



## Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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### CONDEMNATION

It is with profound sadness that we report the heinous attack on Khoken Village, situated on the boundary of Kangpokpi District and Imphal West District, by Meitei militants disguised in Khaki uniforms and using combat vehicles in the early hours (4:00 AM) of June 9, 2023. The Kuki-Zo villagers, unsuspecting of the attackers' true identity gave way but instead, the Khaki cladding armed group turned out to be the Meitei's Arambai Tenggol radical group. The Arambai Tenggol fired upon the villagers with automatic rifles, resulting in the tragic deaths of Mr. Jangpao Touthang, Mr. Khaimang Guite, and Mrs. Domkhohoi. Two others, Mr. Thongneh, and Mr. Thangkhojang, were also injured in the attack. Mrs. Domkhohoi was saying her early morning prayer in the church when these militants shot her dead, with no regard for the sanctity of a place of worship.

The use of Khaki uniforms and vehicles by militants raises serious questions about the source of their equipment and the potential involvement of external forces.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) strongly condemns this blatant and incessant act of violence and calls upon the Central Government of India to take swift action to bring the perpetrators to justice. This attack is yet another example of the utter disregard shown by the Meitei militants, separatist mobs, radicalized groups like Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun, and the Meitei-centric State Government for the 15-day peace call made by Union Minister of Home, Mr. Amit Shah. Such actions only serve to undermine the efforts of those heeding the Minister's call for peace.

Since this is not the first time the Meitei have shown total disregard to the Union Ministers' plea, we urge the authorities to take swift and decisive action.

The ITLF expresses its heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, the villagers, and all those who have been impacted by the recent tragedy. We stand in solidarity with the people of Khoken village during this challenging time.

As a community, we are fully committed to taking any necessary action, even if it requires us to consistently make the ultimate sacrifice to prevent the ongoing attacks and ethnic cleansing of the Kuki-Zo population by the Meiteis.

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