



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

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PRESS CLARIFICATION

It has come to the attention of the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) that the Meitei propaganda machine is indulging in the despicable practice of forging our letterhead and releasing fabricated press releases to malign the ITLF and the entire Kuki-Zo community.

One such document (19th June 2023) mentioned the entirely false "distribution of land and properties" owned by Meiteis in Lamka and also talks about "firing between ZRA and Kuki village defense forces".

No such distribution of land or fighting between Kuki-Zo tribals took place, and the ITLF vehemently condemns such attempts to vilify the tribal community.

Another fake press release on 2nd June 2023 referred to the picture of bones circulated online as the mortal remains of David Thiek, a tribal who was cruelly beheaded by a Meitei mob that attacked the village of Langza. The "clarification" said the bones had no connection to the death of Mr. Thiek.

These forged documents are clearly attempts to malign and divide the tribal community, apart from radicalizing the Meitei community with false information.

It is pertinent to note that these fabricated press releases do not have any file number (those that do will have the wrong number) and contain accounts that are incredulous/doubtful.

For any clarification regarding information purportedly released by ITLF, please contact us or refer to our social media accounts and our website.

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