



Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)
Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka

CONDEMNATION

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A report on page 3 of Lamdamsigi Pao newspaper on Monday carried a fabricated report of firing between the ZRA and Kuki militants at Chiengkongpang, Lamka saying that one side was accusing the other of burning tyres at the Anglo-Kuki War Centenary Gate on May 3.

The report, which went viral on social media, is a malicious attempt to misinform the Meitei population in the Imphal valley, which has been wrecked by violence and arson in the past couple of days as Meiteis burned the homes of fellow Meiteis.

It seems the so-called "report" was planted to show a picture of disunity among the Kuki-Zo tribal groups to counter the image of a demoralized Meitei community because of the lack of unity among themselves.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) strongly condemns the lies that valley-based media groups continue to perpetuate. There has been no fighting between tribal groups on Monday or at any time since the beginning of the ethnic conflict which began on May 3. Our unity will not be shaken by such lies.

The ITLF reiterates that the burning of the Anglo-Kuki War Centenary Gate on May 3 was done by Meitei goons, which eventually led to the present crisis.

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