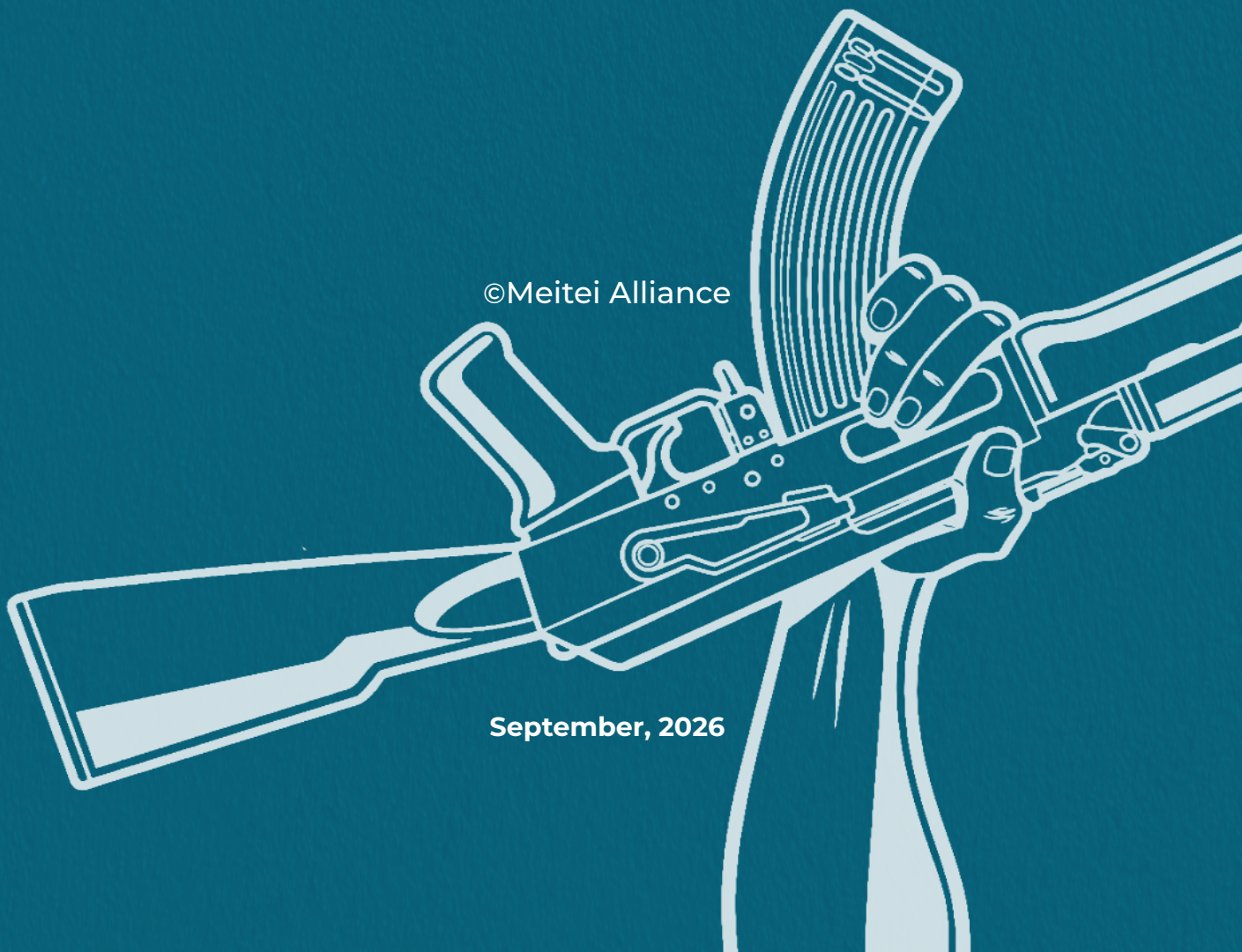
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1. Background Note

As the saying goes, 'a suspension of operations cannot become a suspension of law', Manipur state is apparently reeling under a similar proverbial state of derogation of rule of law, owing to the Kuki-Chin armed groups led Suspension of Operations (SoO hereafter) with the Government of India in 2005, and the Government of Manipur joining it formally in 2008. To set the record straight, the Kuki-Chin armed groups had no substantial record of military operation against the Indian security forces till the time SoO was conceived on 1st August, 2005, under the initiative of the Assam Rifles. There is no formidable evidence to suggest that Kuki-Chin SoO initiative was done with an official concurrence of the state government of Manipur. On 22nd August 2008, SoO became a formal tripartite framework involving the Government of India, Government of Manipur and Kuki-Chin armed groups. The term 'Kuki-Chin' is used here to refer to the alleged involvement of cadres and leaders/parties having their origin in Chin State of Myanmar.

Over time, more than twenty constituent groups were brought into the SoO process, with designated camps, identity cards, stipends and a Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) intended to ensure compliance[1]. The SoO provisions were not designed as a wholesome amnesty arrangement. The main purpose was to suspend offensive operations conditionally while the armed groups were to be engaged in political talk. The ground rules were meant to prohibit violence, kidnapping, extortion, and intimidation, unauthorized movement with arms, new recruitment and imposition of illegal taxes or fines. The legitimacy of the SoO should, therefore, come from compliance and accountability, not merely from an official ritual of annual renewal. The Kuki-Chin SoO process covers about 25 armed groups with an approximate cadre strength of 2181. An astonishing character of SoO is that

some of these groups have a membership of less than 15.

An armed group like Kuki Revolutionary Army (U) with merely 13 cadre strength entering into a 'SoO' pact and getting qualified to be in a 'political dialogue' is northing short of a puzzling instance of governmentality. Kuki-Chin SoO groups are led by two groups; namely Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF). The two broad groups seems to have been created to align the ethnic and clan orientations of the groups. Also, for the evident reason that SoO process involves several insignificant and petty groups. Many of the parties involved in SoO functions like protective ethno-clan armed groups. The formation of groups involved in SoO in the mid-1990s can be explicated in the wake of inter-ethnic clashes during the period. The 1990s saw heightened inter-ethnic competitiveness often leading to physical violence. The clash between Kukis and Nagas in between 1992 - 1997 and Kuki-Paite in 1997 are glaring cases. The formation of tribe and clan-based armed groups mushroomed during this time in the southern hills of Manipur. Moreover, the porous border of India - Myanmar region became a major site of these contests, overlapping ethnic claims, illicit arms and drug trade. Compounded further by geopolitical interest of global powers, ethnic mobilisation in the region is suspected to have benefited from a dubious networks of trans-border funding. Manipur violence of May 3, 2023 which has resulted in the death of hundred civilians, destruction of houses and displacement cannot be seen in isolation from the geopolitical scrambles in the region. The socio-political and economic impact of Manipur violence is poised to prove even more consequential in the years to come.

Another trajectory of Manipur conflict is that a good number of existing Armed Opposition Parties are clamouring for the 'right to self-determination' and 'restoration of lost independence'. These movements gained momentum in the regions of India-Myanmar frontiers and Western South Asian region, particularly in Assam, Manipur and Nagaland in the

1990s. Comparatively speaking, the ethno-clan based groups, as in the case of Kuki-Chin groups, had no robust political aspirations, except for some local autonomy aspirations, mainly in the years after the Mizo Accord, 1986. The Kuki-Chin groups in Manipur largely remain within the enclaves of ethnicity and clans, largely advocating for administrative power devolution. Many splinter groups of of Kuki groups have apparently increased their political, social and economic sphere of influence since the start of SoO and May 3 violence.

The Kuki-Chin groups in Manipur caused no formidable challenge to the security establishment. As mentioned above, the armed groups with historical aspirations clamoring for 'fight to self-determination' were a major source of concern for the security establishment. There was an ever increasing need for counter-insurgency networks. It became handy for the security establishment to align with groups that had not significant political ambition. Many of these groups began to take part in counter-insurgency operations. Area experts like Subir Bhaumik goes to the extent of claiming that the security establishment was 'using the Kuki armed groups to curb and control the Manipuri insurgent groups'[2].

2. Why SoO Matters?

The trajectories of armed groups in India's northeastern region have been complex and multi-layered. Some are into 'ceasefire' and 'peace-talks', while some are into 'SoO' and 'homecoming' spree. On the other hand, many refuse to enter into any form of 'dialogue'. In such a scenario, the current *evidentiary file* comes as an attempt to examine 'Kuki-Chin SoO' led by KNO and UPF. The main objective of the current dossier is to re-assess the issue of SoO compliance, transparency, adherence to ground rules, indulgence in illicit activities, and undermining of the constitutional mandates. Methodologically, the dossier relies on primary sources not only for the sake of clarity of thought but also for legal evidentiary purposes that can pave way to sustenance of the rule of law. The main subject-matter

chosen for empirical assessment, in this case, is KNO & UPF led SoO. This is a subject of immense importance due to the spiraling terror and civilian casualties in Manipur since May 3. Recently the expanse of the conflict has increased by dragging in more communities into the conflict.

Abduction of civilians, hostage taking tactics by Kuki and killing of the hostages, including women and children, have become the order of the day in Manipur. The bizarre part of Manipur ordeal is the alleged involvement of several armed groups in these ever spriralling acts of terror which are part of the SoO Agreement since 2005. The answer as to why the Manipur violence fails to recede, and whether the rule of law has become selective in its application becomes the most relevant questions of the day. An empirical assessment of the acts of SoO groups' terror trails, thus, can throw a significant light on Manipur tragedy and the recycling of May 3.

If one goes by the inferences and facts, the terror trails of Kuki-Chin groups becomes the primary concern. News reports, government (white) papers, Police and National Investigativee Agency (NIA), video evidences, victim testimonials, experiences, and civil society handouts provide the much required references. The testimonies of workers'/truckers, transporters' associations, medical and pharmaceutical bodies, families of missing families and civilians directly affected by the terror of SoO groups on the highways and inter-community adjoining and overlapping territories also provide a much deeper understanding of the ground realities, and the threat it posses to the commoners in Manipur.

The current dossier by no means is meant to be judgemental. The evidentiary materials, chronology of incidences and timelines speak for themselves. A methodological caution is critical in an atmosphere of conflicting narratives, disinformation and trust deficit which are typical markers of a conflict that is made to increasingly become horizontal. As per the ground rules, SoO which began in 2005 in literal sense was to formally

shun violence. It was to locate the cadres of Kuki-Chin armed groups within the designated camps. As per the revised Ground Rules, 2011, the arms and ammunition of the groups were to be placed under the control of Joint Monitoring Group (JMG). The objective of the 'tripartite SoO agreement' (the central and state government, and KNO & UPF), was to suspend offensive operations against the 'compliant' cadres and groups only. The moot issue, as per the records, is the profound incidences of lack of compliance, violation of the Ground Rules of SoO and apparent complicity of the authorities concerned.

Often camouflaged by identity and clan optics, excesses of the Kuki-Chin armed groups and criminal activities are let loose on the commoners. Critical infrastructure such as the national highways and right to free movement are at their mercy. Prolonged violence and illicit economic regime is hidden behind the veil of SoO. Habitual offence and the lack of a strong monitoring mechanism complimented by evident political nexus have converted a peace process like SoO into a den of criminal networks with a robust illicit power and social coercion underneath. The evidence is plentiful; the consequences are cumulative. Records of workers' abductions, extortion and loot on the highways and fratricidal killings have not only marred the very meaning and purpose of SoO, but has also defaced the fundamental scope of a meaningful truce and rule of law.

The current dossier comes as a reflection of the social cry that longs for the attention of right thinking global community and relevant stakeholders who have often been either dis-informed or unaware of the ground realities in the trouble-torn state of Manipur. Peace is possible but not where terror, nexus, weaponisation of identity exists, and not where peace-builders are persecuted. These concerns are no more a mere apprehension, but a real time situation in the region called the Northeast. The evidences to these claims are chronicled in the passages below.

3. SoO Terrorism: A Timeline of Evidence

The current dossier has a specific purpose. The purpose is to produce a fact-sheet of SoO groups with regard to their compliance to SoO rules. However, terror trails of some non-SoO groups are also discussed wherever relevant. According to the South Asian Terrorism Portal (SATP hereafter), the chronology of events associated with the Kuki National Army - one of the earliest and largest SoO signatories -corroborates the non-compliance issue. In August 2008, the year SoO became a tripartite agreement in New Delhi but soon after the truce cadres of KNA - a conglomeration of 11 Kuki militant outfits - were arrested for indulging in extortion of nursing homes, hospitals and the State Forest Department in Imphal. As per the rule book of SoO, the cadres were mandated to remain in the designated-camps, weapons were to be deposited and placed under surveillance. The signatories were to 'abjure violence and unlawful acts'. However, SoO has had a tedious journey when it comes to enforcing it. According to SATP, by the year 2010 at least 56 extortion cases had been attributed to various Kuki armed groups in SoO since they became a part of SoO. The same source also records that the legislative complaints against the truce/SoO were mainly related to issues of non-compliance. The reports go to the extent of alleging Kuki-Chin SoO groups were indulging in extorting a large share from the government compensations meant for public infrastructure development[3]. It is illustrative of the fact that unlawful revenue collection and the formalism essentially operated in parallel rather than one following the other[4].

KNA specific (SATP) terror chronology provides granular examples that corroborate with the same patterns rather than merely alongside it. A year before the SoO began, in April 2004, the Integrated Check Post Joint Action Committee of Moreh publicly alleged that 'all the extortion at Moreh was carried out by the KNA through'. SATP-based chronology records repeated factional clashes throughout the SoO years. It resulted in the killing of several persons involving SoO parties like KLA, KRA, KNA and KNF

factions between 2007 and 2010. Examples include the 2008 abduction and killing of KRA cadres by suspected KLA militants and a 2010 clash in which multiple militants were killed[5]. Implicating a deeper intra-ethnic contest on the ground apparently competing for the increase of their own sphere of influence, in July 2008, 18 militants were killed and four injured in a gun battle at Seijang Hill, on the border between Imphal East and Senapati districts. The gun battle was between combined KLA/KRA cadres and the Prithvi faction of KNF. The police reports also attributed the clash to a fight for territorial control.

The terror trails and fratricidal killings were poised to continue for a longer time. In another incident, in June 2010 at least 500 villagers of the Waakan area in Sadar Hills fled their homes after roughly 200 KRA and KNA cadres took up positions for a gun battle in the area. In the same month, three KNA cadres and one KRA cadre were separately killed in overlapping factional clashes at Molkon village, Senapati district. Fratricidal killings, thus, became a major aspect of Kuki-Chin armed formation. It can also be viewed as a reflection of the absence of a political unity, mainly before the occurrence of May 3 violence. Repeated inter-factional violence also evidences the free movement of SoO cadres with arms which is an open derogation of SoO norms.

In other words, SoO groups were vulnerable to internal factionalism, and seemingly in need of a 'common other' to subside its internal conflicts. Again, in September 2010, three ZRA cadres were beaten to death after being abducted by rival KNA cadres at Sielmat, Churachandpur[6]. The moot question is how the cadres moved so freely and indulged in open clashes when they were already bound by the norms of abjuring violence. The credibility of SoO has always been under the scanner since the year it began. These violations could be brought to justice if the camp rosters, attendance logs, weapon inventories and movement permissions are to be open to public audit, and legal accountability. In February 2007, villagers

of Leisan, Tengnoupal and T. Bungmual in Chandel district held a press conference alleging that the KNA, an SoO signatory, had committed atrocities against them, including the assault of two persons, one a village chief. In November 2009, a KNA cadre arrested in Imphal East confessed to involvement in extorting money from private nursing homes, hospitals and the State Forest Department[7]. In September 2010, Manipur Police arrested two KNA cadres at Pureilomba (Imphal East) after they allegedly came to collect an extortion demand of INR 2.7 lakh from a local businessman.

The evidence of SoO Ground Rule violation is in plenty. In the Preamble of the Agreed Ground Rules (2008), it is specified that KNO/UFP will 'abide by the Constitution of India, the laws of the land and the territorial integrity of Manipur'. The Preamble also mandates that 'KNO/UPF is to completely abjure the path of violence and will not engage in violent or unlawful activities like killing, injuriies, kidnapping, ambush, extortion, intimidation, carrying of arms in public and imposing of tax or fines'. 'The security forces (the army, para military force and state police) will not launch operations against the group as long as they abide by the SoO agreement', says the Kuki SoO Ground Rule, 2008. 'The State Government has been given the responsibility to enforce the Agreed Ground Rules with the assistance of CPOs, Assam Rifls and Army' with the concurrence of JMG. According to Section 5 of SoO Agreed Ground Rules, 2008, 'the groups will not carry out recruitment of fresh cadres or raise additional organisations'. The SoO Rules have been tampered with since the inception of SoO. The evidences are too robust to ignore for it directly relates to violation of the Agreed Rules, Constitutional values and civil rights.

According to a *Hindustan Times* report (February 16, 2025), the Manipur Police along with armed forces arrested 12 militants which included 7 KNA cadres and seized a large number of arms, ammunition, and explosives. The cadres were arrested from Old Khaukual, Sangaikot, Churachandpur district. According to the same report, the arrested KNA cadres were

identified as Seikhogin Haokip alias Gigiin (37), Ngamlengmang Mate alias Mangneo (25), Seikhomang Haokip alias Selmang (25), Thanglelmang Haokip alias Mangboi (27), Jamkhosei Haokip alias Seipu (32), Lhunkholal Haokip alias Lalboi (34), and Mangkhangthang Kipgen alias Mamang (35). As per the Section 3 of the SoO Ground Rules, the cadres are to stay within the camps. The frequent arrest of cadres in SoO indulging in crimes and open movement with sophisticated arms is a violation of Section 3 of SoO Rules. A troubling fact is that there are concrete indications of 'recruitment of fresh cadres' which is a violation of Section 5 of SoO Ground Rules. An analysis of the *Hindustan Times* report of February 16, 2025 as mentioned above can explain how Section 5 is bizarrely violated. If the 7 arrested KNA cadres were 37, 25, 27, 32, 34, and 35 years old respectively in 2025, their age at the time of inception of SoO, i.e. in 2008, would have been 20, 8, 10, 15, 17 and 18 years old respectively. Several cases of attacks on security forces have been reported from Kangpokpi and Bishnupur district as well. On 9 September 2024, Kuki militants reportedly attacked CRPF in Manipur's Kangpokpi district, according to Republic news. The 'Kuki militants', including the SoO groups in several cases, have also been accused of being involved in killing several truckers. In a statement issued by Manipur Police, as reported on May 31, 2026, *The Telegraph*, Manipur Police held 'armed Kuki militants' responsible for an ambush on NH 202 that resulted in the killing of a truck driver (Nitish Kumar, 57 years) from Bengal on May 29, 2026. Multiple cases of abduction and killings have marred the highways and truckers in Manipur for decades. Blockades on Highways had lasted for more than hundred days, the longest being 139 days in 2016 followed by 123 days in 2011, soaring the price of essential commodities. Even the medical equipment worth crore have been burned on these highways. The Highways that became inaccessible for the public on May 3, 2023 partially became accessible only in August 2026 surpassing the 2016 record. In a milieu of heightened institutional complicity and social distrust, highways remain in the captivity of persons with guns while the communities get

buffered unconstitutionally. Manipur is a living example of such aberrations.

4. The Nexus

The SoO menace was to remain for a much longer time than expected. In August 2018, *The Indian Express* reported, citing an NIA statement, that Kuki Revolutionary Army Chairman David Hangshing was arrested after disclosing the location of six missing 9 mm pistols. The report further stated that nine 9 mm pistols had been recovered from the residence of Soson Haokip, Chairman of the United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF), another SoO signatory[8]. A two-page representation dated 7 June 2019 which was attributed to UKLF Chairman S.S. Haokip is even more revealing. In his own account, the report stated that the Chairman purchased ten pistols from MLA Yamthong Haokip. It was later learned that they were stolen government weapons. The representation alleges that an agreement was reached that if UKLF surrendered the guns there would be no operation or raids against UKLF cadres and leaders[9]. Such a case, attributed to the Chairman of a SoO signatory, is highly probative of the relationship that existed between an armed group and a section of the political class in power.

The nexus between the SoO groups and electoral parties is a self-revealing concern. One such case is the 7 June 2019 representation which was attributed to UKLF Chairman S.S. Haokip. In a widely circulated handout, the Chairman of the group claimed that his organisation would support BJP in 2015 Autonomous District Council elections. A similar issue appeared in the 2017 Manipur Assembly elections as reports of collusion with some BJP leadership appeared in public domain. The said organization reportedly played an important role in the formation of the BJP-led government and coincidentally the same party won the elections by a huge margin[10]. The current write up does not mean to conclude that BJP institutionally entered into an unlawful *quid-pro-quo* pact with an unsolicited organisation. This adds to the trail of SoO leaders getting involved in garnering electoral support. The nexus of guns, vote-bank polarisation and usage of political power

needs urgent policy intervention. A startling case of nexus has allegedly come out from an 11-page document titled 'Kuki-Alfred Agreement'. One reproduced notification dated 17 April 2024 is presented as a document submitted to Kangpokpi Police and explicitly claims that Kuki organisations including KNO had signed an agreement with the Congress party, coupled with directives for voting and political demands[11]. The Hills Journal also reported on 17 April 2024 that various Kuki-Zo bodies had declared their support for the Congress candidate Alfred Kanngam S. Arthur for the 18 Lok Sabha Elections, 2024 (The Hills Journal, 17 April 2024)[12]. Taken together with the UKLF Chairman's earlier claims, the material demonstrates a recurring public concern as far as nexus between electoral class and armed groups. Armed groups have often become vehicles for electoral influence and political power. The question is not whether communities may collectively support a candidate they plainly may but whether armed organizations enjoying SoO status use coercive capacity, networks or political bargains to shape election outcomes.

5. SoO: The Making of May 3

In 2023, the Ministry of Home Affairs directed the NIA to probe KNA, Zomi Revoultionary Army (ZRA) and other Kuki/Zomi armed groups which are in the SoO process in connection with the unrest in Manipur. The 3rd May 2023 rally in Kuki dominated Churachandpur town witnessed several armed individuals in military attire taking part in a supposedly peaceful civilian rally. The cry for identification of those armed individuals in the public rally has not reached the ears of people in power. In 2025, the NIA arrested a KNA member among accused in the January 2024 Moreh attack that killed two police commandos. In 2026, Manipur Home Department/JMG Chair formally warned KNO and UPF that serious allegations existed of SoO cadres leaving camps with weapons and participating in attacks. The workers of the region have suffered enormous atrocities at the hands of Kuki armed groups, many of whom are in SoO. Manipur transporters' associations have concertedly

documented illegal 'tax' collections on Manipur's highways, including yearly tax, gate pass, godown tax and per-trip payments. The annexes of the dossier include photographs of receipts bearing the names of KNF, KRA, KLA and several more SoO militants with handwritten descriptions such as 'yearly tax', 'vehicle group' and 'godown tax'. A 2025 NDTV report separately documented villagers' allegations that the KNF had coerced beneficiaries and taken cuts from NH-2 compensation. Manipur Police itself described a KNF cadre arrested in July 2026 as an 'extortionist'.

Issues of not adhering to the agreed conditions of SoO have been a source of regular conflict between the state government of Manipur and the SoO groups. A few months before the May 3rd crisis, the Manipur Cabinet had already voted, on 10 March 2023, to withdraw the State's own SoO recognition from two constituent groups i.e., KNA and ZRA, over their conduct and violation of the SoO Ground Rules. In the following month, on 8 April 2023, a SoO camp at Henglep in Churachandpur was raided and looted of its arms and ammunition by a rival Kuki group; barely three weeks before the infamous May 3 conflict began. These episodes show that "missing cadres and arms from camp" and inter-group weapons leakage were living administrative concerns not only before the May 3rd, but also after May 3rd. The issue is no longer a mere lack of accountability. It is a question of constitutional adherence and social cost that a state like Manipur has suffered. A judicious weighing between appeasing a section of SoO militia and the social cost becomes pertinent. No right-thinking, democratic country would choose appeasement over human cost.

6. SoO Constituent Groups

There are twenty-five Kuki-Chin groups involved in SoO under two umbrella bodies, as mentioned above. The list is reproduced below because knowing which named groups are formally inside the SoO architecture is expected to put the issues and subsequent cases cited in the dossier[13] in proper perspectives.

Kuki National Organisation (KNO) — 17 constituent groups

- Kuki National Army (KNA)
- Kuki National Front (KNF)
- Kuki National Front (Military Council) — KNF(MC)
- Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA)
- Kuki Revolutionary Army (Military Council) — KRA(MC)
- Kuki Defence Force (KDF)
- Kuki Liberation Army (KLA)
- Kuki Liberation Organisation (KLO)
- Pakan Reunificaton Army (PRA)
- United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF)
- United Tribal Liberation Army (UTLA)
- Hmar National Army (HNA)
- Zomi Revolutionary Front (ZRF)
- Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA)
- Zomi Reunification Organisation (ZRO)
- Pakan Sanmei Revolutionary Front (PSRF)
- Kuki National Front (Zogam) — KNF(Z)

United People's Front (UPF) — 8 constituent groups

- United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) — UPF faction, distinct from the KNO-listed UKLF
- Kuki National Army (KNA) — UPF faction
- Kuki National Front (KNF) — UPF faction
- Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA) — UPF faction
- Hmar People's Convention (Democratic) — HPC(D)
- United Socialist Revolutionary Army (USRA)
- United Tribal National Liberation Front (UTNLF)
- Kuki Liberation Army (KLA) — UPF faction

Several names recur under both umbrellas (KNA, KNF, ZRA, KLA, UKLF) because KNO and UPF each have their own factions operating under that name. However, UKNA not a signatory to the SoO pact. This dossier treats UKNA as non-SoO for evidentiary purposes wherever it appears. The terror trail of UKNA is being included here for a wider understanding of the atrocities committed by it in the name of identity. Most of the groups forming a part of SoO, historically speaking, emerged against the backdrop of a complex history of insurgency, inter-ethnic tensions, overlapping territorial claims and sub-state autonomy issue. The role of SoO militants appears to have increased enormously after the May 3 violence. In addition, ethnocentric mobilisation has also intensified through the exponential involvement of the Kuki militias, openly subduing civil society voices, peace-builders, and even the Members of Legislative Assembly. A heart wrenching incident, in this regard, was the brutal murder of a Thadou leader who took part in Imphal peace declaration. Nehkam Jomhao was abducted on August 30, 2025 and was later found dead in Manja village, Karbi Anglong, Assam. Nehkam Jomhao (59), chairman of the Thadou Literature Society Assam was a resident of Manja village in Karbi Anglong, Assam. Stating that the barbaric act was perpetrated by armed cadres from two Kuki militant groups, the Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) and the United Kukigam Defence Army (UKDA), and was masterminded by UKDA chief Janglen Kipgen and KRA chief Janglun Hansing, Thadou Inpi Manipur (TIM) reportedly urged the Government to immediately abrogate the SoO agreement with the Kuki militant groups of Assam and Manipur and declare them as outlawed terrorist organizations[14]. He was one of the 17 delegates who attended a peace meeting in Imphal between Thadou community and several Manipur based civil society groups led by Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) on August 6, 2025. According to SSP Saikia, Karbi Anglong police, five 'former cadres' of the Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) who are part of SoO[15] were arrested. Implying its dissatisfaction, TIM has been calling for the abrogation of SoO, and restoration of peace in Manipur.

The demand for SoO accountability has hardly receded. The question of stricter surveillance and relocation of SoO camps are among the primary demands. These calls are reinforced by the Government of India's own 4 September 2025 renegotiation, which outlined the need for relocation of seven SoO camps away from vulnerable areas. It further issued orders for the reduction of camps, and transfer of weapons to nearby CRPF/BSF camps. Stringent physical verification of cadres and firmer JMG monitoring have been widely emphasised. These changes were not meant to be cosmetic. It implicitly recognised that camp (re) location, weapon custody and cadre verification had become a serious security and public safety issue[16] not only in Manipur, but also in the Northeast region. The disgruntlement over SoO non-compliance increased manifold as May 3 violence failed to recede. On 29 February 2024, the Manipur Legislative Assembly unanimously resolved to urge the Government of India to abrogate the SoO pact with all the Kuki-Zo underground groups. Yet the Union Government later signed a renegotiated one-year agreement on 4 September 2025. The resulting gap between the Assembly's unanimous position and continued central government's accommodation is central to the public grievance[17] and protests.

Independent media reports published within weeks of the 3 May 2023 outbreak set out a chronology of incidents reflecting upon the question of SoO compliance. Some key events in this regard can be added further for clarity of thought. On 10 March 2023, the Manipur Cabinet resolved to withdraw the State Government's SoO recognition from two constituent groups, the Kuki National Army (KNA) and the Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA), whose leaderships (like PS Haokip of KNA & Thanglianpao Guite of ZRA) are said to be foreign nationals. According to a March 11, 2023 NDTV Report, as per the Government of Manipur 'KNA and ZRA insurgents have been instigating (opium) poppy cultivators in Manipur against the government' which became a key reason for Manipur to withdraw SoO pact with the two groups.

On the issue of foreign elements in SoO process, according to a report published in *The Sangai Express,* 15 December 2025, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, had issued an official notice to the Government of Manipur to clarify on the nationality status of Thanglianpao Guite and manner in which he acquired an Indian Passport way back in 2019. Mr Guite is reported to be from Tongjang Township of Chin State in Myanmar. The involvement of foreign national led groups in the SoO processes that supposedly deals with an issue that is specifically dealt with local autonomy in Manipur state of India has been an issue of dissent from the natives and indigenous communities.

Reflective of the difficulty in maintaining compliance, Manipur State had taken a stringent position on two SoO groups for violating ground rules, two months before the May 3 conflict[18]. On 5 April 2023, the Manipur Government declared Thangkhongam Haokip alias David, described as commander-in-chief of the Kuki Independent Army (KIA), a "Most Wanted" criminal[19]. On 8 April 2023, cadres of the KIA reportedly raided a designated SoO camp at Henglep sub-division, Churachandpur, at around 7:30 pm and looted a large quantity of arms and ammunition; the camp had been housing cadres of the USRA, KNF(Z) and UTLA groups[20].

These episodes matter for two reasons. First, they show that the phenomenon this dossier calls "missing cadres and arms from camp" was already an acknowledged administrative and security problem much before 3 May 2023 violence. Nor did it subside after May 3. Second, the fact that the State Government decided to withdraw from SoO recognition in the case of two groups in March 2023, only for the wider 2008 initiative to continue and later be renegotiated in September 2025 rather than terminated, illustrates the pattern of non-compliance on the part of SoO militants. The apparent complicity of the Central Government and JMG on the regular violation of SoO Ground Rules is incomprehensible. The legacy of SoO terror continues to be on the rise. One of the latest documentary

evidences in the archive is a notification dated 7 August 2026 issued by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, who is also the Chairman of the JMG, addressed to the chairmen/secretaries of KNO and UPF. The notification records that there were 'serious allegations' involving the cadres of Kuki-Zomi groups under SoO who had broken SoO camp norms as they reportedly moved into conflict zones with weapons and participated in attacks[21]. It warned that cadres violating the ground rules or carrying weapons outside camps will be dealt with under the law and that group-level penal action may follow where leadership connivance is found[22]. The significance is loud and clear. JMG, in August 2026, issued a formal disciplinary warning to the umbrella organisations; KNO and UPF. Therefore, the taxpayers are entitled to ask why allegations of such gravity remained unaddressed till date. SoO needs to be put in the dock.

7. SoO: A Highway Bandit

For ordinary citizens, the most visible consequence of armed-group with power is often not a gun battle but the price of food, fuel, life, free movement and security which the dossier calls 'human cost'. Manipur's national highways are economic lifelines. When armed groups impose 'tax', 'yearly tax', 'godown tax', 'gate pass' or per-trip payments, the cost is eventually paid by the commoners. A striking collage of receipts carrying the names of Kuki National Front, Kuki Revolutionary Army, Kuki Liberation Army is itself revealing. The receipts include entries described as 'yearly tax', 'vehicle group', 'godown tax' and other payments, with amounts ranging into tens of thousands of rupees. These documents are supplied by the transporters' association (s). The visual consistency across organizations and years materially corroborates long-running transporter allegations of a structured, parallel taxation-bandit operation on the highways of Manipur[23]. An August 2025 letter from the All Manipur Petroleum Products Drivers Association to the Governor lists specific charges allegedly collected on petroleum/LPG tankers despite security escort; work permit, yearly tax, up/

down payments, godown tax, gate pass and per-loaded-tanker charges at named points on the route. The letter bears multiple receipt/forwarding stamps[24]. A multi-association representation dated 15 July 2026 to the Chief Minister of Manipur states that since May 2023 POL/LPG tankers moving on NH-37 under CRPF escort had faced illegal tax collections on every trip. The representation details the location and amounts while recording an increases from approximately Rs. 200 to more than Rs 7,000 in some cases. Pertaining to these chronic loot and terror, the transporters have often resorted to a suspension of works as a form of protest. Consequently, the transporters' groups entered into 'Memorandum of Understanding' with the government of Manipur. The Supreme Court has, on several occasions, also intervened against frequent highway blockades in Manipur as in the case of SAPO highway blockade[25].

According to NDTV reports, September 2023, illegal highway taxation had operated in Manipur for decades and had intensified during the recent conflicts in Manipur. Private companies describe average payments of roughly Rs 7,000 per truck per trip, rising in violence-affected areas, and referred to "godown tax" and routing of money through middlemen or hawala[26]. As mentioned above, in July 2025, an NDTV investigation into Rs 320.52 crore in NH-2 land-acquisition compensation reported allegations by villagers that KNF personnel forced beneficiaries to sign blank or pre-filled papers and took cuts from compensation. NDTV reported that the bank records showed at least Rs 18 crore in multiple credits to eight persons alleged by complainants to be middlemen[27].

A Manipur Police post, dated 6 July 2026, states that security forces arrested an 'extortionist active cadre of KNF' in Jiribam and recovered a pistol and ammunition[28]. When these charges are read alongside named tax receipts, decades of extortion reporting, transporter petitions and a 2026 police arrest explicitly describing a KNF cadre as an extortionist, the case for a financial terror trail becomes compelling. Acknowledging the

gravity of the situation, on 1 August 2026, the Government of Manipur and a consortium of petroleum transporters entered into a MoU providing for review/revision of the convoy SOP, strict compliance by district police/CRPF, appointment of nodal officers, monthly reviews and a special drive by district SPs against extortion along NH-37[29]. The fact that fuel tankers require escorted convoys, special SOPs, monthly review and anti-extortion drives is itself a reflection of the prolonged violation of free movement and livelihood on the highways of Manipur.

8. SoO: An Illicit Empire?

The size of the illicit drug economy has surpassed Manipur state's annual budget. Illicit wealth concentrated in some hands results in significant material monopoly and collusion with power. The impunity of SoO groups is a matter of serious concern, given that the designated camps are located around the foothills, highways of Manipur. The culture of impunity, if not stopped, further snowballs into the public sphere and civil society as well. For instance, 10 March 2023, a protest rally organised by the Kuki Students' Organisation-GHQ and the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum against the State's eviction drive in reserved/protected forest areas turned violent in Kangpokpi district[30]. Again on 27–28 April 2023, ITLF-linked mobs vandalised and burned a sports facility due to be inaugurated by the Chief Minister in Churachandpur, and separately set fire to a Forest Range Office at Tuibong; mobile internet was suspended across Churachandpur and Pherzawl districts from 28 April[31].

The insecurity caused to the public is aptly reflected in Union Government's own 2025 acceptance to relocate seven SoO camps[32]. The public outcry for a white paper on the camp locations, actual number of authorised cadres, verified attendance, and weapon inventories has been on the rise, mainly after May 3. Without such transparency, designated camps risk being perceived not as de-mobilisation facilities but as protected armed infrastructure embedded in strategically sensitive terrain and inter-

ethnic relations. In another sensational case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested multiple accused named Kamginthang Gangte and Otkhothang Baite for the October 31, 2023 sniper killing of Moreh Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Chingtham Anand Singh[33]. Kamginthang Gangte (alias K. Guite) who was arrested by NIA on June 5, 2025 is identified as a top Kuki National Army leader[34].

More recently, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested S. Palal (alias Lalboi Singson) for his alleged involvement in April 7, 2026 IED attack in Tronglaobi, Manipur in which two toddlers (one five year and the other five months old) were killed while asleep. S. Palal is reported to be the finance head of the proscribed UKNA. In other rare event of civilian killing case, NIA has arrested several persons in relation to brutal murder of six women and children abducted persons in Jakuradhor, Jiribam, Manipur on

Condemning the act crime in Jakuradhor, Taragi Cheishu, a think tank groups based in Manipur, demanded 'immediate arrest and punishment of those involved in the Jakuradhor massacre (three women and 3 children) of women and children under the Geneva Convention, 1960 and relevant domestic criminal laws'[35]. Under the case number RC-15/2024/NIA/IMP), NIA terms the case as 'heinous crime' and has made several arrests in relation to the Jakuradhor killings. Thanglienlal Hmar (Boya) and Lalrosang Hmar identified as 'active conspirators' in the case were arrested on 1st August 2025[36].

With the latest spread of ethnic tension in Manipur to Tangkhul, Liangmai and Paomai communities, several Naga bodies have registered their grievances against the SoO groups and several Kuki-Chin armed groups. The document entitled the 'Ghost of Peace' dossier reproduces narcotics figures showing very large-scale poppy destruction and drug seizures between 2017 and 2023. Separate public reporting using Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB) data reported that more than 18,000 acres of opium poppy fields were destroyed during the period, with Kangpokpi

and Churachandpur among the major districts. A 2024 report cited official figures of 19,135.5 acres destroyed since 2017[37]. The premise of the dossier is not to grossly identify a specific community with a collective criminal guilt. Nonethless, illicit opium poppy economy is robust as it surpassed the size of Manipur state's annual budget. Opium poppy cultivation and drug trafficking is both a regional and global challenge. According to a UNODC report, 2026, the Sagaing Division of Myanmar (bordering Manipur) has seen opium poppy cultivating for the first time with 552 hectares, while Myanmar stands as the highest opium poppy producer of the world surpassing Afghanistan. Now the question is who are involved in these opium network. Without blaming any community, one may decipher the situation by re-looking at the reports that have appeared in the newspapers and police notifications. For instance, a 2025 NDTV investigation into KNF cites a source describing extortion as a major source of income and referring to drug-smuggling routes[38]. The gravity of opium cultivation issue is such that the Government of Manipur decided to withdraw from the SoO process for the alleged involvement of some SoO groups in sabotaging anti-poppy drive of the government. According to a study published by Pulokjyoti Hazarika (April 26, 2024), insurgent groups like Chin Kuki Liberation Army (non-SoO), UTLA, KNO, and ZRA were investigated for their involvement drug related cases. For example, on 16 October 2023, the commander of a Kuki SoO group (Lemtinsei Singson (50) of UTLA) was arrested for his involvement in drug trafficking. UTLA operates under the umbrella of KNO. NIA and several other investigative agencies have registered cases under UAPA, 1967 that relates to transnational criminal activities, including illicit drug trafficking. As Manipur has seen maximum illicit opium poppy cultivation in India's Northeast region, and the region's proximity to Golden Triangle make it even vulnerable. In a situation of lawlessness, mainly in the southern hills of Manipur, since May 3, growth in transnational crimes and opium poppy is evident.

9. SoO: A Trans-national Arms Network

On 11 October 2023, *The Indian Express* reported that the MHA had instructed the NIA to probe at least three Kuki militant groups and one Zomi militant group in connection with the Manipur unrest. The groups identified included KNA and ZRA both under SoO along with KNF (Nehlun) and UKLA. The report said the MHA communication alleged links with Myanmar-based Chin-Kuki-Zo groups, funding, weapons procurement and training[39]. The fact that the Union Home Ministry itself directed the national counter-terror agency to examine SoO-linked groups in a trans-border security context is fundamentally incompatible with the suggestion that cross-border concerns are merely local propaganda. The information archives and 2026 reporting repeatedly refer to Kuki National Army-Burma (KNA-B), a Myanmar-based organisation. KNA-B's involvement in frequent attacks on Manpur's eastern borders cannot be ignored. Naga organisations in 2026 alleged coordination between KNA-B and cadres operating under SoO, and National Herald reported their call for central intervention over attacks on Naga villages[40].

A memorandum reportedly submitted to the Prime Minister on or around 7–11 May 2026 by three major Naga civil bodies the United Naga Council, the Naga Women's Union, and the All Naga Students' Association, Manipur, signed by their presidents Ng Lorho, Ch Priscilla Thumai and Th Angtheshang Maring makes this cross-border allegation in specific, dated terms. It alleges that Myanmar-based KNA-B extremists, with support from groups operating under SoO, were behind repeated attacks on Naga villages in Ukhrul and Kamjong districts, including a 7 May 2026 attack on Z. Choro, Namlee-Wanglee and Kaka villages that burned houses and displaced residents. The memorandum decried the Centre's approach to Kuki armed groups as amounting to a 'proxy war' against the Naga people and calls for action against KNA-B, the People's Democratic Force, and SoO cadres operating in Naga areas[41].

This is a second, independent Naga-body allegation of KNA-B/SoO coordination distinct from the United Naga Council's later July 2026 memorandum on the Konsakhul and Langka killings, and it reinforces the case that the cross-border question cannot be dismissed as a single organisation's grievance. The United Naga Council's July 2026 memorandum, as reported by Northeast Now, specifically alleged that the May 13 abduction of Naga civilians involved local village authorities and cadres of KNF-P, a constituent of UPF under SoO, and renewed its call to terminate the arrangement[42]. These allegations reinforce the need for a transparent investigation into cross-border movement, arms, communications and operational coordination. The recurrence of such allegations across two separate memoranda underscores that this problem is not confined to a single organisation or community but affects the region as a whole.

The July 2026 Memorandum also alleged the involvement of cadres of KNF-P, a constituent of UPF under SoO, in the May 13 abduction, who were later found brutally murdered. According to accounts attributing to surviving abductees and witnesses, the six (Liangmai) hostages were allegedly killed (the dead bodies are still lying in a mortuary in Imphal) in collusion between the local village authorities and KNF-P[43]. The July Memorandum demanded the termination of the SoO agreement. The July Memorandum syncs well with what was reiterated by the MHA on 4 September 2025 that asked for 'stringent physical verification' of cadres by security forces to de-list foreign nationals, if any[44]. A peace arrangement that needs a specific foreign-national screening provision is itself acknowledging that the infiltration of cross-border militias into a SoO that pertains to Manipur state is a genuine national security matter as well as a compliance issue.

10. SoO groups after May 3

After 3 May 2023, allegations that SoO cadres were participating in the conflict became a central public issue. In May 2023, the government ordered audits/verification of designated camps and weapons amid accusations that

cadres and arms were missing. In October 2023, MHA-directed NIA scrutiny reached KNA and ZRA. The pattern later moved beyond allegation in at least some cases. These audits and verification were part of a broader mandate of surveillance under the SoO agreement. On 8 June 2025, the NIA announced the arrest of three accused in the January 17, 2024 attack on an IRB post/ security forces in Moreh that killed two police commandos and injured others. The NIA release identified Kamginthang Gangte as a member of Kuki National Army (KNA)[45]. This is a concrete national investigative record linking a member of an SoO organisation to a deadly attack case. NDTV later reported that Manipur Police had also identified three Kuki Liberation Army insurgents killed in a September 2024 Jiribam gunfight, describing the incident as an official confirmation of SoO related violations[46].

In the year 2026 itself, there have been many reported arrests of cadres of KRA, KNF, KNF-MC and other Kuki armed groups with pistols and other ammunition. In July 2026, Manipur Police posted a report of arresting two juvenile cadres of KNF - MC (a violation of SoO recruitment rules) with 77 rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition[47]. A further illustration of the terror ecosystem can be inferred from what happened on 4 November 2025. A paramilitary column conducting an intelligence-based operation at Khanpi village, Henglep sub-division, Churachandpur, was reportedly fired upon and, in the resulting encounter killed four cadres described by the defence public-relations officer as belonging to the United Kuki National Army (UKNA), a proscribed group that is not a signatory to SoO. Reporting also noted that UKNA cadres had separately been linked to the death of a village chief in the same district in late October 2025 and to a June 2025 ambush that killed a KNO leader and an elderly woman. These violent acts imply that a non-SoO armed group is operating, recruiting and clashing within the same district and terrain as SoO designated camps, which is itself a verification and containment problem for the JMG[48].

The year 2026 has been a critical phase as far as the escalation of

inter-ethnic tension is concerned. The arson and attacks on civilians in Konsakhul, Kharam Vaiphei and Langka villages in Kangpokpi and Senapati districts in the recent weeks have dragged in the names of SoO groups like Kuki National Front (KNF) and Kuki Liberation Army (KLA)[49]. On 13 June 2026, the Langka (Taniuluang) Village Authority alleged that armed KNF(P) cadres attacked Langka Naga Village and explicitly identified KNF(P) as SoO signatory members. The Liangmai Naga Council Eastern Zone issued a separate statement the same day alleging a coordinated assault involving KNF(P) and KNF(N), after the community was already mourning six Naga men whose bodies had been recovered[50].

The United Naga Council's 1st June 2026 public statement recorded assurances that authorities would trace abducted Naga persons, arrest perpetrators and strictly enforce SoO ground rules including rationalisation and relocation of camps[51].In July 2026, the UNC formally urged the Centre to scrap SoO, alleging KNF-P involvement in the May 13 abduction and later killing of Naga hostages[52]. Despite those assurances, the six Naga hostages were later found to have been murdered. The recovery in June 2026 of the bodies of six Naga civilians after their abduction became a major turning point in Naga opposition to the SoO arrangement. The 2026 chronology identifies the victims and records reporting that they had been among persons detained on 13 May. The UNC subsequently alleged KNF-P involvement in the killing. A Northeast Live report cited that the statement of Manipur Deputy Chief Minister Losii Dikho said SoO groups were behind the killings[53].

What matters for the common public of Manipur vis-a-vis SoO is the human cost and institutional derogation. The critical voice of the Naga bodies and their demand for the termination of SoO seems to come from their own lived experiences. The resentment against SoO antics is a powerful sign of a growing decline in inter-community trust. The Naga opposition towards the SoO arrangement was strengthened in the aftermath of the

recovery of the bodies of the six Naga hostages in June 2026. The important point here is that Nagas who have tried to maintain equidistance during the Meitei-Kuki clash have actively demanded the termination of SoO after the recent turn of events, which is indicative of the terror committed by SoO groups.

The evidence discussed above establishes an extensive human loss and continuing uncertainty. They should not, by themselves, be used to attribute every disappearance to a specific SoO group. But they explain why communities do not experience SoO as an abstract peace-policy debate. They experience it through unanswered questions about who carried weapons, who controlled territory, who abducted civilians and why camp/weapon monitoring failed to provide confidence or accountability. There is an ample number of references, cases, documents, FIR records, news, videos and photos of persons who have died and are still missing. These documents are reminders of distress and trauma caused by unresolved disappearances hinting at the involvement of a bigger hand from behind, though apparent in many cases. Even if every case of a dead or missing person does not implicate the SoO groups, the testimonies of affected communities and the terror trails qualify the SoO as an intangible peace-policy initiative till date. The experience of these communities raises questions on which of the armed groups were active and who are responsible for the abduction of civilians. It raises the question as to why despite explicit ground rules being set in place, camps and weapons monitoring failed to provide public confidence and ensure accountability.

11. Some select cases of 2026

The following table illustrates the range of allegations and official actions relevant to SoO compliance issue for the year 2026. An important case that pertains to a non-SoO group incident for the year 2025 is also reflected in the Table 01.

Table 01

Date	Event	Source type	SoO relevance
29 Jan 2026	Manipur Police arrest of KRA "sergeant major" with 9 mm pistol	Official police report	KRA is an SoO group; direct cadre-compliance relevance.
25 Mar 2026	Arrest of active KNF cadre with 9 mm pistol	Official/security-force report	Direct relevance if cadre is from SoO constituent/faction.
23 May 2026	Arrest of alleged KNF-Zougam commander in 2023 student kidnapping/ murder case	Security forces/CBI-linked reporting	Serious criminal case; group/faction status should be matched to SoO roster.
31 May 2026	Konsakhul Village Authority alleges KNF-P attack	Village authority / media	KNF-P is reported as SoO constituent; allegation, investigation required.
10 Jun 2026	Bodies of six abducted Naga civilians recovered	Police/search operation; Naga bodies later allege KNF-P involvement	Major public-confidence and SoO-accountability issue.
6 Jul 2026	Police arrests "extortionist active cadre of KNF" with pistol/ammunition	Manipur Police	Direct official description connecting KNF cadre and extortion.
6 Jul 2026	Two juvenile KNF-MC cadres arrested with 77 rounds 5.56 mm	Manipur Police	Raises recruitment/ cadre-control and ammunition questions.
7 Aug 2026	Home/JMG chair warns KNO and UPF over alleged armed movement and attacks	Government of Manipur	Umbrella-level compliance warning
4 Nov 2025 [M]	Four suspected UKNA cadres killed in Army/ security-force encounter at Khanpi village, Henglep sub-division, Churachandpur	Defence PRO statement; Scroll.in, Business Standard, The Tribune	UKNA is NOT an SoO signatory; included to show the fluid, interconnected armed ecosystem operating alongside SoO groups in the same district.

Beyond the specific incident record, a recurring stream of civil-society demands from both Meitei and Naga organisations has called for army/NIA action against and disarmament of Kuki armed groups since May 2023, running parallel to the SoO-specific allegations which are catalogued in the above section. Organisations from the Manipur valley have at various points sought a mass operation against Kuki militants, called for named groups to be declared unlawful, and urged that the Centre stop what they describe as an appeasement policy conducted 'under the name of Suspension of Operation'. Liangmai Naga Council and United Naga Council have held SoO groups responsible for the recent attacks, abductions and killings of civilians. Naga bodies have charged the Kuki SoO groups working hand in glove with the trans-border militant groups. Frequent armed violence in the border areas involving foreign militia having ethnic solidarity in the eastern borders of Manipur has become a major source of concern.

The idea of the current dossier is to enhance the voice of commoners towards adjudicating those broader demands for action against SoO high-handedness and established terror trails. Therefore, the voice of people for the best reasons cited above underscores the need for a policy initiative to win back public-confidence through compliance rather than uncritical renewal of SoO. The civil society organisations from both the Naga and Meitei communities have repeatedly called for the central government's action against the violation of ground rules and for the disarmament of the clandestine Kuki-Chin terror groups. There are growing demands for abrogation of SoO. There is also a call to declare the terror groups outlawed. The people of Manipur have felt unheard and dejected due to the apparent impunity enjoyed by Kuki armed groups, including the so-called village volunteers who are non-compliant and roaming freely with automatic rifles. The people of the state suspect complicity and a policy of appeasement under the guise of SoO.

12. Way Forward: Peace is Possible but with Accountability

The dossier is an attempt to relay and re-highlight the anger of those who have directly experienced SoO criminalities. For those who have lost their near and dear ones in their hands, the matter is a question of life and death, and justice. The culture of impunity and unaccountability that has come qualify Kuki SoO groups, if not contained, is to increase the coercion of ethnic armies as they continue to mushroom in Manipur. Terrorism behind the veil of a protective SoO process shall prove inimical to the security of the commoners as it has the potential to militarise the minds and politics of a given society. Administration and laws cannot operate at the mercy of the exclusive groups that only harps on piecemeal distribution of social goods and political power.

Weaponisation of highways, frequenting economic blockades and insistence on an unconstitutional concept like 'buffer-zone' are often employed as an instrument to provoke communities on sectarian polarities. Such terror methods have shown least value for constitutionalism and international humanitarian protocols. SoO menace, therefore, has to be immediately contained, for it carries a potential danger to balkanise a multi-ethnic state like Manipur. In a serious turn of event (August, 2026), 9 Naga MLAs of Manipur have petitioned the Union Home Minister of India urging for the abrogation of SoO (Petition Annexed). A large section of people in Manipur who have directly faced the brunt of Kuki-Chin terror groups in SoO have been crying not for the moon but for accountability, security of their lives and peace under the established provisions of law of the land. Suspension of Operation can neither be a covert system to undermine peoples aspirations, nor a veil to hide dubious (counter) policies, if any. Peace, if at all, is to be contemplated through a process like 'Kuki-Chin SoO' initiative, it has to face the metaphorical litmus test; of acceptability, accountability and legitimacy.

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ZOMI RE-UNIFICATION ORGANISATION
Headquarters : Climnual

To,

Amit Shah
Hon'ble President,
Bharatiya Janata Party

Dear Sir,

The ZRO/ZRA will be grateful if you can kindly award the BJP Party ticket to Shri. H. Shokhopao Benjamin Mate for the upcoming Parliamentary Election for Outer Manipur Constituency.

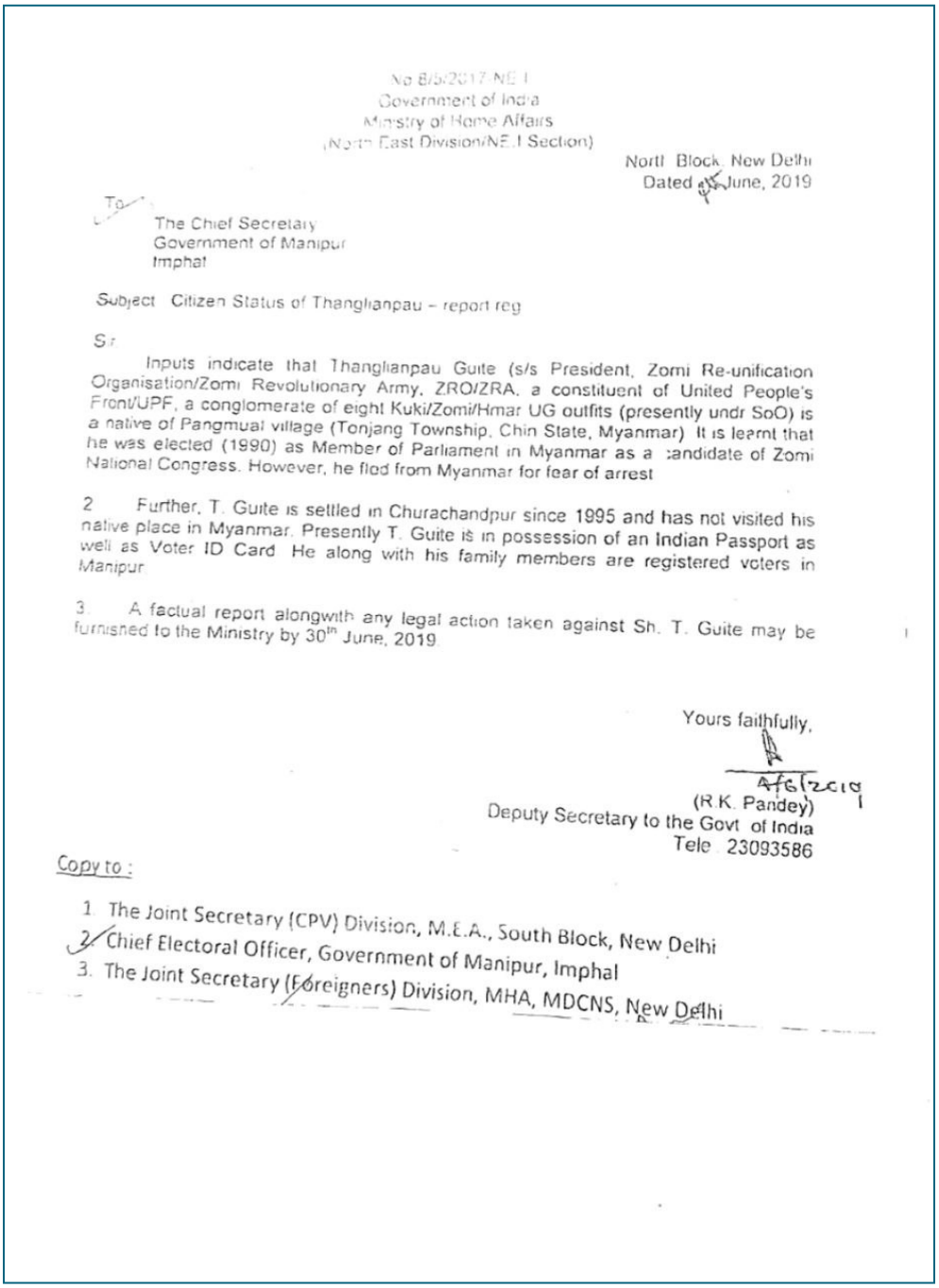
The Organisation feels that, he is the most promising Politician contesting the upcoming Parliamentary Election.

With warm regards.

Thanglianpau
23/02/2019
(THANGLIANPAU)
PRESIDENT

Copy to:
1. Shri Ram Madhav, National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party.
2. Shri Himanta Biswa Sharma, Hon'ble Convenor NEDA.
3. Shri Nalin Kohli, Official Spokesperson, Election I/c Manipur.

ZRA/ZRO's Request Letter to Amit Shah for Granting a Party Ticket to Shri. H. Shokhopao Benjamin Mate -23 February 2019



No 8/5/2017-NE I
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(North East Division/NE.I Section)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 4th June, 2019

To,

The Chief Secretary
Government of Manipur
Imphal

Subject: Citizen Status of Thanglianpau – report reg

Sir,

Inputs indicate that Thanglianpau Guite (s/s President, Zomi Re-unification Organisation/Zomi Revolutionary Army, ZRO/ZRA, a constituent of United People's Front/UPF, a conglomerate of eight Kuki/Zomi/Hmar UG outfits (presently undr SoO) is a native of Pangmual village (Tonjang Township, Chin State, Myanmar). It is learnt that he was elected (1990) as Member of Parliament in Myanmar as a candidate of Zomi National Congress. However, he fled from Myanmar for fear of arrest.

2. Further, T. Guite is settled in Churachandpur since 1995 and has not visited his native place in Myanmar. Presently T. Guite is in possession of an Indian Passport as well as Voter ID Card. He along with his family members are registered voters in Manipur.

3. A factual report alongwith any legal action taken against Sh. T. Guite may be furnished to the Ministry by 30th June, 2019.

Yours faithfully,

4/6/2019

(R.K. Pandey)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tele: 23093586

Copy to :

1. The Joint Secretary (CPV) Division, M.E.A., South Block, New Delhi
2. Chief Electoral Officer, Government of Manipur, Imphal
3. The Joint Secretary (Foreigners) Division, MHA, MDCNS, New Delhi

The Government Orders the Submission of a Factual Report and the Initiation of Legal Action Against Thanglianpau Guite Over Citizenship Status - 04 June 2019



Representative Image

CBI arrests four persons for killing two students in Manipur

ANI | Updated:
Oct 02, 2023 00:17 IST

New Delhi [India], October 2 (ANI): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested four people accused in the ongoing investigation of cases related to violence in Manipur, an official statement said on Sunday.

The four accused have been identified as Paominlun Haokip, S Malsawm Haokip, Lhingneichong Baitekuki and Tinneilhing Henthang.

"Two men and two women have been arrested. The accused have played a role in the death of the two students," an official said.

CBI said that it had registered two cases on August 23, 2023, at the request of the Manipur Government and taken over the investigation of these cases earlier registered by State Police on the complaints of parents of minor victims dated July 8 at Police Station Imphal and July 19 at Police Station Lamphel.

During the investigation of these cases, four persons have been arrested.

CBI said that the arrested accused will be produced before the Competent Court at Guwahati (designated as per the orders of the Supreme Court).

Two minor children, who accompanied the said arrested accused during transit from Imphal (Manipur) to Guwahati (Assam), have been handed over to the District Child Protection Officer, Kamrup Metro District for their welfare, protection and care, the agency said.

After the photos of the two students surfaced, tension spiked in several districts of the state with reports of clashes between security forces and student protestors. (ANI)

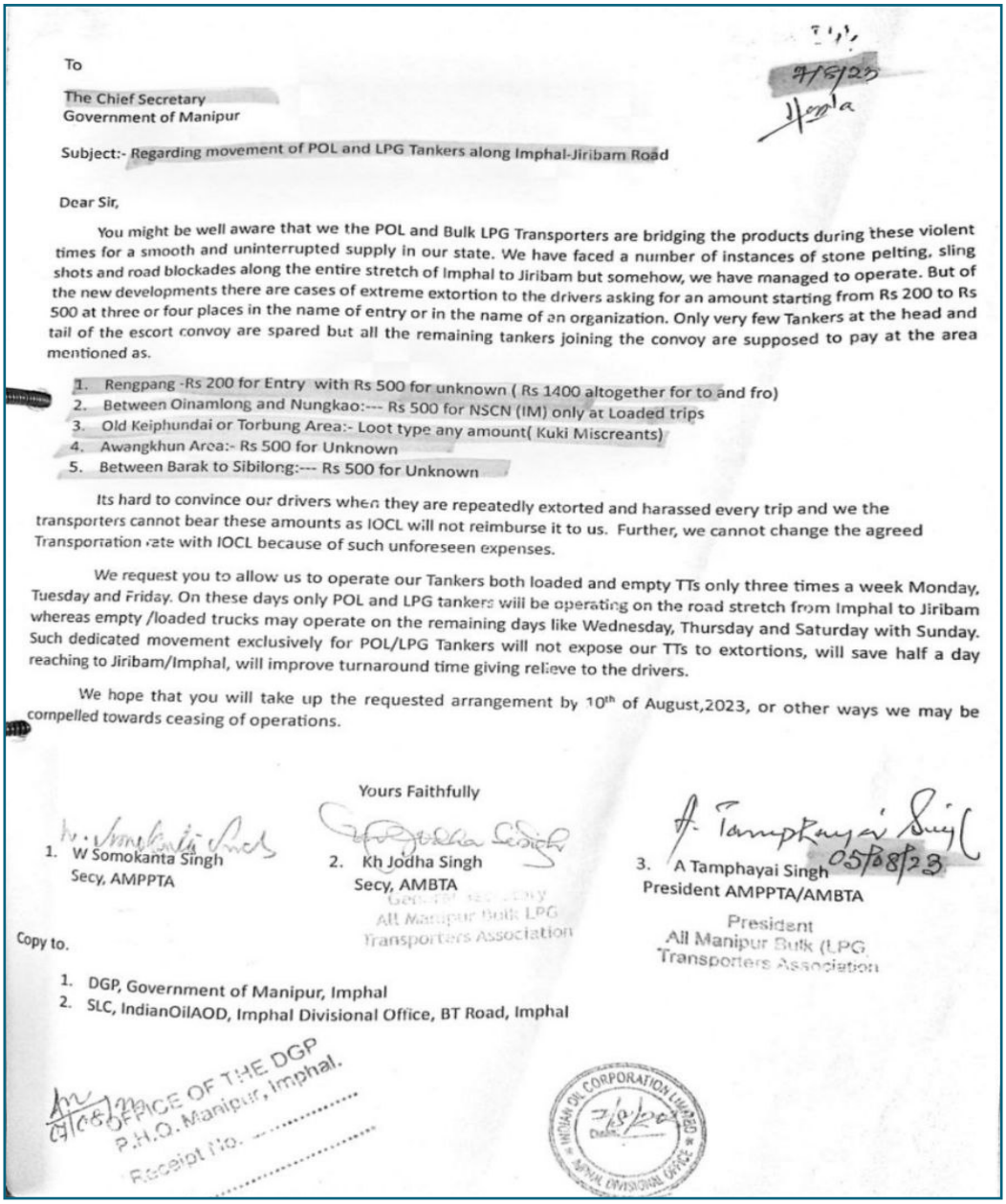
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The Involvement of SoO Kuki Groups in Extorting Money from Truck Drivers Plying on the National Highway was Evident in the Tax Receipt Cards.



To

The Chief Secretary
Government of Manipur

Subject:- Regarding movement of POL and LPG Tankers along Imphal-Jiribam Road

Dear Sir,

You might be well aware that we the POL and Bulk LPG Transporters are bridging the products during these violent times for a smooth and uninterrupted supply in our state. We have faced a number of instances of stone pelting, sling shots and road blockades along the entire stretch of Imphal to Jiribam but somehow, we have managed to operate. But of the new developments there are cases of extreme extortion to the drivers asking for an amount starting from Rs 200 to Rs 500 at three or four places in the name of entry or in the name of an organization. Only very few Tankers at the head and tail of the escort convoy are spared but all the remaining tankers joining the convoy are supposed to pay at the area mentioned as.

1. Rengpang -Rs 200 for Entry with Rs 500 for unknown (Rs 1400 altogether for to and fro)
2. Between Oinamlong and Nungkao:--- Rs 500 for NSCN (IM) only at Loaded trips
3. Old Keiphundai or Torbung Area:- Loot type any amount(Kuki Miscreants)
4. Awangkhun Area:- Rs 500 for Unknown
5. Between Barak to Sibilong:--- Rs 500 for Unknown

Its hard to convince our drivers when they are repeatedly extorted and harassed every trip and we the transporters cannot bear these amounts as IOCL will not reimburse it to us. Further, we cannot change the agreed Transportation rate with IOCL because of such unforeseen expenses.

We request you to allow us to operate our Tankers both loaded and empty TTs only three times a week Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On these days only POL and LPG tankers will be operating on the road stretch from Imphal to Jiribam whereas empty /loaded trucks may operate on the remaining days like Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday with Sunday. Such dedicated movement exclusively for POL/LPG Tankers will not expose our TTs to extortions, will save half a day reaching to Jiribam/Imphal, will improve turnaround time giving relieve to the drivers.

We hope that you will take up the requested arrangement by 10th of August,2023, or other ways we may be compelled towards ceasing of operations.

Yours Faithfully

1. W Somokanta Singh
Secy, AMPPTA

2. Kh Jodha Singh
Secy, AMBTA
All Manipur Bulk LPG Transporters Association

3. A Tamphayai Singh
05/08/23
President AMPPTA/AMBTA
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All Manipur Bulk (LPG Transporters Association

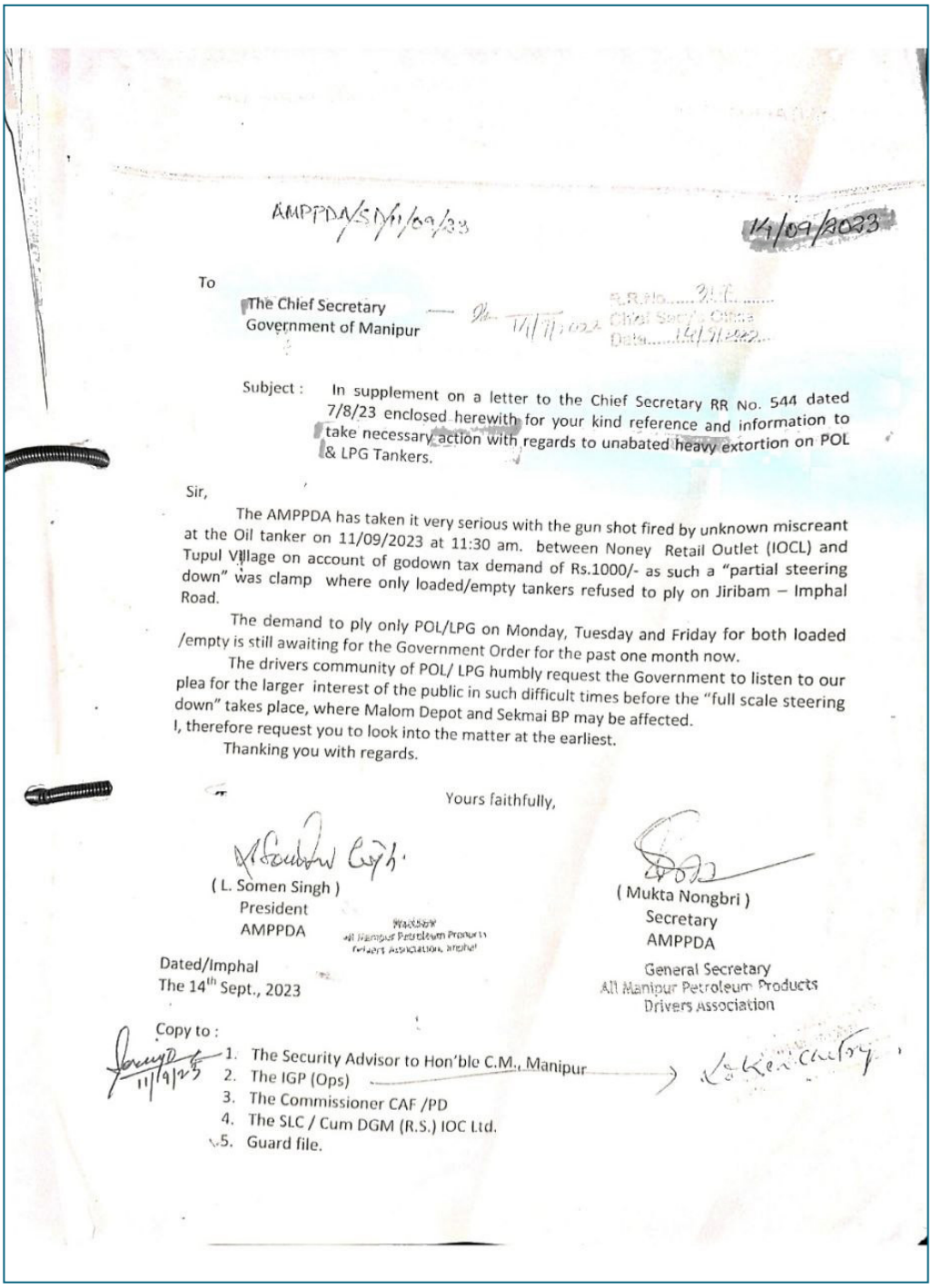
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1. DGP, Government of Manipur, Imphal
2. SLC, IndianOilAOD, Imphal Divisional Office, BT Road, Imphal

OFFICE OF THE DGP
P.H.Q. Manipur, Imphal.
Receipt No. .....

INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED
IMPHAL DIVISIONAL OFFICE

The Cases of Extreme Extortions to the Drivers of POL and LPG Tankers along Imphal- Jiribam Road- 07 August 2023



AMPPDA/SM/09/23 14/09/2023

To

The Chief Secretary
Government of Manipur

Subject : In supplement on a letter to the Chief Secretary RR No. 544 dated 7/8/23 enclosed herewith for your kind reference and information to take necessary action with regards to unabated heavy extortion on POL & LPG Tankers.

Sir,

The AMPPDA has taken it very serious with the gun shot fired by unknown miscreant at the Oil tanker on 11/09/2023 at 11:30 am. between Noney Retail Outlet (IOCL) and Tupul Village on account of godown tax demand of Rs.1000/- as such a "partial steering down" was clamp where only loaded/empty tankers refused to ply on Jiribam – Imphal Road.

The demand to ply only POL/LPG on Monday, Tuesday and Friday for both loaded /empty is still awaiting for the Government Order for the past one month now.

The drivers community of POL/ LPG humbly request the Government to listen to our plea for the larger interest of the public in such difficult times before the "full scale steering down" takes place, where Malom Depot and Sekmai BP may be affected.

I, therefore request you to look into the matter at the earliest.

Thanking you with regards.

Yours faithfully,

(L. Somen Singh)
President
AMPPDA

(Mukta Nongbri)
Secretary
AMPPDA

General Secretary
All Manipur Petroleum Products
Drivers Association

Dated/Imphal
The 14th Sept., 2023

Copy to :

1. The Security Advisor to Hon'ble C.M., Manipur
2. The IGP (Ops)
3. The Commissioner CAF /PD
4. The SLC / Cum DGM (R.S.) IOC Ltd.
5. Guard file.

Letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur, Requesting Legal Action Regarding Unabated Heavy Extortion on POL and LPG Tankers- 11 September 2023

Manipur violence: NIA arrests one in Churachandpur district in transnational conspiracy case involving terror outfits

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Seiminlun Gangte from Churachandpur district in Manipur in a case related to a transnational conspiracy involving Myanmar and Bangladesh-based leadership of terror outfits



NIA apprehends Manipur man in transnational conspiracy case involving terror outfits

India TodayNE

Sep 30, 2023,
Updated Sep 30, 2023, 7:46 PM IST

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Seiminlun Gangte from Churachandpur district in Manipur in a case related to a transnational conspiracy by Myanmar and Bangladesh-based leadership of terror outfits to wage war against the government of India by exploiting the current ethnic unrest in the State of Manipur.

The case was registered suo moto by the NIA on July 19, 2023, in New Delhi.

Investigation of RC 24/2023/NIA/DLI by NIA revealed that Myanmar and Bangladesh-based militant groups have entered into a conspiracy with a section of militant leaders in India to indulge in incidents of violence with an intention to drive a wedge between different ethnic groups and to wage war against the Government of India.

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And for this purpose, the aforementioned leadership have been providing funds to procure arms, ammunition and other types of terrorist hardware which are being sourced both, from across the border, as well as from other terrorist outfits active in North Eastern States of India to stoke the current ethnic strife in Manipur.

The said accused has been brought to New Delhi after his arrest and will be produced before the Jurisdictional Court.

Further Investigations in the case are in progress.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Arrests One in a Case Related to a Transnational Conspiracy by Exploiting the Current Unrest in the State of Manipur – 30 September 2023

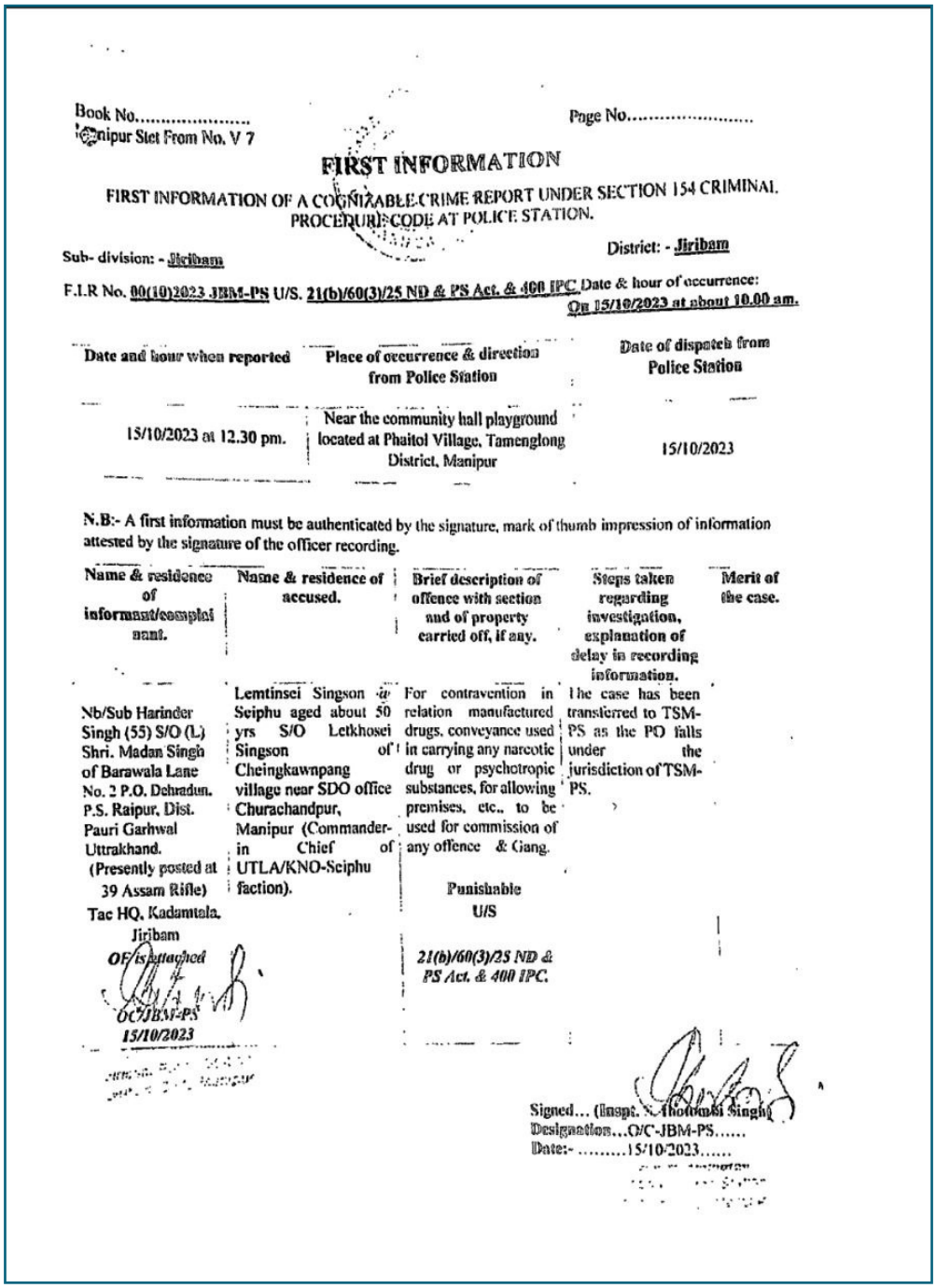
Today at about 6:40 am received an information that on the same day at about 6:30am teams of state police including teams of CDO/BPR led by SP/BPR proceeded towards the Pholjang road along Kwakta ward No. 8 as follow up action in c/w FIR NO. 927(8)2023 PGCI-PS U/s-302/400/427/436/460 IPC and 25(1-C) Arms Act for conducting search operation to trace out the accused Kuki militants that might have been taking shelter at Kwakta Ward No.8 i.e. the adjoining area between kwakta and Pholjang village . On reaching the Kutub Wali Masjid located at Kwakta Ward No. 8 along Pholjang road the state police teams including CDO/BPR was stopped and blocked their way by the personnel of 9th AR by keeping and parking their Casper Vehicle in the middle of the Kwakta Pholjang road and obstructed in discharging their law bound duty. As such arrogant act of the personnel of 9th AR giving a chance to the accused Kuki militants to escape freely to somewhere a safe zone for them.

Hence, Suo-mutto case under FIR No. 928(8)2023 PGCI-PS U/S-166/186/189/341/353/506 and 34 IPC is registered for investigation.

Dated: 05/08/2023
Place: Phougakchao Ikhai Police Station.

(SI N. Devdas Singh)
i/c, Officer-in-Charge,
Phougakchao Ikhai Police Station
Officer-in-Charge
Phougakchao Ikhai Police Station
Bishnupur District, Manipur

An FIR was Filed by Phougakchao Ikhai Police Station, Manipur Police Regarding the Presence of Kuki Militants at Kwakta – 05 October 2023



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FIRST INFORMATION OF A COGNIZABLE CRIME REPORT UNDER SECTION 154 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AT POLICE STATION.

Sub- division: - Jiribam

District: - Jiribam

F.I.R No. 00(10)2023 JBM-PS U/S. 21(b)/60(3)/25 ND & PS Act. & 400 IPC Date & hour of occurrence: On 15/10/2023 at about 10.00 am.

Date and hour when reported	Place of occurrence & direction from Police Station	Date of dispatch from Police Station
15/10/2023 at 12.30 pm.	Near the community hall playground located at Phaitol Village, Tamenglong District, Manipur	15/10/2023

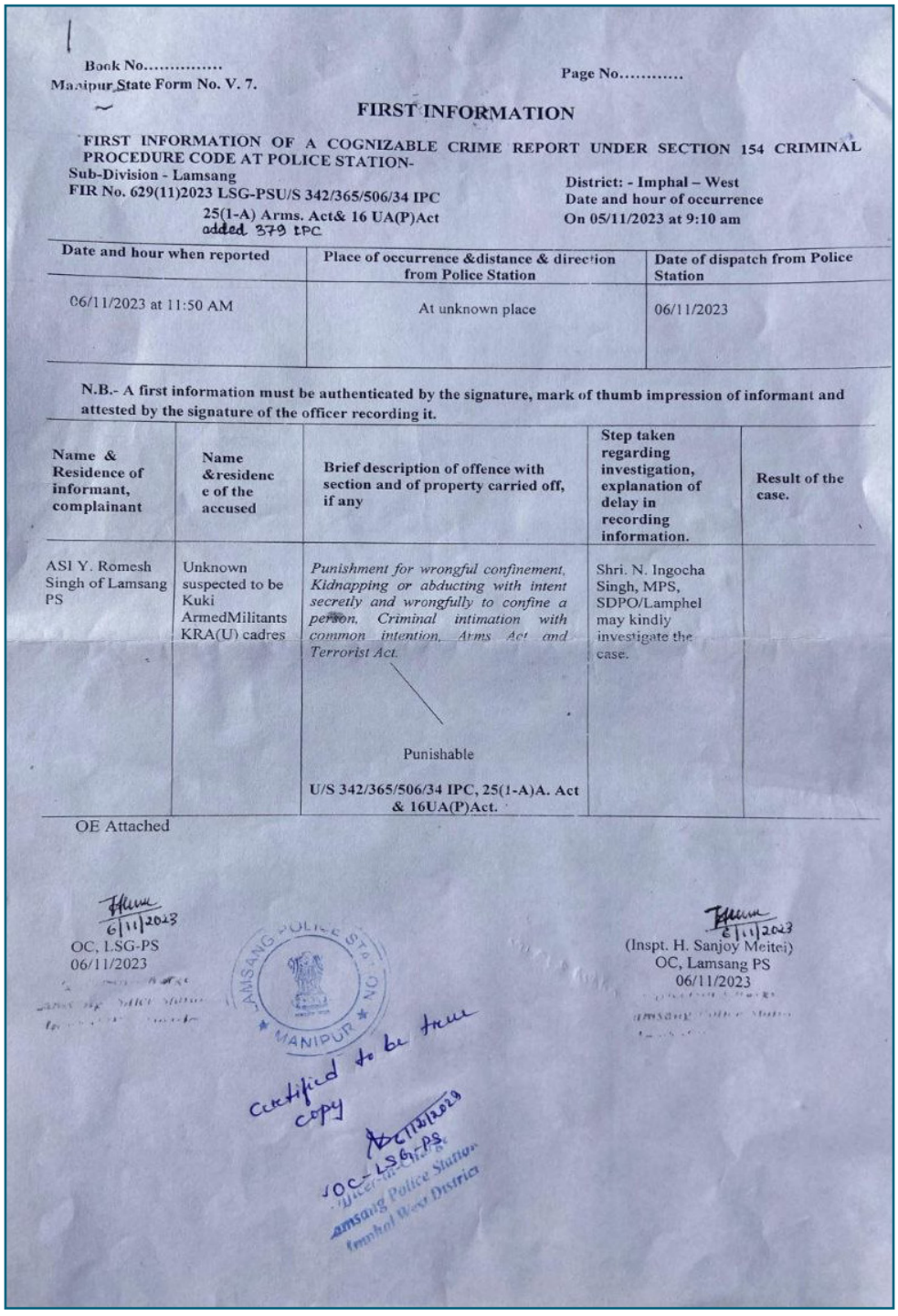
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Name & residence of informant/complainant.	Name & residence of accused.	Brief description of offence with section and of property carried off, if any.	Steps taken regarding investigation, explanation of delay in recording information.	Merit of the case.
Nb/Sub Harinder Singh (55) S/O (L) Shri. Madan Singh of Barawala Lane No. 2 P.O. Dehradun. P.S. Raipur, Dist. Pauri Garhwal Uttrakhand. (Presently posted at 39 Assam Rifle) Tac HQ, Kadamtala, Jiribam OF is attached	Lemtinsei Singson @ Sciphu aged about 50 yrs S/O Letkhosei Singson of Cheingkawnpang village near SDO office Churachandpur, Manipur (Commander-in Chief of UTLA/KNO-Sciphu faction).	For contravention in relation manufactured drugs, conveyance used in carrying any narcotic drug or psychotropic substances, for allowing premises, etc., to be used for commission of any offence & Gang. Punishable U/S 21(b)/60(3)/25 ND & PS Act. & 400 IPC.	The case has been transferred to TSM-PS as the PO falls under the jurisdiction of TSM-PS.	

O/C JBM-PS
15/10/2023

Signed... (Inspt. S. Thoithoi Singh)
Designation...O/C-JBM-PS.....
Date:- .....15/10/2023.....

One Commander in Chief of UTLA/KNO was Arrested by 39 AR with 124.8 Grams of Brown Sugar at Phatol village, Tamenglong District- 15 October 2023



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FIRST INFORMATION

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Sub-Division - Lamsang
FIR No. 629(11)2023 LSG-PSU/S 342/365/506/34 IPC
25(1-A) Arms. Act& 16 UA(P)Act
added 379 IPC

District: - Imphal – West
Date and hour of occurrence
On 05/11/2023 at 9:10 am

Date and hour when reported	Place of occurrence &distance & direction from Police Station	Date of dispatch from Police Station
06/11/2023 at 11:50 AM	At unknown place	06/11/2023

N.B.- A first information must be authenticated by the signature, mark of thumb impression of informant and attested by the signature of the officer recording it.

Name & Residence of informant, complainant	Name &residence of the accused	Brief description of offence with section and of property carried off, if any	Step taken regarding investigation, explanation of delay in recording information.	Result of the case.
ASI Y. Romesh Singh of Lamsang PS	Unknown suspected to be Kuki ArmedMilitants KRA(U) cadres	*Punishment for wrongful confinement, Kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine a person, Criminal intimation with common intention, Arms Act and Terrorist Act.* Punishable **U/S 342/365/506/34 IPC, 25(1-A)A. Act & 16UA(P)Act.**	Shri. N. Ingocha Singh, MPS, SDPO/Lamphel may kindly investigate the case.	

OE Attached

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LAMSANG POLICE STATION MANIPUR NO

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OC, Lamsang PS
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Officer-in-Charge
Lamsang Police Station
Imphal West District

The Case Concerns the Disappearance of Avinash Maibam and Ningthoujam Anthony, Allegedly Abducted by KRA (U) Cadres -FIR.6 November 2023

SECRET- MOST IMMEDIATE

No. H-1201/1/2024-HD-HD
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: HOME DEPARTMENT
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Imphal, the 11th February, 2024

To,

The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi - 110001, India, E-mail ID: hshso@nic.in

Subject: - Proposal for declaration of World Kuki-zo Intellectual Council (WKZIC), as an unlawful association/organization under section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention)Act, 1967 - regarding.

Sir,

Inviting reference to the above subject, I am directed to raise to the Ministry about the following: -

i. That, the so-called World Kuki-zo Intellectual Council (WKZIC) had issued one press release dated 24-10-2023 and in that connection State Home Department had requested the PHQ vide letter No dated 24-10-2023 to verify the authenticity of the same and stop spreading of the same in any media. Further, it was requested to take up necessary action legal action against culprits involved in such acts [**Enclosed as ANNEXURE-A**].
ii. That, it has been reported that one Suo Motu FIR No.2824(10)2023 CCP-PS u/s 120-B/153-A/189/505(1)(b)/ 506 IPC, 4 Expl Subs Act and 18 UA(P) Act was registered against leaders of WKZIC in connection with one Press Release dated 24-10-2023 (copies of FIR and press Release enclosed) and subsequently, State Cabinet had taken decision to recommend for declaration of WKZIC as unlawful Association/ Organization under Sec 3 of UA(P) Act, 1976 [Copies of FIR and Cabinet decision enclosed as **ANNEXURE- B & C**].
iii. That, DGP, Manipur was requested to submit necessary proposal with details like - credentials, activities, base, activities related to the ongoing crisis, involvement in organized crimes, anti-national activities, etc. Accordingly, ADGP(Intelligence), Manipur vide letter No27/7(3)/2024-SB(X)/(MISC)/195 dated 07-02-204 (received on 10-02-2024) submitted details [Enclosed in **ANNEXURE-D**].

2. Keeping in view of the seriousness of the issue and the serious consequential events aftermath the press release dated 24-10-2023 and co-relations reported as per CID report, State Government decided to recommend to MHA for declaration of World Kuki-zo Intellectual Council (WKZIC), as an unlawful association/organization under section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention)Act, 1967.

3. Therefore, I am directed to request the Ministry to kindly consider and take up necessary action for declaration of World Kuki-zo Intellectual Council (WKZIC), as an unlawful association/organization under section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention)Act, 1967 in the larger interest of general Public.

Enclosed- As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

11/02/2024
(Dr. Mayengbam Veto singh)
Joint Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur.

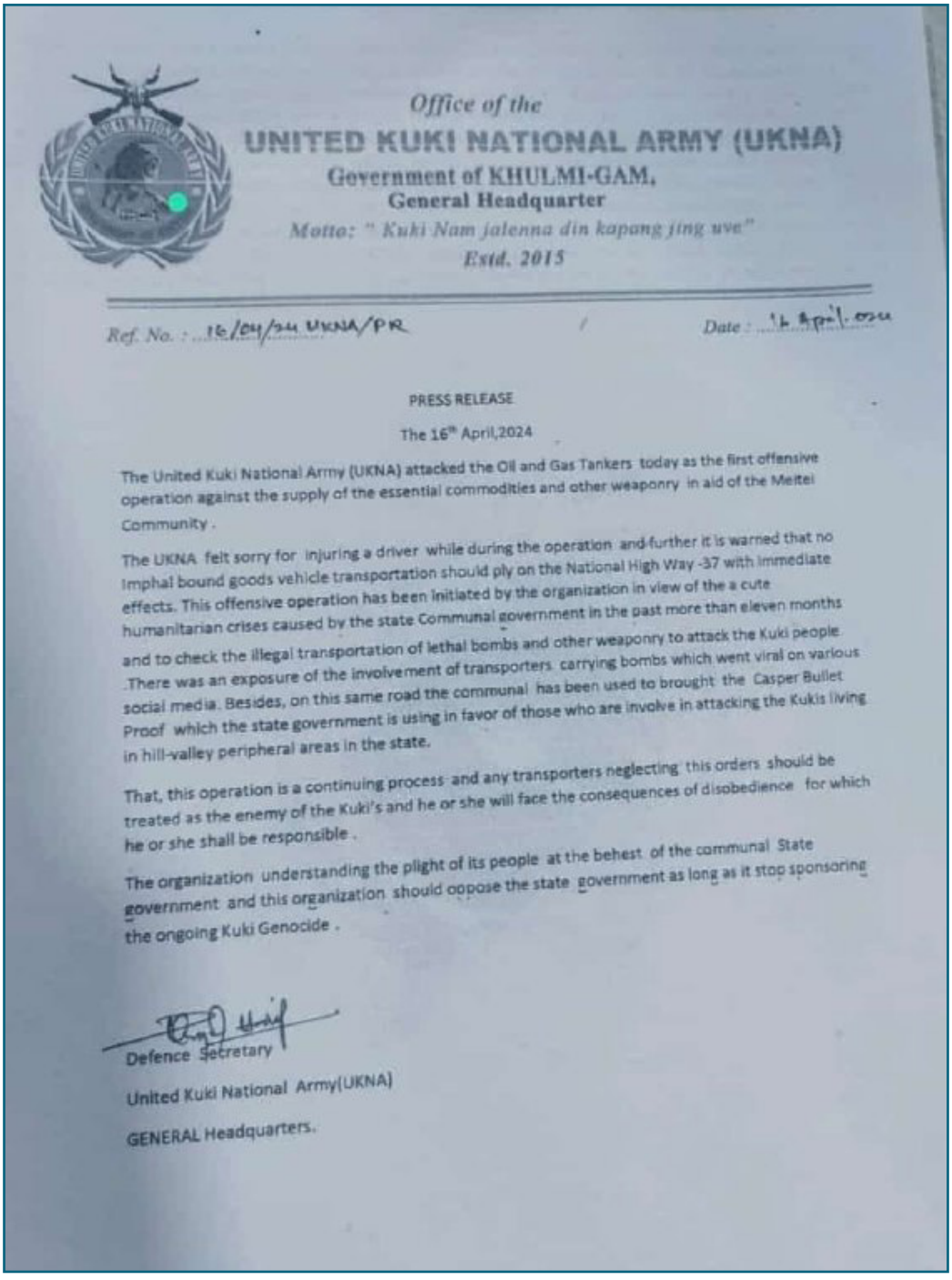
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2. Secretary to Chief Minister, Manipur.
3. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
4. Director General of Police, Manipur.

Copy also to:
Shri Kuldiep Singh, IPS(Retd), Advisor (Security), Government of Manipur.

The Proposal Letter for Declaration of WKZIC as an Unlawful Organization- 11 February 2024



A Video Circulated on Social Media Shows Multiple Gunshot Holes on Fuel Tankers Attacked by Suspected Kuki Militants Near Kamai Village on NH-37 in Manipur – 16 April 2024



Office of the

UNITED KUKI NATIONAL ARMY (UKNA)

Government of KHULMI-GAM,

General Headquarter

Motto: " Kuki Nam jalenna din kapang jing uve"

Estd. 2015

Ref. No. : 16/04/24 UKNA/PR *Date :* 16 April 2024

PRESS RELEASE

The 16th April,2024

The United Kuki National Army (UKNA) attacked the Oil and Gas Tankers today as the first offensive operation against the supply of the essential commodities and other weaponry in aid of the Meitei Community .

The UKNA felt sorry for injuring a driver while during the operation and further it is warned that no Imphal bound goods vehicle transportation should ply on the National High Way -37 with immediate effects. This offensive operation has been initiated by the organization in view of the a cute humanitarian crises caused by the state Communal government in the past more than eleven months and to check the illegal transportation of lethal bombs and other weaponry to attack the Kuki people .There was an exposure of the involvement of transporters carrying bombs which went viral on various social media. Besides, on this same road the communal has been used to brought the Casper Bullet Proof which the state government is using in favor of those who are involve in attacking the Kukis living in hill-valley peripheral areas in the state.

That, this operation is a continuing process and any transporters neglecting this orders should be treated as the enemy of the Kuki's and he or she will face the consequences of disobedience for which he or she shall be responsible .

The organization understanding the plight of its people at the behest of the communal State government and this organization should oppose the state government as long as it stop sponsoring the ongoing Kuki Genocide .

Defence Secretary

United Kuki National Army(UKNA)

GENERAL Headquarters.

UKNA press release dated 16 April 2024 claiming responsibility for the attack on oil and gas tankers and for the restrictions on transportation along National Highway-37.

NIA HQRS 09-06-2024

National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

NIA MAKES 1ST ARREST IN JANUARY 2024 MANIPUR KILLING OF 4 CIVILIANS CASE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday arrested one person, currently in Guwahati jail in another case, in connection with the killing of four civilians in Manipur's Bishnupur district.

Lunminsei Kipgen @ Langinmang @ Mang @ Levi, a resident of Manipur, has been formally arrested by NIA from Central Jail, Lokhra, Guwahati, Assam, under relevant sections of UA(P) Act and Arms Act.

He is the first accused to be arrested for the gruesome killings that had taken place on

18th January 2024, when armed miscreants had brutally murdered four civilians near the water treatment plant located Ningthoukhong Kha Khunou, Bishnupur. The assailants had opened indiscriminate fire from sophisticated weapons, leading to the tragic death of the civilians on the fateful afternoon.

NIA, which had registered the case RC-01/2024/NIA/IMP on 9th February 2024, found during investigation that Lunminsei Kipgen was actively involved in the fatal attack, which was part of the ongoing ethnic unrest and violence in the north-eastern state of Manipur. Previously a cadre of the Kuki militant outfit KNF (P), he had joined another Kuki militant organisation, United Kuki National Army (UKNA), during the current spate of violence and had participated in the ghastly killings.

Further investigations in the case are continuing.

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NIA Arrests One Person (KNF-P) in Connection with Killings of 4 Persons in Bishnupur- 09 June 2024

List of the UGs under UPF and KNO,
2008 to 2017 and 2018 to 28th February 2024

KNO •

Sl. No.	Groups	No. of cadres
1.	HNA (Hmar National Army)	14
2.	KNA (Kuki National Army)	214
3.	KLO/KLA (Kuki Liberation Organization/Kuki Liberation Army)	95
4.	KNO/KLA (Kuki National Organization/Kuki Liberation Army)	93
5.	KNF(MC) (Kuki National Front-Military Council)	65
6.	KNF(S) (Kuki National Front-Samuel)	120
7.	KNF(Z) (Kuki National Front-Zougam)	33
8.	KNLF (Kuki National Liberation Front)	52
9.	KRA (Kuki Revolutionary Army)	170
10.	KRA(U) (Kuki Revolutionary Army-Unification)/KNO	21
11.	PRA (Pakan Revolutionary Army)	28
12.	USRA (United Social Revolutionary Army)	22
13.	UMLA (United Minority Liberation Army)	48
14.	UTLA (United Tribal Liberation Army)	49
15.	UKRA (United Komrem Revolutionary Army)	32
16.	ZDV (Zou Defence Volunteer)/KNO	36
17.	ZRF (Zomi Revolutionary Front)/KNO	30
	Total	**1122**

UPF

Sl. No.	Groups	No. of cadres
1.	HPC(D) (Hmar Peoples Convention-Democratic)	124
2.	KNF (Kuki National Front)	296
3.	KRA(U) (Kuki Revolutionary Army-Unification)/UPF	13
4.	KRF (Kuki Revolutionary Front)	53
5.	UKLF (United Kuki Liberation Front)	178
6.	ZRA (Zomi Revolutionary Army)	339
7.	ZRF (Zomi Revolutionary Front)/UPF	20
8.	ZDV (Zou Defence Volunteer)/UPF	36
	Total	**1059**

- Total SoO cadre strength (KNO & UPF combined) = 1122 + 1059 = **2181**

List and Strength of underground groups under the UPF and KNO, published in The Sangai Express on 7 August 2024.



Manipur Police
@manipur_police

On 14.02.2025, Security Forces conducted area domination and patrolling in general area south of village Old Khaukual under Sangaikot-PS, Churachandpur District. During the operation, the following persons were

and other items. The arrestees are suspected to be KNA cadres.

The arrested persons are identified as:
i.Seikhogin Haokip @ Gigin (37),
ii.Ngamlenmang Mate @ Mangneo (25),
iii.Seikhomang Haokip @ Seimang (25),
iv.Thanglelmang Haokip @ Mangboi (27),
v.Jamkhosei Haokip @ Seipu (32),
vi.Lhunkholal Khongsai @ Lalboi (34) and
vii.Mangkhangthang Kipgen @ Mamang (35).

The following items were seized from the arrested persons:
i.02 (two) nos. of AK-47 Rifle,
ii.01 (one) 7.62 Assault Rifle,
iii.03 (three) nos. of Single Bore Rifle,
iv.10 (ten) nos. of magazine of AK-47,
v.654 (six hundred fifty-four) nos. of 7.62 mm live rounds,
vi.19 (nineteen) nos. of Single Bore live cartridge,
vii.06 (six) nos. of Cell Phones,
viii.03 (three) nos. of Baofeng Radio Sets,
ix.04 (four) nos. of Power Bank,
x.01 (one) Dynamo with Battery,
xi.03 (three) nos. of Khukri,
xii.03 (three) nos. of ammunition/ magazine Pouch,
xiii.04 (four) nos. of Shoulder Bag,
xiv.01 (one) Torch and
xv.01 (one) four-wheeler (Maruti Gypsy).

Security Forces Arrests 7 persons suspected to be KNA Cadres Along with Ammunition During the Operation in General Area South of Village Old Khaukual under Sangaikot-PS- 14 February 2025.

Manipur > Politics Updated: May 17, 2025

Kuki-Zo Civil Bodies, MLAs Suspend Talks with Centre

By **UT Desk** | May 17, 2025



Ukhrul, May 16: The Kuki-Zo civil society organizations (CSOs), elected legislators, and representatives of militant groups under Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreements have collectively decided to halt all engagements with the Indian central government.

The decision was made during a closed-door meeting held in Guwahati on Friday where participants resolved not to resume talks until the government initiates a substantive political dialogue that includes all key stakeholders from their community.

> *"The joint meeting of the MLAs, CSOs and SoO groups today at Guwahati resolved that until the resumption of substantive political dialogue by the Government of India with SoO groups, the CSOs and elected representatives shall no longer engage with the Government of India or its representatives," a statement issued by the convener said.*

The meeting brought together several Kuki MLAs from Manipur, leaders of various CSOs, and representatives from Kuki militant groups currently observing SoO agreements. The Kuki-Zo community has been advocating for greater political autonomy and recognition pushing for a Separate Administration.

It is worth noting that the Coordination Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a prominent Meetei/Meitei civil body in the valley and Manipur government before the imposition of President's Rule had fiercely advocated not to extend the tripartite Suspension of Operation (SoO) terms with Kuki based militant groups. The SoO have been extended periodically since 2008, when it was first signed, between the Centre, the Manipur government, and two conglomerates of Kuki militant outfits, namely, the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and the United People's Front (UPF).

The Joint Meeting of Kuki MLAs, CSOs, and SoO Groups Resolved that CSOs and Elected Representatives Would No Longer Engage with the Government of India Until It Resumes Political Dialogue with the SoO Groups – 17 May 2025

NIA HQRS **19.05.2025**

National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

NIA Press Release

NIA Arrests Assailant iIn 2024 Manipur IRB Post Attack that Killed 1 Cop

New Delhi, 19th May 2025

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested one of the miscreants involved in the 2024 attack on IRB post in Moreh area of Tegnopal district, Manipur, that killed one policeman and injured two others.

Thangminlar Mate @ Lenin Mate, a resident of Tegnopal, was nabbed in Silchar, Assam, on Sunday. Mate's affiliation to any militant group is not clear yet.

The attack was carried out by miscreants on 17th January last year, resulting in the death of one Manipur Police personnel. Two other policemen were also seriously injured in the attack.

The Silchar court has given NIA the transit remand custody of the accused, the first person to be arrested in the case RC-05/2024/NIA/IMP, for production before the agency's Special Court in Guwahati.

NIA is continuing with its probe in the case.

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NIA Arrests assailant in 2024 Manipur IRB Post Attack that Killed 1 Cop - 19 May 2025

NIA HQRS **08.06.2025**

National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

NIA Press Release

3 Insurgents Arrested by NIA in Attack on Manipur Security Forces Case

New Delhi, 8th June 2025

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested three insurgents in a case related to a deadly attack on security forces that had killed two police commandos and injured several others in Manipur last year.

The three men, along with their associates, had planned, conspired and executed the attack on an Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB) post and security forces in Moreh, Tengnoupal district, on 17th January 2024.

Among the arrested accused is Thangminlen Mate, a resident of Tengnoupal district and member of the Kuki Inpi Tengnoupal (KIT) insurgent group. He had played a key role in orchestrating and carrying out the attack. He was apprehended on 19th May 2025 in Silchar, Assam, and produced before the NIA Court in Guwahati, which remanded him to custody until 28th May. He is currently lodged in Central Jail, Guwahati, under judicial custody.

The other accused, Kamginthang Gangte, a member of the Kuki National Army (KNA), and Hentinthang Kipgen @ Thangneo Kipgen, associated with the Village Volunteers group in Churachandpur district, were arrested from Imphal on 6th June. They were presented before the Duty Magistrate, who granted a transit remand until 9th June 2025 for their transfer to the NIA Special Court in Guwahati. The duo was part of the team that had executed the deadly attack.

NIA is continuing with its investigations and search for the other perpetrators of the attack in the case RC-05/2024/NIA/IMP.

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NIA Arrests Three Insurgents in a Case Related to Attack on Security Forces- 08 June 2025

NIA HQRS **31.07.2025**

National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

NIA Press Release

Key Conspirator in Brutal Jiribam Killing of 3 Women & 3 Children Arrested by Joint NIA-Assam Police Team

New Delhi, 31st July 2025

In a major breakthrough, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a key conspirator in the 2024 Jiribam killings case.

Three women and three children were abducted and brutally murdered by militants in Borebekra area of Jiribam District of Manipur on 11th November last year. The bodies were disposed of in the Barak river.

The accused, Thanglienlal Hmar @ Boya, a resident of Moinathol Dilkshosh Ghaat in Cachar district of Assam, was nabbed today by a joint team of NIA and Assam police from Assam. A mobile phone, along with a SIM card, was recovered by the NIA from the possession of the accused.

Investigations have revealed Boya was actively involved in the conspiracy and execution of the horrendous crime.

NIA, which took over the case from the Borebekra police, is continuing with its investigation in the case RC-15/2024/NIA/IMP.

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NIA Press Release on the Brutal Jiribam Killing of 3 Women and 3 Children Case- 01 August 2025

NIA HQRS **01.08.2025**

National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

NIA Press Release

NIA Makes 2nd Consecutive Arrest from Mizoram in 2024 Jiribam Killings Case

New Delhi, 1st August 2025

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has made a second consecutive arrest in the 2024 brutal Jiribam killings case.

NIA caught Lalrosang Hmar @ Rosang, of Village Moinathol, Dilkhosh Grant Cachar, Assam. from Aizawl, Mizoram on Thursday.

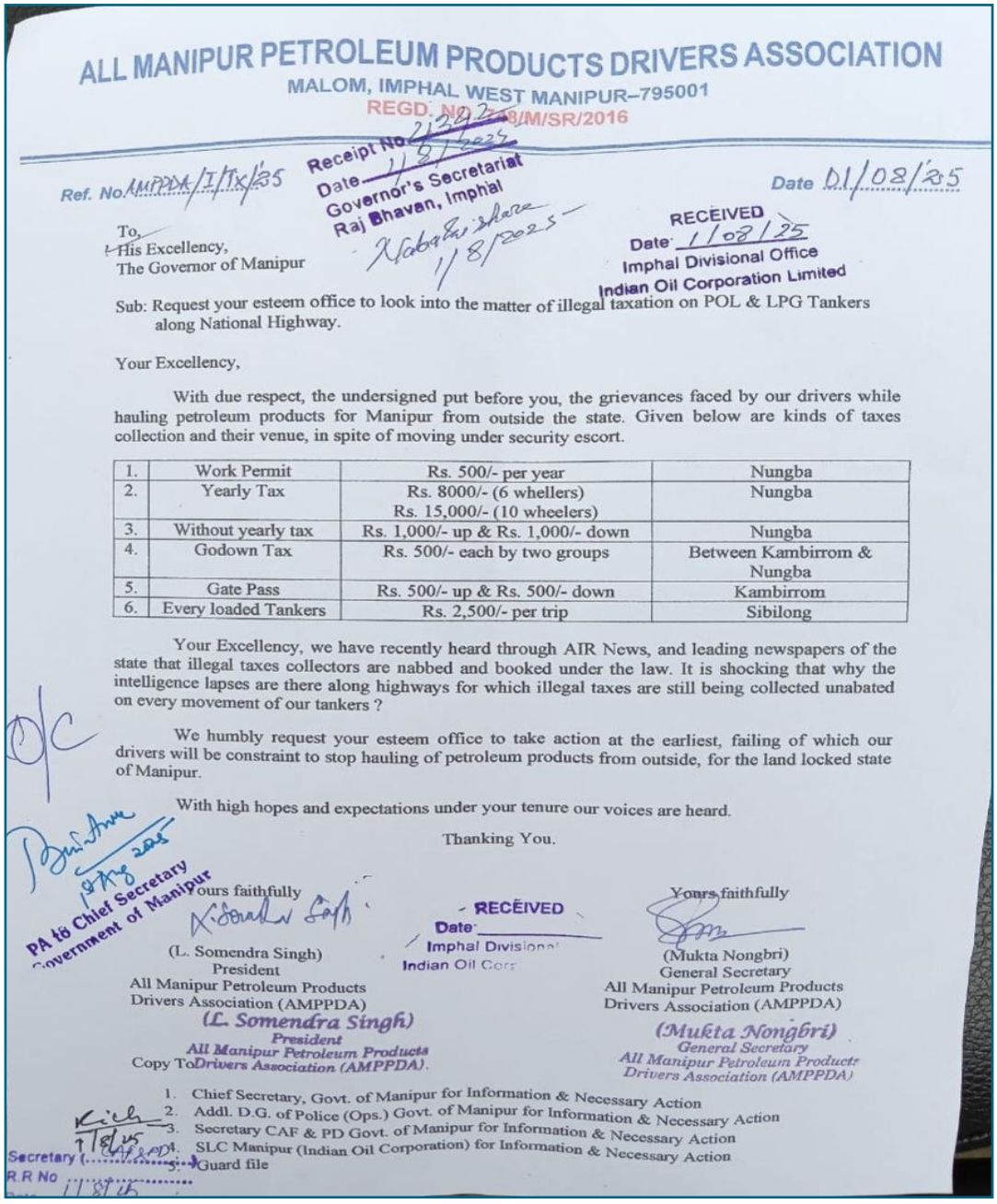
The arrest came close on the heels of the arrest of another accused, Thanglienlal Hmar by a joint NIA-Assam police team yesterday, also from Aizawl.

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Like Thanglienlal, Lalrosang was also an active conspirator in the heinous crime. NIA has recovered from him a mobile phone, along with a SIM card, and is examining the same as part of its continuing investigation in the case RC-15/2024/NIA/IMP.

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NIA Press Release on the Brutal Jiribam Killing of 3 Women and 3 Children Case- 01 August 2025



ALL MANIPUR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DRIVERS ASSOCIATION
MALOM, IMPHAL WEST MANIPUR–795001
REGD. NO 2[illegible]/M/SR/2016

Ref. No AMPPDA/I/Tx/25 Receipt No 2[illegible] Date 1/8/2025 Governor's Secretariat Raj Bhavan, Imphal Date 01/08/25

To,
His Excellency,
The Governor of Manipur

RECEIVED
Date 1/08/25
Imphal Divisional Office
Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Sub: Request your esteem office to look into the matter of illegal taxation on POL & LPG Tankers along National Highway.

Your Excellency,

With due respect, the undersigned put before you, the grievances faced by our drivers while hauling petroleum products for Manipur from outside the state. Given below are kinds of taxes collection and their venue, in spite of moving under security escort.

1.	Work Permit	Rs. 500/- per year	Nungba
2.	Yearly Tax	Rs. 8000/- (6 whellers) Rs. 15,000/- (10 wheelers)	Nungba
3.	Without yearly tax	Rs. 1,000/- up & Rs. 1,000/- down	Nungba
4.	Godown Tax	Rs. 500/- each by two groups	Between Kambirrom & Nungba
5.	Gate Pass	Rs. 500/- up & Rs. 500/- down	Kambirrom
6.	Every loaded Tankers	Rs. 2,500/- per trip	Sibilong

Your Excellency, we have recently heard through AIR News, and leading newspapers of the state that illegal taxes collectors are nabbed and booked under the law. It is shocking that why the intelligence lapses are there along highways for which illegal taxes are still being collected unabated on every movement of our tankers ?

We humbly request your esteem office to take action at the earliest, failing of which our drivers will be constraint to stop hauling of petroleum products from outside, for the land locked state of Manipur.

With high hopes and expectations under your tenure our voices are heard.

Thanking You.

PA to Chief Secretary
Government of Manipur

Yours faithfully

(L. Somendra Singh)
President
All Manipur Petroleum Products
Drivers Association (AMPPDA)

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Date
Imphal Divisional
Indian Oil Corp

Yours faithfully

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General Secretary
All Manipur Petroleum Products
Drivers Association (AMPPDA)

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Letter to the Governor of Manipur Requesting an Inquiry Into Illegal Taxes on POL and LPG Tankers Along National Highways, Showing Different Kinds of Tax Collection – 1st August 2025



KUKI-ZO COUNCIL
Headquarters: Lamka | Email: kukizocouncil@gmail.com

URGENT NOTICE

KZC/SIP/PR/023 | Date: 15th September 2025

The Kuki-Zo Council (KZC) issues this urgent clarification to the Meitei public regarding false claims and misinterpretations of our recent statement on National Highway NH-02 (Imphal to Dimapur):

1. **KZC has not declared the reopening of NH-02. No free movement has been permitted on this route**.
2. Our request was only to the people of Kangpokpi to extend cooperation to the security forces, as directed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in maintaining safety of commuters along NH-02.
3. As there is still **no settlement or agreement** to the conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities, **no one from either side must cross the Buffer Zone under any circumstances**.
4. KZC warns that the **Buffer Zone is to be respected at all costs**. Any violation will only lead to serious consequences and further deterioration of peace and security.

KZC strongly condemns any attempt to twist or misrepresent our statement. Such deliberate distortion creates unnecessary confusion and mistrust at a sensitive time. We urge the Meitei public to take note of the above facts and act with utmost responsibility.

(HENLIANTHANG THANGLET)
Chairman,
Kuki-Zo Council (KZC)

(THANGZAMANG)
General Secretary,
Kuki-Zo Council (KZC)

KZC Has Declared That NH-02 Will Not Be Reopened Until the Manipur Crisis Is Settled, Warning of Serious Consequences If the Buffer Zone Is Not Respected – 15 September 2025



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THE LARGEST CIRCULATED ENGLISH DAILY IN MANIPUR

Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Director General Lt Gen Harpal Singh (left) calls on Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla at Lok Bhavan

CRPF DIG Premjit Meetei inaugurates a public toilet constructed under the civic action programme of CRPF at Koutruk, Imphal West

Video clip of man shot dead goes viral sparking outrage and cry for justice

By Our Staff Reporter

IMPHAL, Jan 22 : In yet another act of terrorism, Kuki militants, suspected to be cadres of United Kuki National Army (UKNA), shot dead a Meitei civilian on camera in Churachandpur last night.

The victim, who can be seen pleading for his life with his hands folded in a video, was executed by the militants.

The video, which has no audio, includes a chilling message: "No peace, no Government."

According to reports, Mayanglambam Rishikanta (32), was abducted at gunpoint by armed Kuki militants from the residence of his fiancee at Tuibong and was shot dead by the militants in the hills of Natjang which falls under the jurisdiction of Henglep police station in Churachandpur district last night.

After the cold blooded murder, a video was circulated on social media, showing the victim sitting on the ground with his hands folded before he was shot in the head.

According to reliable sources, M Rishikanta, s/o Tombi of Kakching Khunou Uchal Makhong Leikai had been working in Nepal and was in a romantic relationship with Chingu Haokip, a resident of Tuibong, Churachandpur.

The deceased was given a Kuki Zo name Ginmiethang.

It is also reported that the families of Rishikanta and Chingu had been in the process of arranging their marriage before the clashes between the Meitei and Kuki communities broke out on May 3, 2023.

Sources said that Rishikanta returned to Manipur in mid-December and had been staying at his fiancee's place since December 19, 2025.

However, on the evening of January 21, at around 6.30 pm, Rishikanta was abducted at gunpoint by around three to four armed Kuki militants, suspected to be members of the UKNA.

They took him and his fiancee in a four-wheeler to the hills of Natjang, within the jurisdiction of Henglep police station.

After a brutal assault, the sources said that Chingu was thrown out of the vehicle at an unknown location.

The militants then took Rishikanta further into the hills, where they shot him dead around 10 pm.

On receiving information about the incident, a combined team of Henglep police and Central forces launched a search for the body.

The remains were recovered today and were deposited at the mortuary of Churachandpur (Contd P 9)

Governor assures to hand over case to NIA

By Our Staff Reporter

IMPHAL, Jan 22 : Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla has announced that the murder case of Mayanglambam Rishikanta will be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for a comprehensive and impartial investigation.

This evening, members of the Joint Action Committee against brutal murder of M Rishikanta accompanied by Lok Sabha MP Dr Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, Congress MLAs Thokchom Lokeshwar Singh, Kangujam Ranjit Singh and the bereaved family members called on the Governor and submitted a memorandum, said a press release from Lok Bhavan.

The memorandum conveyed concerns and sought appropriate action in connection with the unfortunate death of Rishikanta.

The Governor informed the delegation that intensive combing operations have been launched since last night to apprehend those responsible, with coordinated efforts involving both State and Central forces.

These operations are being undertaken on a war footing, he said.

Assuring the delegation of the Government's earnest attention to the matter, the Governor reiterated that all necessary measures are being taken in accordance with law.

The Governor expressed deep sorrow over the demise of Rishikanta and extended condolences to the bereaved family.

He once again expressed profound regret over the tragic loss of life.

During the meeting the Joint Action Committee (JAC) against the brutal killing of M Rishikanta submitted a memorandum listing seven demands to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, urging immediate action.

The memorandum, submitted through the Kakching Deputy Commissioner, stated that the JAC, along with civil society organisations (CSOs), will launch a protest if their demands are not met within 72 hours.

The JAC claimed that a woman named Chingu Haokip is responsible for Rishikanta's death and called for her arrest to facilitate a proper investigation.

It also demanded that the case be (Contd P 9)

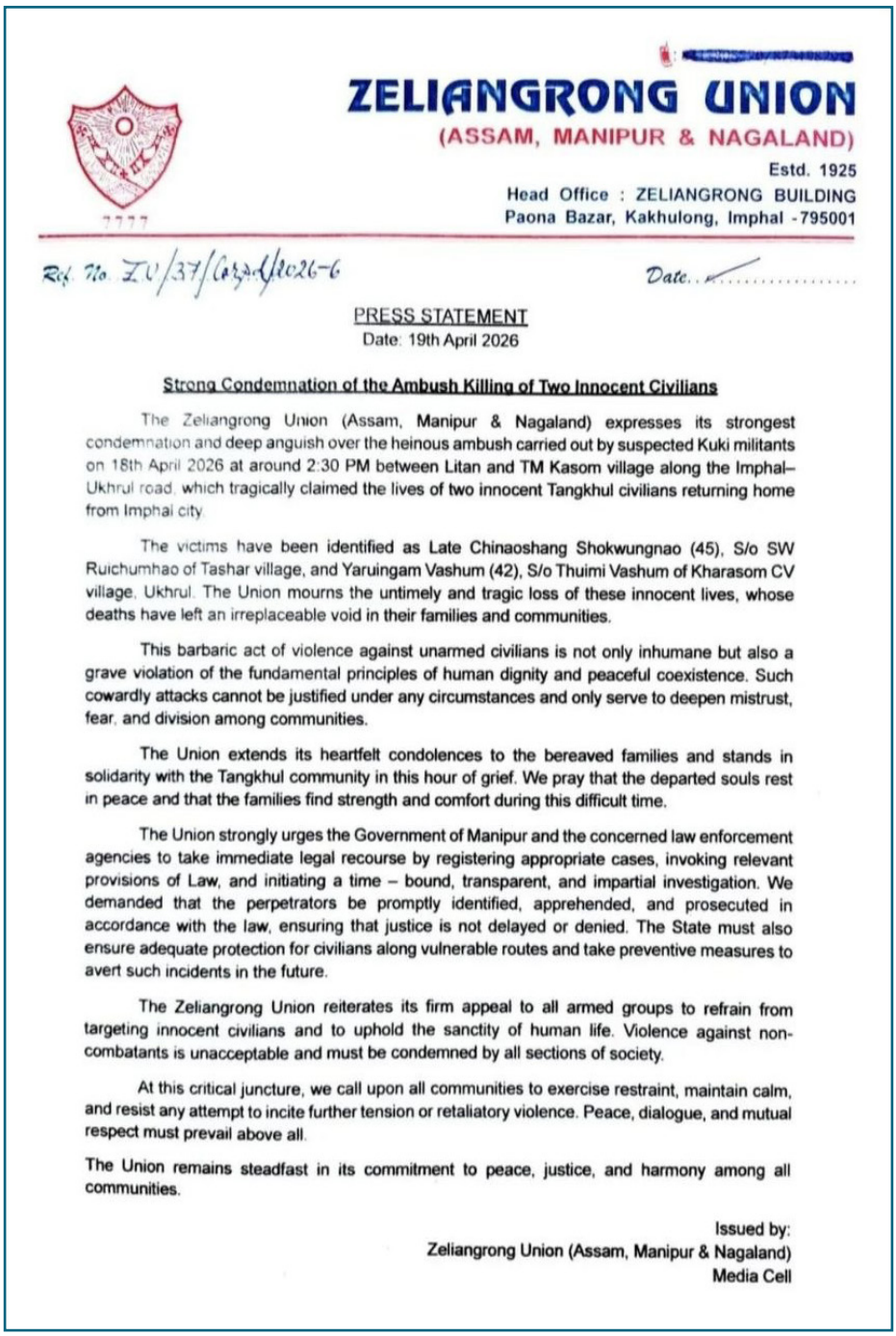
A Video Clip of a Cold-Blooded Murder: Mayanglambam Rishikanta Shot Dead on Camera by Suspected UKNA Cadres in the Hills of Natjang – 21 January 2026



Manipur Police Arrests a Sergeant Major of Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) along with 9mm, Magazine and Three Live Rounds- 29 January 2026



Security Forces arrests an Active Cadre of Kuki National Front (KNF) from the General Area of Tuibong under Churachandpur Police Station - 25 March 26



ZELIANGRONG UNION

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PRESS STATEMENT

Date: 19th April 2026

Strong Condemnation of the Ambush Killing of Two Innocent Civilians

The Zeliangrong Union (Assam, Manipur & Nagaland) expresses its strongest condemnation and deep anguish over the heinous ambush carried out by suspected Kuki militants on 18th April 2026 at around 2:30 PM between Litan and TM Kasom village along the Imphal–Ukhrul road, which tragically claimed the lives of two innocent Tangkhul civilians returning home from Imphal city.

The victims have been identified as Late Chinaoshang Shokwungnao (45), S/o SW Ruichumhao of Tashar village, and Yaruingam Vashum (42), S/o Thuimi Vashum of Kharasom CV village, Ukhrul. The Union mourns the untimely and tragic loss of these innocent lives, whose deaths have left an irreplaceable void in their families and communities.

This barbaric act of violence against unarmed civilians is not only inhumane but also a grave violation of the fundamental principles of human dignity and peaceful coexistence. Such cowardly attacks cannot be justified under any circumstances and only serve to deepen mistrust, fear, and division among communities.

The Union extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and stands in solidarity with the Tangkhul community in this hour of grief. We pray that the departed souls rest in peace and that the families find strength and comfort during this difficult time.

The Union strongly urges the Government of Manipur and the concerned law enforcement agencies to take immediate legal recourse by registering appropriate cases, invoking relevant provisions of Law, and initiating a time – bound, transparent, and impartial investigation. We demanded that the perpetrators be promptly identified, apprehended, and prosecuted in accordance with the law, ensuring that justice is not delayed or denied. The State must also ensure adequate protection for civilians along vulnerable routes and take preventive measures to avert such incidents in the future.

The Zeliangrong Union reiterates its firm appeal to all armed groups to refrain from targeting innocent civilians and to uphold the sanctity of human life. Violence against non-combatants is unacceptable and must be condemned by all sections of society.

At this critical juncture, we call upon all communities to exercise restraint, maintain calm, and resist any attempt to incite further tension or retaliatory violence. Peace, dialogue, and mutual respect must prevail above all.

The Union remains steadfast in its commitment to peace, justice, and harmony among all communities.

Issued by:
Zeliangrong Union (Assam, Manipur & Nagaland)
Media Cell

Press Statement Condemning the Killing of Two Tangkhul Civilians by Suspected Kuki Militants While Returning Home from Imphal City- 19 April 2026

NIA HQRS **30.04.2026**

National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

NIA Press Release

NIA ARRESTS PRIME ACCUSED IN MANIPUR SUB DIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER KILLING CASE

New Delhi, 30th April 2026

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday arrested a prime accused in the 2023 killing of a Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) in an attack by suspected Kuki militants in Manipur.

The accused, Otkhothang Baite @ Othang Baite, a resident of Moreh in Tengnoupal district of Manipur, was involved in the conspiracy behind the attack by members of a suspected Kuki militant group on a district police team in a playground. The militants had opened fire at the district police team on 31st October 2023 during the peak of ethnic violence in the north-eastern state.

Moreh SDPO Chingtham Anandakumar Singh was hit by a bullet in his stomach in the attack and succumbed to his injuries. The Moreh police had registered a case, which was taken over by NIA in March 2024.

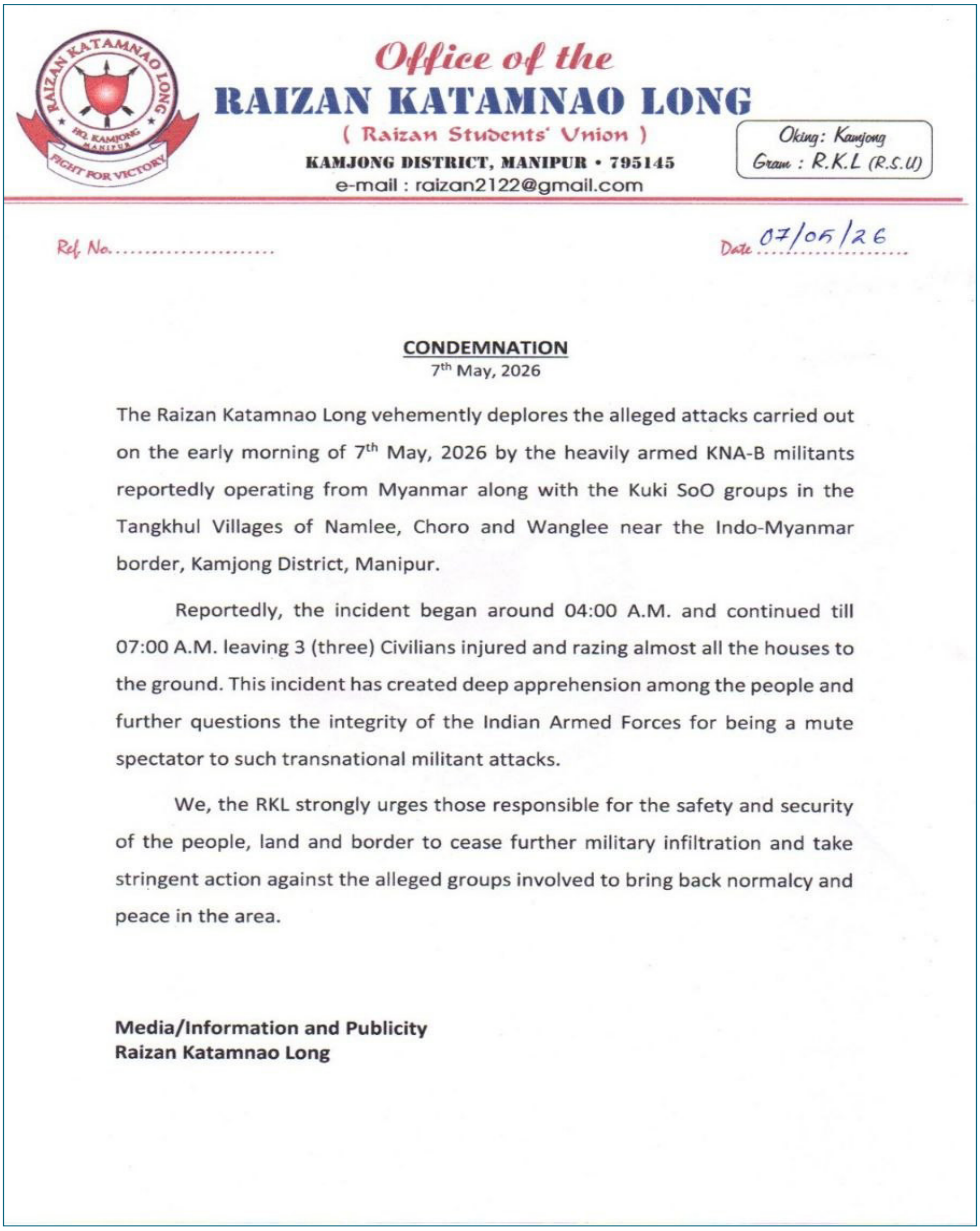
During investigation, NIA found the conspiracy to have been aimed at creating terror in Manipur. The anti-terror agency had earlier this month arrested another accused, Kamginthang Gangte in the case.

Investigation in the case RC-02/2024/NIA/IMP is continuing.

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NIA Arrests a Prime Accused, Otkhothang Baite in Connection with the Killing of SDPO Chingtham Anand- 30 April 26



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Date 07/05/26

CONDEMNATION
7th May, 2026

The Raizan Katamnao Long vehemently deplores the alleged attacks carried out on the early morning of 7th May, 2026 by the heavily armed KNA-B militants reportedly operating from Myanmar along with the Kuki SoO groups in the Tangkhul Villages of Namlee, Choro and Wanglee near the Indo-Myanmar border, Kamjong District, Manipur.

Reportedly, the incident began around 04:00 A.M. and continued till 07:00 A.M. leaving 3 (three) Civilians injured and razing almost all the houses to the ground. This incident has created deep apprehension among the people and further questions the integrity of the Indian Armed Forces for being a mute spectator to such transnational militant attacks.

We, the RKL strongly urges those responsible for the safety and security of the people, land and border to cease further military infiltration and take stringent action against the alleged groups involved to bring back normalcy and peace in the area.

Media/Information and Publicity
Raizan Katamnao Long

Press Statement Condemning the Attack by Heavily Armed KNA-B and SoO Groups on the Naga Villages of Namlee, Choro, and Wanglee, Kamjong District, Manipur - 7 May 2026



The Morning Bell
9 May •

Myanmar based militant arrested in Manipur's Churachandpur

TMB News Network

Imphal, May 9: Security forces arrested a militant belonging to a Myanmar based outfit from Manipur's Churachandpur district.

The "active cadre" of Kuki National Army (Burma) was arrested from Zou veng under Churachandpur police station on Friday.

He has been identified as Lalthangjohn (38) of Khaominthang Village in Churachandpur district. One 9 mm Hawg 9 Pistol, one magazine and seven live rounds were recovered from his possession.

Meanwhile, former chief minister N Biren Singh said "the arrest of armed KNA (B) cadres in Churachandpur is a serious matter that cannot be ignored."

In a post on X, Singh said "the recovery of sophisticated weapons and evidence of unlawful armed activity confirms the growing threat posed by foreign-linked militant elements operating along our borders. Manipur will not tolerate unlawful armed activities."

Security Forces Arrest an Active Cadre of the Kuki National Army–Burma (KNA-B) from the Zou Veng Area of Churachandpur- 07 May 2026

‘Kuki Militants Took Tactical Positions Along Route’: Manipur Police On Ambush

The Manipur Police said the convoy “came under heavy attack in… a hill area by armed Kuki militants who had taken tactical positions along the route”

All India | May 30, 2026 14:20 IST

NDTV News Desk



A truck driver from West Bengal was killed in the ambush in Manipur

Imphal/Guwahati: The ambush on a highway in Manipur’s Ukhrul district yesterday that killed a truck driver from West Bengal and left a policeman injured was carried out by “armed Kuki militants who had taken tactical positions along the route,” the Manipur Police said in a statement today.

The ambush and the subsequent gunfight between the security forces and the insurgents happened on a stretch of National Highway 202 that has seen tension between the Naga and Kuki tribes in recent weeks.

A joint team of the state police, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF) and Rapid Action Force (RAF) had been providing security escort to trucks of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), including those carrying cooking gas, the statement said.

The convoy, while going from Yaingangpokpi towards Ukhrul district, “came under heavy attack at Roudei (TM Kasom) village from Patleijang hill area by armed Kuki militants who had taken tactical positions along the route,” the police said in the statement posted on X.

“During the attack, an FCI truck driver, Nitish Kumar (57) of Hooghly district, West Bengal, sustained critical gunshot injuries and succumbed on the spot. A police personnel of Litan-PS also sustained bullet injury,” the police said, adding the security forces have launched search and area domination operations in the area.

Members of truck drivers’ associations have strongly condemned the ambush. They said they have been carrying supplies to every nook and corner in the state even amid the crisis.

In a Highway Ambush Carried Out by Suspected Kuki Militants, a Truck Driver From West Bengal Succumbed to His Injuries – 30 May 2026

Office of the

LANGKA (TANIULUANG) VILLAGE AUTHORITY

P.O. Sekmai, B.P.O. Makhan
Kangpokpi District, Manipur - 795136

Ref. No. LVA/PR-11/26 Date .....

PRESS RELEASE
13 June, 2026

The Langka (Taniuluang) Village Authority strongly condemns the terror attack carried out today at around 8:40 AM on Langka Naga Village, Kangpokpi District, Manipur, by armed Kuki militants of the KNF(P) group, which is a SoO signatory with the Governments of Manipur and India.

The Kuki terrorist camp at Bileijang village, where the non-SoO militant group KNF (Nehlun), a proxy of the KNF(P) SoO group, is based, is commanded by KNF(P) Home Secretary Jangboi Kipgen, who is also the unified commander of all Kuki militants in Kangpokpi district under both the SoO and non-SoO arrangements. They are responsible for the attack on Langka Naga Village. It is suspected that more Naga villages in the IT Road area may be attacked by Kuki terrorists in the coming days.

This incident comes in the aftermath of the reported brutal killing of six Naga individuals, whose bodies were allegedly mutilated and dismembered.

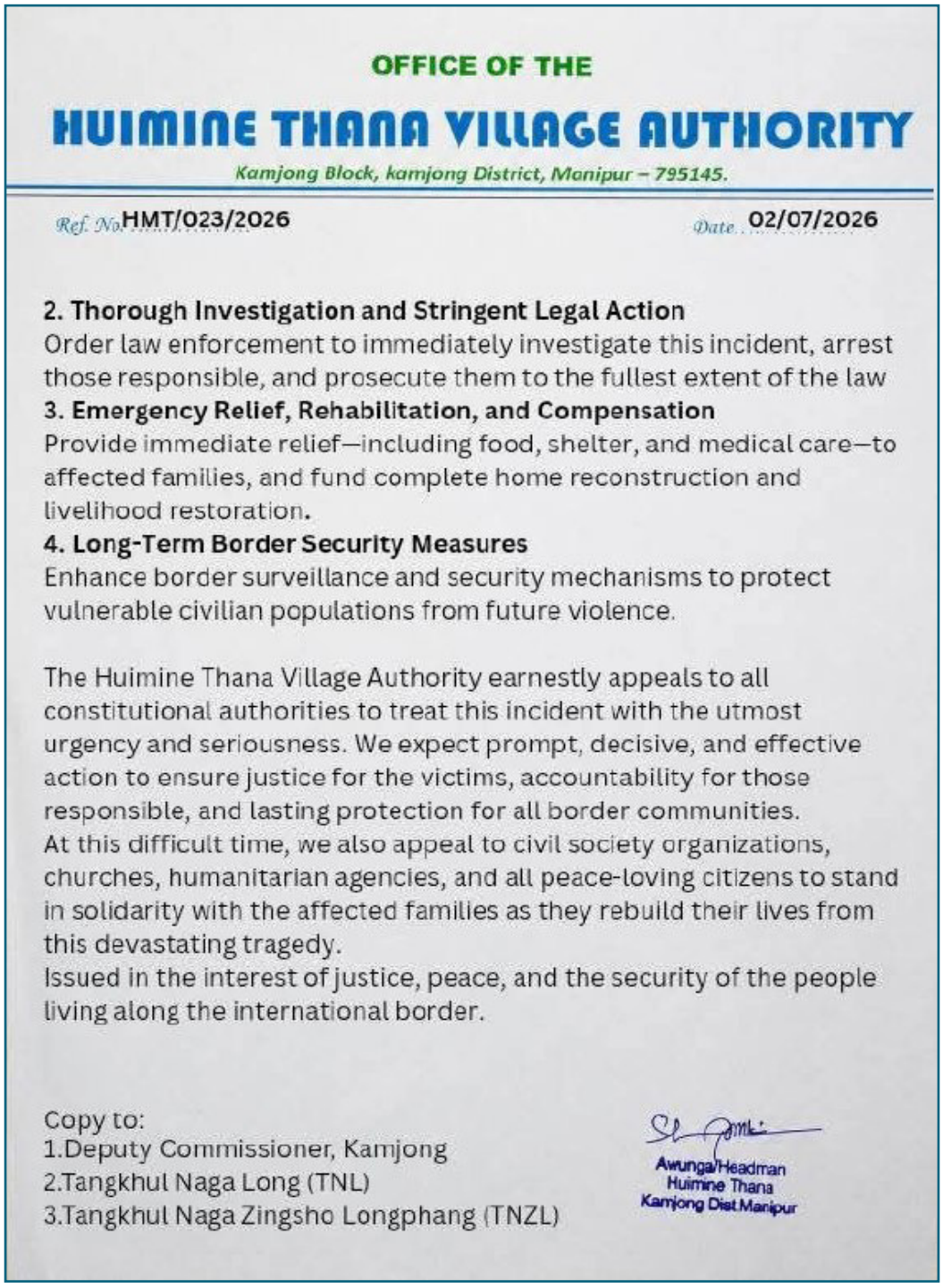
Kuki terrorists launched an attack on the civilian population of Langka Naga Village using heavy weapons and explosive devices, causing fear and insecurity among the local population.

We urge the state government to conduct a thorough, impartial, and time-bound investigation into the KNF(P) cadres; identify those responsible, especially the KNF(Nehlun) group; in kuki village of Lasan, Songpibung, Baleijang, Haimol, Laloi and take appropriate legal action in accordance with the law before the situation escalates beyond control.

We call upon all concerned to exercise restraint, maintain peace, uphold the rule of law, and prevent any further escalation of violence.

Issued by-
Information and Publicity
Langka (Taniuluang) Village Authority

The Langka Villagers Urged the Govt. to Conduct an Investigation into KNF (P) Cadres over the Terror Attack- 13 June 26



OFFICE OF THE

HUIMINE THANA VILLAGE AUTHORITY

Kamjong Block, kamjong District, Manipur – 795145.

Ref. No HMT/023/2026 Date 02/07/2026

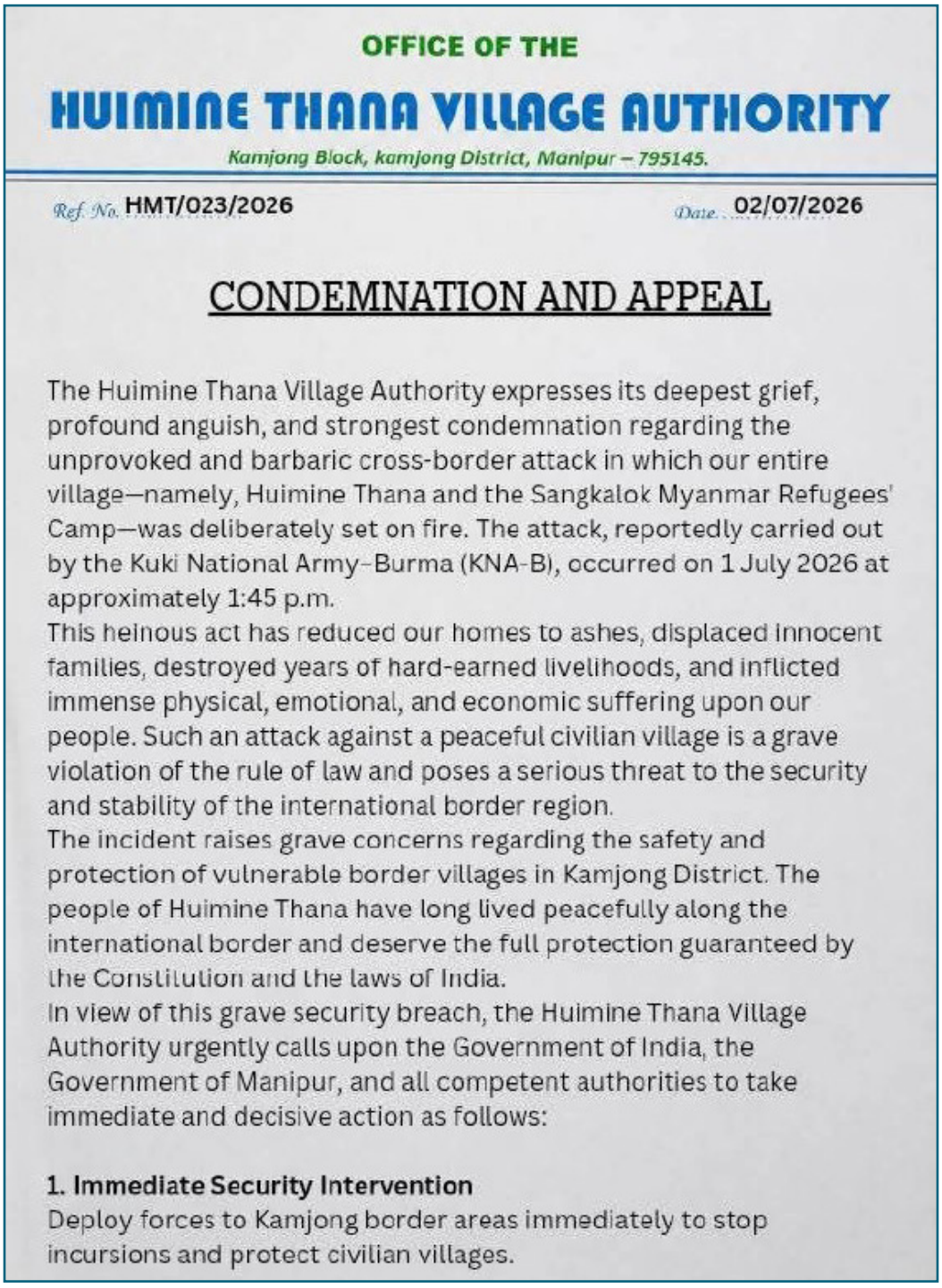
2. Thorough Investigation and Stringent Legal Action
Order law enforcement to immediately investigate this incident, arrest those responsible, and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law
3. Emergency Relief, Rehabilitation, and Compensation
Provide immediate relief—including food, shelter, and medical care—to affected families, and fund complete home reconstruction and livelihood restoration.
4. Long-Term Border Security Measures
Enhance border surveillance and security mechanisms to protect vulnerable civilian populations from future violence.

The Huimine Thana Village Authority earnestly appeals to all constitutional authorities to treat this incident with the utmost urgency and seriousness. We expect prompt, decisive, and effective action to ensure justice for the victims, accountability for those responsible, and lasting protection for all border communities.
At this difficult time, we also appeal to civil society organizations, churches, humanitarian agencies, and all peace-loving citizens to stand in solidarity with the affected families as they rebuild their lives from this devastating tragedy.
Issued in the interest of justice, peace, and the security of the people living along the international border.

Copy to:
1.Deputy Commissioner, Kamjong
2.Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL)
3.Tangkhul Naga Zingsho Longphang (TNZL)

Awunga/Headman
Huimine Thana
Kamjong Dist Manipur

Press Statement Condemning Acts of Arson and Gunfire by Kuki Militants in Huimin Thana and Kherongram -1 July 2026



OFFICE OF THE

HUIMINE THANA VILLAGE AUTHORITY

Kamjong Block, kamjong District, Manipur – 795145.

Ref. No. HMT/023/2026 Date. 02/07/2026

CONDEMNATION AND APPEAL

The Huimine Thana Village Authority expresses its deepest grief, profound anguish, and strongest condemnation regarding the unprovoked and barbaric cross-border attack in which our entire village—namely, Huimine Thana and the Sangkalok Myanmar Refugees' Camp—was deliberately set on fire. The attack, reportedly carried out by the Kuki National Army-Burma (KNA-B), occurred on 1 July 2026 at approximately 1:45 p.m.

This heinous act has reduced our homes to ashes, displaced innocent families, destroyed years of hard-earned livelihoods, and inflicted immense physical, emotional, and economic suffering upon our people. Such an attack against a peaceful civilian village is a grave violation of the rule of law and poses a serious threat to the security and stability of the international border region.

The incident raises grave concerns regarding the safety and protection of vulnerable border villages in Kamjong District. The people of Huimine Thana have long lived peacefully along the international border and deserve the full protection guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of India.

In view of this grave security breach, the Huimine Thana Village Authority urgently calls upon the Government of India, the Government of Manipur, and all competent authorities to take immediate and decisive action as follows:

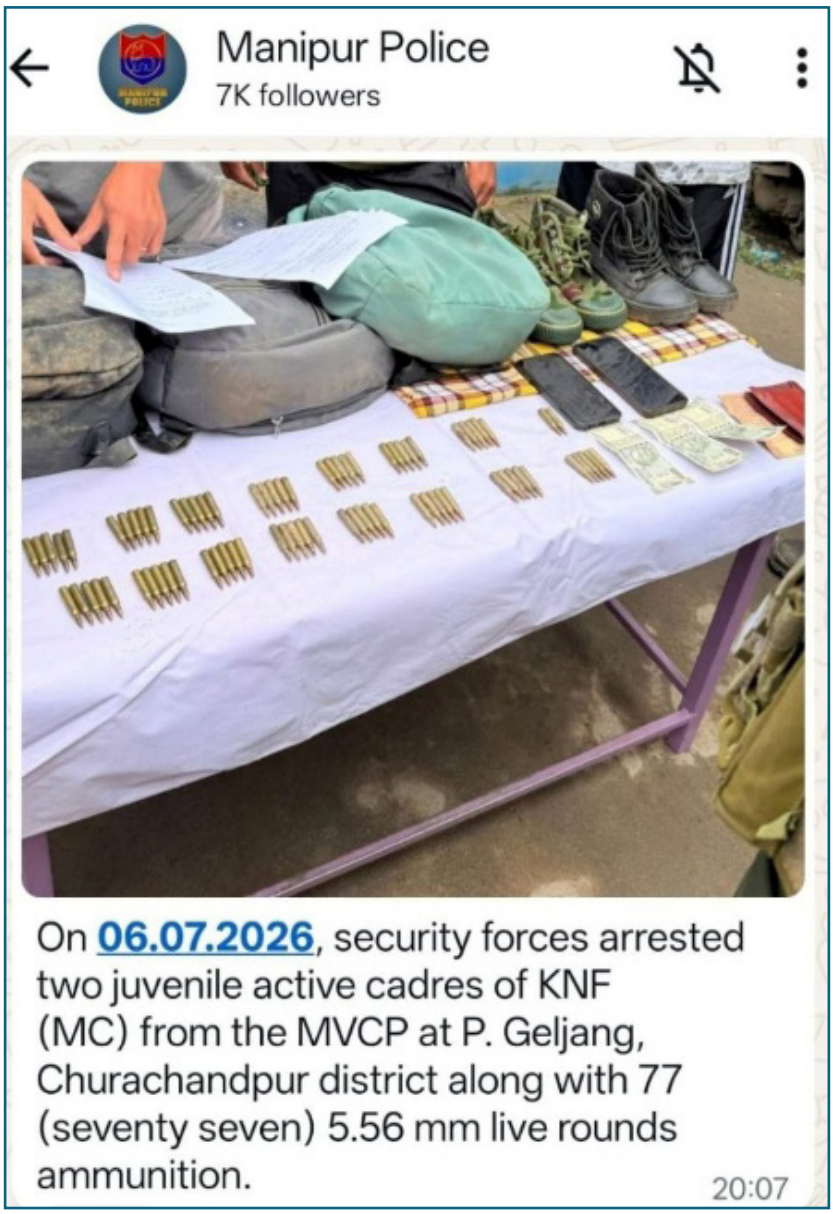
1. Immediate Security Intervention

Deploy forces to Kamjong border areas immediately to stop incursions and protect civilian villages.

Press Statement Condemning Acts of Arson and Gunfire by Kuki Militants in Huimin Thana and Kherongram -1 July 2026



Security Forces Arrests an Active Cadre of KNF Involved in Extortion from Nungkhal Bridge Area under Jiribam PS- 6 July 26



Security Forces Arrests the Two Juvenile Cadres of KNF (MC) -06 July 26

Press Release

By

Manipur Petroleum Transporters & Drivers Association

Imphal dated 30/07/2026 :- The memorandum submitted on 15th July 2026 to Hon'ble Chief Minister requesting 15 days' Notice to Fix Illegal Taxes on NH-37 Imphal -Jiribam Route completes today, 30th July 2026.

There has been all delegate meeting with the Government Authorities on 29th July'26 where many underlying issues were discussed and suggested to formulate a state law to eradicate and act against the Illegal Taxes on NHs.

However, No concreate resolution has been arrived on this matter hence the Steering Wheel Down Strike will come into effect from 31st July 2026 as already informed on the memorandum submitted on 15th July 2026.

Below are the points to be noted pertaining to Strike –

1. No Loading & Supply to Petrol Pumps (Retail Outlets) from Malom Depot, Imphal, Manipur
2. No Loading & Supply to Gas Agencies from Sekmai Bottling Plant, Imphal, Manipur.
3. No joining of Empty Convoy from New Keithelmanbi & also No joining of Loaded Tankers from Jiribam, Manipur.
4. Any Tankers stranded on the NH-37 (both Empty & Loaded) on or before 30th July 2026 shall be allowed to reach their destination.
5. All Petrol Pumps shall remain open till their stock last taken On or Before 30th July 2026.

To the General Public, we deeply regret the inconvenience caused during this period, and request everyone to support this cause since the illegal taxes on National Highways impacts all of us with Artificially High Inflation rate too.

Convenor

General Secretary
All Manipur Bulk LPG
Transporters Association

Press Release by Manipur Petroleum Transporters and Drivers Association to fix illegal taxes on NH -37 Imphal Jiribam Route- 30 July 2026

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR AND THE CORE COMMITTEE OF CONSORTIUM OF MANIPUR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TRANSPORTERS' FRATERNITY, RETAIL OUTLET DEALERS, LPG DISTRIBUTORS AND DRIVERS' ASSOCIATIONS

A meeting chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur to discuss issues related to convoy movement along NH-37 was held on 1st August, 2026 at 4:00 pm at Cabinet Hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat, Babupara.

After deliberation, the following were agreed upon:

1. A Coordination Committee will be formed, to be chaired by Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur along with representative of Police Department, CRPF, CAF and PD Department and the Core Committee of Consortium of Manipur Petroleum Products Transporters' Fraternity, Retail Outlet Dealers, LPG Distributors and Drivers' Associations to review and revise the existing SoP in respect of convoy movement along NH-37. The Committee will submit its report to the Government within a month and the revised SoP will be published in the State Gazette.
2. Home Department / PHQs will issue directions to all the District SPs/CRPF to strictly follow the existing SoP.
3. Home Department /PHQ will appoint a Nodal Officer to oversee the convoy movement along NH-37 and the Nodal Officer will in turn appoint Sub -Nodal Officer in all the districts.
4. The Nodal Officer will review the convoy movement along NH-37 every month or as per the need of the situation.
5. District SPs to be directed to undertake special drive to stop the extortions by miscreants on the field along NH -37.

(Core Committee)

1. President. AMPPTA
2. Secy AMBTA
3. President. AMBPDTA
4. Mukta Nongbri G/Secy. AMPPDA
5. President (AMPPDA)
6. Th. Dewan Singh (FDID)
7. (AMPPDA LPG BULK)

(For State Government)

1. A. Subhash Singh Special Secy (Home)
2. Y. Nelson Director (CAF&PD), Manipur

Memorandum of Understanding Between Government of Manipur and the Core Committee of Consortium of Manipur Petroleum Products Transporters' Fraternity, Retail Outled Dealers, LPG Distributors and Drivers's Associations- 01 August 2026

Manipur Police
7 May •

On 05.05.2026 security forces arrested a S/S Lieutenant of UKNA, one Seimenlal Haokip (22) of Ainujang Village, Henglep Sub Division, Henglep-PS, Churachandpur district from M Songgel Village.
Further, upon investigation, on 06.05.2026 security forces recovered from the forest area c S Kholen and Ukha Loikhai the following:
i. 01 (One) 7.62mm AK-47 Rifle,
ii. 01 (One) AK Magazine,
iii. 01 (One) Glock Cal. 32 ACP Pistol,
iv. 01 (One) 9mm Pistol Magazine,
v. 26 (Twenty Six) ammunition rounds of different calibers,
vi. 02 (Two) Hand Grenades,
vii. 01 (One) Radio set,
viii. 01 (One) Maruti Gypsy with key,
ix. 01 (One) Smartphone,
x. 04 (Four) IEDs.



Security Forces Arrests a Lieutenant of UKNA, Semenlal Haokip from M Songgel Village- 05 August 2026

CONFIDENTIAL

No. N.3601/2/2021-HD-HD
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: HOME DEPARTMENT

Imphal, the 7th August, 2026

To

1. The Chairman/Secretary
   Kuki National Organisation (KNO) &

2. The Chairman/Secretary
   United People's Front (UPF)

Subject: Strict adherence to the Ground Rules under the Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreement and immediate disciplinary action against cadres violating the Agreement- Reg.

Sir,

I am hereby to invite your attention to the Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreement and the Ground Rules governing the conduct of SoO cadres.

2. In the recent ethnic clashes in the State, serious allegations have been made that cadres of Kuki-Zomi groups under SoO agreement with the Government of India and Government of Manipur, were involved in the violence. While investigation into such incidents are underway, by the concerned investigation agencies, the allegations, if true, undermine the very purpose of the SoO agreements. The militant groups, prima facie, are said to have broken the terms of the Agreement, deserting the designated camp, moved into conflict zones with weapons, and participated in attacks. This is clear breach of faith which is unacceptable and questions the whole SoO arrangement.

3. It is hereby emphasised that any cadre found violating the Ground Rules, or carrying weapons outside his designated camp, or found indulging in any unlawful activity, shall be dealt with under the laws of the land. Further, if his involvement in such activities, is found to be with the connivance of the leadership of the militant group, the Government will be constrained to consider penal action against the group itself.

Yours faithfully,

07 Aug 2026

(N. Ashok Kumar, IAS)
Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Home),
Chairman, JMG
Government of Manipur

Commissioner (Home)
Government of Manipur

Copy to:
1. Secretary to Governor of Manipur.
2. Secretary to Chief Minister of Manipur
3. PPS to Minister (Home), Manipur
4. Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur
5. Director General of Police, Manipur
6. Joint Secretary (NE), MHA, Government of India.
7. Relevant file / Guard File.

Copy also to:
Advisor (Security), Government of Manipur.

The Government of Manipur Issued a Written Warning to the KNO and UPF over the Allegation of Ground Rule Violations- 07 August 26

NIA HQRS **12.08.2026**

National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

NIA Press Release

NIA ARRESTS ONE ACCUSED IN TRANGLAOBI IED ATTACK CASE.

New Delhi, 12th August 2026

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested one accused in connection with the attack involving an improvised explosive device at a residential house in Tronglaobi Awang Leikai, Moirang, Bishnupur District, Manipur. The incident occurred on 7th April 2026 and resulted in the death of two minor children and injuries to another person.

The case (RC-04/2026/NIA/IMP) was originally registered at Moirang Police Station following an attack where unknown militants launched an explosive device from a hillside towards Tronglaobi Awang Leikai. The explosion struck the residential wall of a house, causing serious injuries to three family members, including two minor children who later succumbed to their injuries. An unexploded improvised RPG was also recovered near the site.

The investigation was subsequently taken over by the NIA and re-registered on 23rd April 2026 under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Explosive Substances Act, and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. During the course of the investigation, the involvement of accused S. Palal Thadou has surfaced in the commission of the offence.

Accused S. Palal Thadou was initially arrested by Churachandpur Police in connection with FIR No. 17(02)2026 and subsequently by Bishnupur Police in connection with FIR No 12(03)2026 of PGCI Police Station. NIA has arrested him as part of its efforts to unravel the larger conspiracy behind the terror act, making him the first accused to be arrested in the case.

The accused was produced before the Special NIA Court Imphal and has been remanded to 10 days police custody. Further investigation is underway to identify and apprehend other persons involved in the conspiracy and to ascertain the larger network behind the attack.

Page **1** of **1**

The NIA Issues a Press Release on the Tronglaobi Case Regarding the Arrest of Accused S. Pala Thadou-12 August 26

OFFICE OF THE

WORKING COMMITTEE, JTC - MANIPUR

(INPUI, LIANGMAI, RONGMEI AND ZEME)

Duithanlong, Ward No. 5, Tamenglong HQs, Manipur-795141

Ref. No. WC-JTCM *Date: 27th August, 2026*

Blood on the IT Road, Silence in the System – Governments Partisanship has Become a License to Kill Naga Sons

We express our deepest condolences and profound sorrow over the tragic and heinous attack on innocent Naga civilians along the IT Road in Kangpokpi District. We are outraged and anguished by the latest act of terror that has resulted in the brutal murder of our four brethren, the grievous injury of another, leaving our community in a state of shock and mourning.

On August 27, 2026, at approximately 8:30 am, armed Kuki Narco terrorist allegedly belonging to the KNF(P) and KRA under the command of **Jangboi Kipgen**, Home Secretary of KNF/UPF. Ambushed innocent Naga civilians between Makui Asang and Thanamba Naga Village. This area serves as a vital lifeline for Naga communities living along the IT road. The victims of this cold-blooded massacre are identified as:

1. **Tadsongwibou Ringkangmai** – Founder and Principal of Right Path School, T. Khullen.
2. **Mariakdibou Wijunamai** – Executive Member, Makui Youth Club.
3. **Wisobou Charenamai** – Chairman, Chawangkining Village Authority
4. **Anil Wijunamai** - Executive member, Makui Youth Club
5. **Gaikamang Ringkangmai** – Injured

The attack is not an isolated incident. It is the latest in a series of aggressive and organised assaults by Kuki Narco Terrorist who operate with impunity under the SoO agreement. The systematic targeting of our people has become and undeniable pattern. We do not just condemn the attack, but express our profound distress and deep-seated anger at the **government's partisan, effective, and disgraceful response** to these ongoing atrocities.

While the government sends the CoBRA unit and deploys security forces, these actions have merely served to obstruct democratic agitation and sit-in protests by our people. Instead of protecting the Naga populace, the security forces have been used to crack down on our village defence volunteers. We have witnessed the government **"arresting" Naga leaders, while the real terrorists Kuki Narco terrorist is left to repeat their murderous attacks with impunity.**

The Government continues to tighten security for one side while the other side continues to be decimated. **This is not justice; this is a policy of appeasement that is costing innocent lives**. How long must we see our children, our leaders, our fathers, and our brothers be **mutilated and murdered** without accountability? The killer roam free, while the state apparatus is used to suppress the voice of the victims.

If justice is not delivered immediately, the Naga people will be left with no choice but to chart our own path to safety and dignity. The government must bear the full responsibility for the consequences of its inaction. We demand justice. We demand it now. We will accept nothing less.

Media & Publicity
Working Committee, JTCM

Four Civilians Killed in an Ambush Carried Out by the Suspected KNF (P) and KRA Cadres Along the IT Roads in Kangpokpi District – 27 August 2026

Naga MLAs Seek Amit Shah's Intervention, Demand Action Against Deputy CM Nemcha Kipgen

By **UT Desk** | August 31, 2026



File Image

UKHRUL: The nine Naga legislators of the Manipur Legislative Assembly have urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to intervene immediately in the prevailing situation in the state, warning that the "human tragedy" in Manipur has reached a critical and volatile stage.

In a letter to the Union Home Minister, the legislators, including Deputy Chief Minister Losii Dikho, said the prevailing situation has serious ramifications for all aspects of public life and cautioned that the state could descend into an uncontrollable situation if "unbiased, decisive and bold action" is not taken without delay.

The Naga legislators placed a series of demands before the Union Home Minister, including the immediate arrest of Kuki-Zo leaders whom they alleged had publicly claimed responsibility for the killing and dismemberment of six Naga civilians.

They also demanded the immediate arrest of Thangboi Kipgen, husband of Deputy Chief Minister Nemcha Kipgen, alleging that cadres of the Kuki National Front-P (KNF-P), led by a person identified by them as "Gen Tiger Kipgen", were responsible for the killing and mutilation of the six Naga men.

The legislators further alleged that the KNF-P leader had been involved in similar acts of violence against civilians. They called for his apprehension and prosecution in accordance with the law.

Seeking action against Deputy Chief Minister Nemcha Kipgen, the legislators alleged that her office was colluding with the Kuki militant group allegedly led by her husband. They said such alleged links had made it difficult for people to understand and support the peace process being pursued by the government.

The legislators also demanded the immediate abrogation of the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with all Kuki militant groups, citing what they described as repeated violations and acts of violence against civilians.

According to the legislators, the bodies of six Naga men remain unclaimed amid protests over the alleged failure to arrest those responsible. They further alleged that four more Naga men were killed in an ambush along the IT Road on August 27, which they attributed to Kuki militants.

The Nine Naga Legislature Urges Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Intervene Immediately in the Prevailing Situation Over the Involvement of a KNF (P) Leader.

To,

Shri Amit Shah Ji,
Hon'ble Union Home Minister,
New Delhi 110001

Subject: Urgent appeal for immediate action against Kuki-Zo leaders.

Hon'ble Sir,

With deep concern for restoring normalcy in the State of Manipur, we, the undersigned, Naga MLAs, submit this earnest appeal for your immediate intervention.

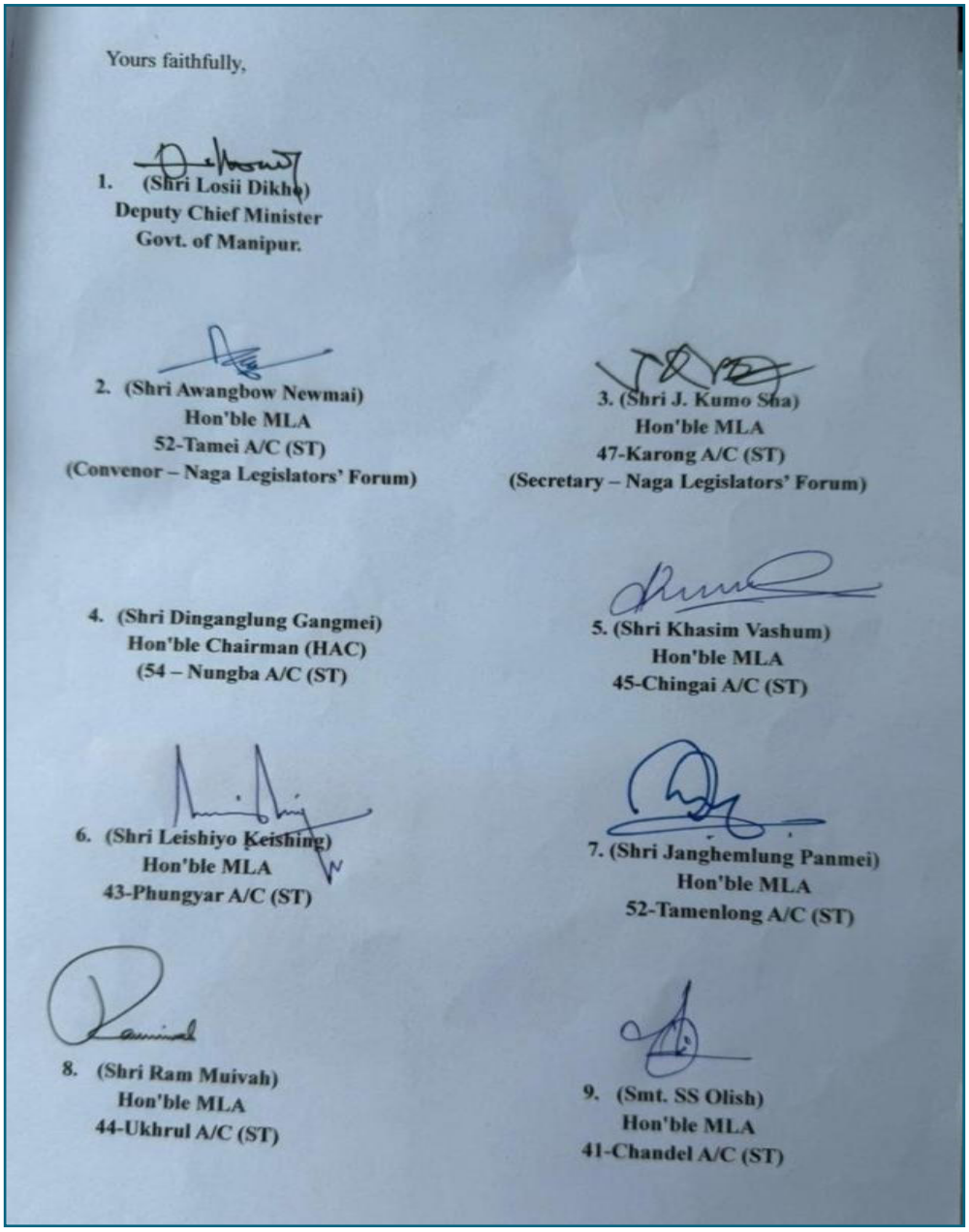
The current human tragedy unfolding in Manipur has reached a critical and volatile stage, with grave ramifications affecting all aspects of public life. If unbiased, decisive and bold action is not taken without delay, the State may descend into an uncontrollable situation.

Therefore, we implore your honour to initiate the following urgent actions:

1. Immediate arrest of Kuki-Zo leaders, who have publicly claimed responsibility for the killing and dismemberment of six innocent Naga citizens.
2. Immediate arrest of Shri Thangboi Kipgen (KNF-P), whose wife is the Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Smt. Nemcha Kipgen, whose cadres, led by self-styled Gen 'Tiger' Kipgen are alleged to have perpetrated the killing and mutilation of the six innocent Naga citizens. As you may be aware, self-styled Gen 'Tiger' Kipgen of (KNF-P) is a psychopath whose modus operandi is chopping up innocent victims into pieces and secretly burying in different locations. Such evil man cannot be allowed to live within civilized society. He must be apprehended and punished as per law of the country.
3. Initiate action against Deputy CM Smt. Nemcha Kipgen as her office is colluding with the Kuki militant group led by her husband Shri Thangboi Kipgen (KNF-P), which have become very difficult for the people to comprehend the peace process taken by the government.
4. Immediate abrogation of the Suspension of Operation (SoO) Agreement, with all Kuki militant groups, in view of repeated violations and acts of terror against civilians.
5. When the mutilated bodies of the six Naga men are still unclaimed in protest against the non-arrest of the perpetrators, another four Naga men were mercilessly killed in the IT road ambush on the 27th August, carried out by the Kuki militants. Many more horrendous incidents have been committed by the Kuki militants in the recent past but no justice have been delivered till today; the ambush at TM Kasom on the NH-202 where two innocent lives were lost on the 18th April, 2026, Langka, a Naga village, was attacked and burnt down the whole village where two farmers were killed on 14th August, 2026.

Therefore, Hon'ble Sir, should the aforementioned actions are not being initiated, we, the undersigned Naga Legislators, shall be unable to defend or adequately respond to the challenges raised by the public, concerning to our continued support to the Government of Manipur. This step is being taken solely in the larger interest of the people of Manipur, and out of absolute necessity.

We trust in your wisdom and decisive leadership to restore peace and normalcy in Manipur.



Yours faithfully,

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Hon'ble MLA
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3. (Shri J. Kumo Sha)
Hon'ble MLA
47-Karong A/C (ST)
(Secretary – Naga Legislators' Forum)

4. (Shri Dinganglung Gangmei)
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5. (Shri Khasim Vashum)
Hon'ble MLA
45-Chingai A/C (ST)

6. (Shri Leishiyo Keishing)
Hon'ble MLA
43-Phungyar A/C (ST)

7. (Shri Janghemlung Panmei)
Hon'ble MLA
52-Tamenlong A/C (ST)

8. (Shri Ram Muivah)
Hon'ble MLA
44-Ukhrul A/C (ST)

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Hon'ble MLA
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Letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah by the Nine Naga MLAs in Connection with the Killing of Four Naga Civilians and the Involvement of a KNF (P) Leader – 31 August 2026

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CENTRE DEFERS CENSUS IN MANIPUR AFTER HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW MEETING CHAIRED BY AMIT SHAH

CM THANKS PM MODI, AMIT SHAH

New Delhi, August 31, 2026: In a significant development, the Union Government today deferred the Census operations in Manipur.

The decision came after Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah chaired a high-level review meeting in New Delhi today to assess the current situation in Manipur. The meeting held at the Ministry of Home Affairs was attended by the Governor of Manipur, Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Chief Minister Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan, along with other senior officials.

The meeting discussed in detail on the demand raised by the people of Manipur to defer the Census exercise in the State before the implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC). The meeting agreed to defer the proposed Census exercise in the State considering the feelings and aspirations of the people of Manipur.

Following the meeting, Chief Minister Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and other central leaders for listening to the voices of the people and fulfilling the aspirations of the people of the State. He also thanked National BJP President Shri Nitin Nabin for his continuous support in fulfilling the wishes of the people of Manipur.

He also appreciated the efforts of the leaders of 14 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the delegation of BJP MLAs, who had recently campaigned in New Delhi for the implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Manipur. The Chief Minister said that their regular engagement with central leaders and officials has resulted in today's decision.

Shri Khemchand Singh said that calling bandhs and general strikes will not help in pressing demands before the Government and added that such actions would cause more hardship to the common people. Instead, he urged civil society groups to continue dialogue and extend full cooperation to the administration in addressing the socio-political challenges of the State. The government is for the people and any issues of the state should be consulted with the government for getting a better solution.

The Chief Minister reaffirmed that both the Manipur Government and the Union Government remain committed to fulfilling the aspirations of the people of the State.

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