



Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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CONDEMNATION

For the second time this month, a middle-aged tribal woman has been shot dead by armed men in Imphal, showing that the state government still has no control over law and order even in Manipur's capital.

Lucy Marim, a middle-aged Maring Naga woman who suffered from schizophrenia, was killed at her residence on Saturday (July 15) and her face left disfigured by her assailants, who suspected her of being a Kuki-Zo tribal.

On July 6, a mentally challenged Kuki-Zo woman, Ms. Donngaihching, was shot dead at point-blank range by Meitei gunmen in the same city.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) strongly condemns the latest killing and wonders how radicals from the Meitei community in Manipur can continue killing innocent women just because of their ethnicity.

Their lack of moral character and humanity in the ongoing conflict should be sufficient indicators for the central government to know that it is impossible for tribals to continue living together with the majority community. Total separation is the only solution.


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