. Retrospect yourself before it is too late.

May the Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, have mercy on the persecuted Christians, but pour out His wrath on dirty politicians. Political Solution in the form of UT for the three entities is the only way forward and brings in lasting peace.

(The author is a research scholar in South East Asian Studies)



## CRPF: THE BIREN'S SCARECROW





# Public RALLY

**15.11.24 FRIDAY**

**OVER THE UNPROVOKED KILLING OF  
KUKI-ZO PEOPLE IN JIRIBAM**

---

## **KANGPOKPI (KANGGUI) DISTRICT**

Northern Kukiland, KANGGUI TOWN

ROUTE : Thomas Ground to DC Office

Organiser: KWOHR-SH & COTU Women Wing

## **TENGNOUPAL DISTRICT**

Eastern Kukiland, Tegnoupal District HQ

MOREH TOWN :

ROUTE • Galngam Lentol to Moreh Bazar

Organiser: KWU & HR

## **CHANDEL DISTRICT**

South East Kukiland, CHANDEL DISTRICT

ROUTE • Haika Ground to Chahkap Ground

Organiser: KWOHR-Chandel

## **CHURACHANDPUR DISTRICT**

Southern Kukiland, LAMKA

ROUTE : Koite to Peace Ground Tuibong

Organiser: KWOHR



## **NAMPI THANGKOU**

Jiribam a sopi Hmar-Kuki Volunteer ho leh sopinu dei umlou tah a akitha na jeh a jing  
(15 Nov. 2024) nikhole Kuki Women Organisation for Human Rights (KWOHR) makaina noiija KUKILAND  
sung kihot ling liu a Rally ibol dinga ahi, Tahchapa/Tahchanu!





# FLAME OF LIBERTY

In our Kukiland Ancestral ground, bloodshed stains.  
Brothers fallen, Hearts in Pain.  
Defending heritage, freedom's thread.  
KukiZo volunteers, innocent and true.

Your memories haunt, tears never dry  
Grief echoes, our community's cry  
Mothers weep, Fathers mourn.  
Heart shattered, Souls forever scarred.

Your courage inspires, spirits remain.  
Ancestral Spirits guiding our way.  
Manipur's soil, forever spoken.  
Justice delayed, wounds unmarred,  
Yet hope persist, Justice will Rise.

Legacy etched, ancestral plains  
Kuki-Zo pride, unbroken vow  
Forever honored, Hearts unvail.

*~ Henry Thangzawm*