

Volume I



**CRIMES**  
against  
**KUKI-ZO WOMEN**  
by the  
**MEITEIS**

May 3 – July 6, 2023

*Trigger Warning: Descriptions of violence, rape, sexual assault. Reader discretion advised.*



## Prelude

Throughout history, women and girls have often been targeted in wartime for violence, particularly sexual violence. The impact of this violence extends far beyond discrete trauma, often leaving lifelong and intergenerational consequences.

Recognized as weapons of war, acts of sexual violence during armed conflict are intentionally designed to inflict bodily harm on primarily, but not exclusively, female victims. These acts also serve to terrify and humiliate not only the individuals targeted but also their families and communities. (*UN Women, 2013; Domingo et al., 2013; UNICEF, 1996*).

In the past, proscribed Meiteis militants have repeatedly employed sexual violence as a weapon. One of the most notable instances occurred in the Tipaimukh area of Outer Manipur around 2005 when over 21 Hmar tribal women, belonging to the Kuki-Zomi-Hmar-Mizo ethnic group, were subjected to [mass rape](#). Unsurprisingly, this horrific tactic has resurfaced in the ongoing pogrom against the Kuki-Zo community by the Meitei since May 3, 2023.

Shockingly, the so-called women torchbearers, known as the Meira Paibis, have transformed into advocates for sexual assault, molestation, torture, and murder against their fellow women solely based on their community affiliation.

This document highlights merely a fraction of the abhorrent crimes perpetrated against Kuki-Zo women during the period from May 3 to July 6, 2023. Regrettably, there will be further accounts to be shared in the near future.



**Date of Crime**

May 3, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**New Lambulane,  
Imphal**Victim/s**Mrs. Thangi Hmar &  
Family

On the night of May 3, 2023, as the pogrom began, Mrs. Thangi Hmar's house in Imphal became a refuge for 22 individuals from four neighboring households. Mrs. Hmar (62), a retired senior health supervisor with the Manipur government, opened her doors to provide shelter and safety. Among the group were six Mizos, two of whom were gravely ill.

Soon enough, the Meitei mob of around 100 people, led by the radicalized **Arambai Tenggol and Meetei Leepun groups**, descended upon their residence. The mob demanded their immediate surrender, threatening to burn them alive along with their home.

They confiscated their phones, wallets, and purses, and instructed to walk. However, amidst the chaos, Thari Hmar was discovered missing.

Thari's son, Sasang, bravely dashed back towards their house. To his horror, he witnessed the mob ruthlessly assaulting his defenseless mother with **blows and sticks**. His desperate pleas for mercy fell on deaf ears as he attempted to shield her battered body with his own.

Tragically, the frenzied crowd callously shoved him into a drain, leaving him helpless and unable to protect his mother. The assault on Mrs. Thari Hmar continued unabated until a group of compassionate local women intervened, allowing them a narrow escape.

Their house were looted, then burned, along with their two dogs.



**Date of Crime**

May 4, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**

Lamphel, Imphal

**Victim/s**

Mrs. Gouzavung

**Mrs. Gouzavung (57)** was an Under-Secretary with the Manipur government. Her son, Goulalsang (27) had recently married.

Gouzavung and her children took shelter at a relative's house in Langol area on the night of May 3, 2023, returned to their government quarter the next morning and decided to leave for the nearby CRPF relief camp, a mere two kms away.

On their way to the camp, they caught up with a mob size of 200-250 people, comprising youths, middle-aged men and women, **armed with rods, bamboos, sticks, stones and bricks**. She showed her government identity card. No one listened to her. Amidst the chaos of their car being burned, they managed to find temporary shelter in a nearby house, but their hiding place was soon discovered.

What followed was a horrifying display of violence by the Meitei mob.

On the road, a merciless crowd encircled Goulalsang, subjecting him to a brutal assault. In a desperate attempt to protect her son, Mrs. Gouzavung rushed towards the group, **positioning herself between the attackers and her battered child**. Shockingly, the crowd responded with cheers, applause, and a twisted sense of celebration, as if this act of savagery was an accomplishment. **Tragically, both mother and son lost their lives on that very spot, mercilessly bludgeoned**.

Gouzavung's daughter-in-law was admitted to the ICU of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal with multiple head injuries including fractured wrists and fingers. Gouzavung's daughter, Kim, an aunt, the aunt's grandson (1 yr. old) and their cousin sister somehow managed to escape via the trunk of a car.



**Date of Crime**

May 4, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**B. Phainom Village,  
Kanggui District**Victim/s**Two Kuki-Zo women  
Survivor 1 & Survivor 2

The Kuki-Zo women hail from B.Phainom Village, Kanggui (formerly Kangpokpi) District. The distressing incident occurred on May 4, 2023, at approximately 3 PM. Armed with axes, knives, and guns, members of the dominant Meitei community, led by **Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun, Meira Paibis and proscribed militants**, launched a violent attack on this village, setting it ablaze prior to looting.

A small group of villagers were rescued by the Manipur Police, and were being taken to the police station when the mob stopped them mid-way and took them from the police custody. The Manipur Police literally handed over these villagers to the mob.

The men from the group were first clobbered to death and then they made the women stripped threatening if they don't. Then they were **groped, slapped, mocked and forced to walk naked** by the mob that consists of both men and women, and dragged them to a field and **gang-raped them**. Their dignity were utterly violated without any semblance of mercy.

The two men the mob murdered were the father and younger brother (19 yrs) of one of the women. They were mercilessly killed when they try to save their daughter/sister from the mob.

More than two months and a half after the incident, the video emerged and went viral on July 19, 2023, triggering a nationwide outrage. The complicity of the Manipur Police and Chief Minister Biren Singh, who also holds the position of Home Minister, is utterly unforgivable.





**Date of Crime**

May 4, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**

Lamphel, Imphal

**Victim/s**

Mrs. Chingthianniang

As Mrs. Chingthianniang and family approached a camp seeking refuge in the morning of May 4, 2023, a horde of approximately 200-250 individuals encircled their vehicle and mercilessly vandalized it with wooden rods and iron bars. While the mob was trashing her husband and mother-in-law, a fraction of the mob pulled her apart and continued to assault her. She suffered several blows to her head, hands and legs.

The Meira Paibis tried to **tear her clothes** while she began to bleed profusely. She was then made to walk for about 10 minutes. The mob walked behind her, **pushing and taunting her**. They made her stop in front of a community hall and discussed among themselves as to what should be done to her.

The **Meitei Paibis encouraged** the Meitei men to **rape her and finish her off**. They pulled her by the hair, pushed her and made her walk back to where they came from. Despite her injuries hindering her mobility, the mob pushed her from behind, berating her to move faster and mocking her pain. At one point, she found herself standing before the closed gate of the Deputy Commissioner's office, desperately pleading for assistance. However, the mob threatened to attack the police if they dared to intervene.

She suffered several blows to her head from a wooden log causing her to lose consciousness. When she eventually regained consciousness, she found herself confined to the ICU of RIMS hospital, having undergone a **craniotomy** & other surgeries due to **fractured skull, blood clots in her brain** and fractured fingers.

She was informed of her husband and mother-in-law's death only after she was discharged from AIIMS Trauma Centre.



**Date of Crime**

May 4, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**

Porompat, Imphal

**Victim/s**

Ms. Agnes Neikhohat

Agnes and another Kuki-Zo women were nursing student at Nightingale Nursing Institute (NNI), Porompat, Imphal. On the evening of May 4, 2023, the Meitei mob barged into their hostel, check their Aadhar cards and dragged them out into the streets.

The Meitei women (Meira Paibis) instruct the mob surrounding her, **“Kill her, rape her, burn her. Do to her what her people did to our women.”** They were purportedly discussing a widely circulated photograph since May 3 by some Meitei miscreants. The image depicted the lifeless body of a young woman, tightly wrapped in a plastic bag, accompanied by a caption claiming that she was a Meitei nursing student from Lamka (formerly Churachandpur) who had been sexually assaulted and murdered within the confines of the hospital. However, it is important to note that the photograph in question actually portrays a woman from Delhi who tragically lost her life at the hands of her own parents last year.

Agnes and her friend were mercilessly punched in the face, resulting in the shattering of three of her front teeth. The mob's fury knew no bounds as they **kicked and beat her with thick wooden sticks**. The force of two men striking her head caused her to gradually slip into unconsciousness. Amidst the chaos, the mob's bloodcurdling screams filled the air, urging each other to inflict further harm. Their chilling words: **“Cut them with a knife and burn them.”**

She was then dumped at a hospital and left for dead. Miraculously, she later regained consciousness and found herself in the confines of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) in Imphal. Twenty-one days later, she was evacuated to Lamka with an Army escort.



**Date of Crime**

May 4, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**

Uripok, Imphal

**Victim/s**Kuki-Zo mother & her  
two daughters

On May 4, 2023, a tragic incident unfolded in Uripok, resulting in the untimely death of a Kuki-Zo mother and her two daughters at their residence. This unfortunate event brings to light the brutality of the Meitei militants and bloodthirsty mobs who specifically target those who are defenseless - mothers, women, and young girls.

Within the narratives of state-sponsored ethnic cleansing against the Kuki-Zo ethnic group, the culprits behind these abhorrent crimes consistently involve Arambai Tenggol, Meetei Leepun, Meira Paibis (a Meitei women's organization), and various mobs.

The Uripok tragedy unraveled through a series of unfortunate events. It all began with escalating tensions in Imphal on the night of May 3, triggered by false and fabricated reports of Meitei women being raped in Lamka (formerly Churachandpur). The photos were that of a young girl from Delhi who was killed by her parent.

One individual, Edison Moirangthem, also posted a video on the night of May 3, claiming to have received confirmation from the Arambai Tenggol regarding the molestation of Meitei women in Lamka. However, this false and baseless propaganda was neither verified nor confirmed by the Meiteis in the state capital, Imphal.

As the situation escalated, our women found themselves caught in the crossfire of violence, resulting in their untimely deaths or miraculously surviving with enduring fear and psychological trauma.





**Date of Crime**

May 5, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**Konung Mamang,  
Imphal**Victim/s**Victim 1  
Victim 2

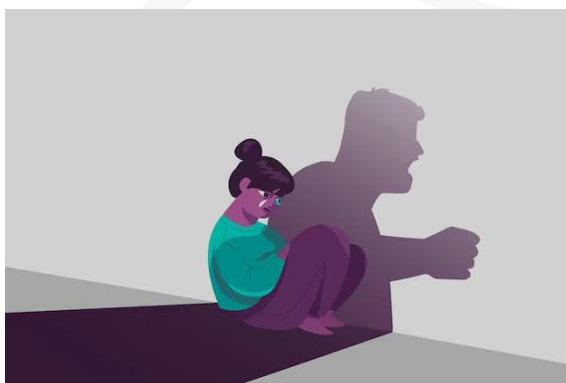
Both these young Kuki-Zo girls work at Gama Car Wash at Konung Mamang, owned by Samorjit Ningthouja. While one of them washed cars, the other manned the counter.

On May 5, 2023, at approximately 5 pm, a Meitei woman made a call to the mother of one of the girls. She screamed in Manipuri, posing a chilling question, "**Do you desire your daughter's life or death?**" Before the mother could respond, the call abruptly ended.

According to information provided by their grieving family members, it is alleged that Meitei miscreants and mob including women, forcibly silenced them by **gagging, confined them in a locked room from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Shockingly, it is claimed that a local Meitei women facilitated this heinous act, even instigating the crowd to assault the victims as an act of retaliation to the false and fabricated news of Meitei women being raped and murdered at Lamka.

Our victim's co-workers recalled that they could hear the desperate screams and pleas for release from outside the locked room. This strongly suggests the possibility that the young women were **subjected to rape, molestation, and torture.**

When the room was finally opened after 7 p.m., it was discovered filled with a horrifying mixture of the **victims' blood and hair.** They had tragically succumbed to the unimaginable brutality inflicted upon them.



*Based on evidence, their parents have filed an FIR at the Saikul police station. The FIR numbers are Zero (65)(5) 2023 SKL-PS, U/s 326/354/366/375/302/34 of the Indian Penal Code.*

**Date of Crime**

May 5, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**New Lamka, Lamka  
District**Victim/s**Ms. Nianghoihching  
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Ms. Nianghoihching, a nurse at Lamka District Hospital since 2021, tragically lost her life on the night of May 5, 2023. She was shot dead in front of Venus Hotel in New Lamka by a group of Arambai Tenggol, proscribed Meitei insurgents, and the Manipur Police Commandos who were accompanying an Army convoy.

The incident occurred while Nianghoihching and other unarmed youths were on on the Tiddim Road, attempting to reason with the security personnel. They were questioning why Meiteis from Lamka were being evacuated while stranded Kuki-Zo people in Imphal were not given the same option.

Unfortunately, amidst the chaos, these brave youths were fired upon by Meitei militants & security personnel. Tragically, two other youths lost their lives alongside Nianghoihching, while more than ten others suffered serious bullet injuries.

Since the outbreak of the violence, the Kuki-Zo community has consistently voiced their strong belief that the Manipur Police are complicit in these heinous acts. It is worth noting that the Home portfolio in the State Government is under the direct control of Chief Minister Mr. Biren Singh. Through drone videos, we have witnessed numerous instances where the Manipur Police have colluded with Meitei mobs, orchestrating attacks, looting, and burning of Kuki-Zo localities in Imphal, churches, houses, and entire villages.

The repeated incidents of arms looting (over 4000) and ammunition theft (over 6.5 lakhs) in the valley districts, along with the discovery of military police equipment on the bodies of deceased Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun members, further support our suspicions.



**Date of Crime**

May 5 &amp; 6, 2023

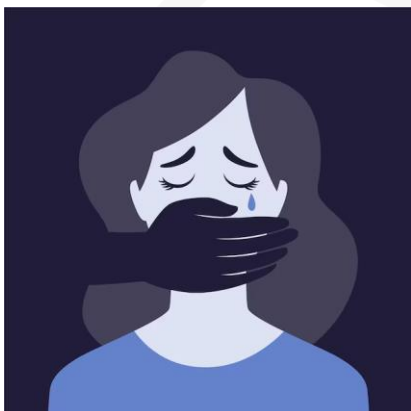
**Place / Venue of Crime**Pheitaiching, Kanggui  
Dist & Langjing, Imphal**Victim/s**Mrs. Thiandam Vaiphei  
Mrs. Victim 3

On May 6, a tragic incident occurred in the Pheitaiching village of the Kangpokpi district, where Thiandam Vaiphei, a 45-year-old widow and mother of two, fell victim to a horrifying act of violence. She was mercilessly butchered with her head, hand and legs chopped off, and her body was set ablaze along with her house by the Arambai Tenggol, Meetei Leepun and proscribed Meitei insurgents.



The following day, on May 7, Pastor Thianna Vaiphei Suantak, accompanied by officers from the Gorkha Regiment and Andro Police, bravely stepped forward to identify and claim whatever remained of her mutilated body.

This heart-wrenching incident serves as another stark example of the brutality that can be inflicted upon innocent individuals by the dominant Meitei community.



Mrs. Victim 3, whose name remains concealed to protect her privacy as a rape victim, hails from Langjing, Imphal. She was wedded to a Meitei man named Mr. Kennedy.

Tragically, on May 5, 2023, during her husband's absence, she was forcefully abducted from their residence by Arambai Tenggol. Subsequently, they transported her to a nearby paddy field where she endured unimaginable suffering as she became a victim of rape and, ultimately, murder.

**Date of Crime**

May 16, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**Checkon, Wangkhei  
Ayang Palli Road**Victim/s**

Survivor 3

This Kuki-Zo, a brave survivor of just eighteen years, was snatched right in front of an ATM at Checkon in Imphal on May 15 by a gang of men who employed two Boleros. She was trying to withdraw money to aid her escape from Imphal.

Her abductors brought her to a confined Meitei settlement along the Wangkhei Ayang Palli Road. There, a horde of women and men subjected her to **relentless assaults until evening**, ruthlessly kicking her in the stomach and her head. Fearing the arrival of the police or Army for rescue, the mob contacted the Arambai Tenggol and handed her over, entrusting them with her assassination.

The Arambai Tenggol transported her to a secluded area at Langol using a Bolero car. In a cruel display of inhumanity, they blindfolded her, bound her hands, and readied their guns to end her life. However, they realized that firing a gunshot at that location might alert the authorities. Consequently, they decided to transport her to various hillocks in Bishnupur District, including Ngarian Hills. They subjected her to **violent blows with a rifle's butt** and was unconscious for some time.

After regaining consciousness, she reported overhearing their plans to kill her. But, feigning the need to urinate, she managed to escape with help from a Muslim auto-driver she met completely by chance. Her medical report, when she was later examined at a hospital in Kohima, **confirmed assault and rape**.

Even though our survivor is just a teenager and a student, she was not spared by the twisted and radicalized group known as Arambai Tenggol, whose level of depravity is utterly appalling in a time when society is meant to be more civilized. These individuals are cowards, preying on and tormenting those who cannot defend themselves. They commit their heinous acts in the safety of a mob but become fearful at the slightest sign of facing their own shadows when left alone.





**Date of Crime**

June 4, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**

Iroisemba, Imphal

**Victim/s**Mrs. Meena Hangshing  
& her 7-yr-old son

In a harrowing incident on June 4, young Tonsing Hangshing s/o Joshua Hangshing (Kuki-Zo), a brave 7-year-old boy seeking refuge at the 22 AR B Coy camp in Kangchup, fell victim to the sickening violence perpetuated by the radicalized Arambai Tenggol group. As his family sought safety at the camp for over a month, tragedy struck when an Arambai Tenggol sniper opened fire, mercilessly shooting Tonsing in the head.

The AR camp's authorities provided immediate first aid and administered life-saving oxygen to the critically injured child. But the gravity of Tonsing's condition demanded urgent hospital care, and the decision was made to rush him to RIMS, a mere 20 kms away.

Imphal West Superintendant of Police sent an ambulance. Tonsing's 45-year-old mother Meena Hangsing, and another relative, the 37-year-old Lydia Lourembam were all in the ambulance. The choice of people was strategic: Meena is a Meitei (however married to Joshua Hangsing, a Kuki-Zo) and so was Lydia.

A mere 10 km away from the point where the Assam Rifles had ceased providing escort in Imphal's Iroisemba area, an enraged mob led by the Meira Paibis launched a brutal attack on the police convoy. Somebody had spread a rumor that Kuki militants were being evacuated.

Ignoring the fact that a critically injured child and two Meitei women were inside the ambulance, the mob callously set the vehicle ablaze. In this heart-rending spectacle of madness, young Tonsing, Meena, and Lydia were trapped within the burning ambulance, their lives sacrificed to the senseless violence of a ruthless mob led by the Meira Paibis.



**Date of Crime**

June 10, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**

Khoken, Kanggui District

**Victim/s**

Mrs. Dimkhohoi

On June 10, 2023, a group of Meitei separatists, composed of Arambai Tenggol and Meetei Leepun members, arrived at Khoken Kuki-Zo village at approximately 4 AM. This village is situated on the border between Kanggui (formerly Kangpokpi) and Imphal West District. These assailants, **disguised in Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB) uniforms and utilized military vehicles**, murdered three innocent lives. They are Mrs. Dimkhohoi (65 years old), Mr. Khaijamang Guite (52 years old), and Mr. Jangpao Touthang (40 years old).

Mrs. Dimkhohoi, tragically lost her life while **engaged in her early morning prayer** inside their village church. This disturbing incident highlights the utter disregard shown by the Meitei towards places of worship, as well as their lack of respect for women and the elderly. Such actions are truly sickening and deeply troubling, yet not surprising as it's a common modus operandi often employed by the Meitei insurgents over the years.

In a deeply concerning turn of events the next day, certain Meitei-centric media outlets based in Imphal have initiated a sickening propaganda campaign, falsely labeling Mrs. Mrs. Dimkhohoi as a sniper.

As per the younger brother of Mrs. Dimkhohoi, approximately 40 Meitei insurgents entered the village during the early hours of June 10. It is worth noting that these IRB uniforms, military vehicles, and firearms may have been among those stolen by the Meitei mob from various armories in Imphal during the months of May and June 2023.



**Date of Crime**

July 6, 2023

**Place / Venue of Crime**Kwakeithel MayaiKoibi,  
Imphal**Victim/s**

Ms. Donngaihching

Ms. Donngaihching, a Kuki-Zo woman, was tragically shot and killed by Meitei militants - Arambai Tenggol & Meetei Leepun, outside the Shishu Nishtha Niketan school in Kwakeithel Mayaikoibi, Imphal West district on July 6, 2023.

It is important to note that Ms. Donngaihching had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and had been observed wandering the streets for an extended period of time. Concerned neighbours had noticed her presence that fateful day near Paite Veng, adjacent to Imphal Airport. It is believed that the Meitei militants forcibly took her in an autorickshaw before ruthlessly shooting her and abandoning her body near the aforementioned school, all in broad daylight.

Shockingly, a video clip that emerged a few days after her tragic demise revealed that her lifeless body had been left unattended on the roadside for hours, while passersby obdurately ignored her.

In an attempt to conceal their gruesome crime, the Meiteis shamelessly resorted to spreading false propoganda, baselessly labelling Ms. Donngaihching as a spy and suicide bomber. This callous act further highlights the Meiteis' complete disregard for the well-being of innocent individuals, including children, women, the elderly, and even those with intellectual challenges, who pose no threat to them. Such behaviour is not only sickening but also exposes their true barbaric nature and inherent cruelty, on top of their penchant for fake propogandas.





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