



## Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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### PRESS RELEASE

A fake press release attributed to the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) on July 12, 2023 was turned into a story by ANI news agency, and published by the Times of India website with the headline: Manipur violence: Indigenous Tribal Leader Forum extends apology to Kuki Zo people for 'misguidance, conflict with Meitei people'.

[Manipur violence news today: Indigenous Tribal Leader Forum extends apology to Kuki Zo people for 'misguidance, conflict with Meitei people' | India News - Times of India \(indiatimes.com\)](https://www.indiatimes.com/Manipur-violence-Indigenous-Tribal-Leader-Forum-extends-apology-to-Kuki-Zo-people-for-misguidance-conflict-with-Meitei-people/)

[Manipur violence: Indigenous Tribal Leader Forum extends apology to Kuki Zo people for "misguidance, conflict with Meitei people" \(aninews.in\)](https://www.aninews.in/Manipur-violence-Indigenous-Tribal-Leader-Forum-extends-apology-to-Kuki-Zo-people-for-misguidance-conflict-with-Meitei-people/)

In this period of violence and unending propaganda unleashed by the Meitei community, one wrong information/a false viral message can incite violence and get people killed.

This is precisely why on July 3, 2023, the ITLF came out with a press statement informing the public that miscreants were indulging in forging our letterhead and releasing fabricated statements.

We also requested the media and anyone else to contact us or refer to our social media accounts and our website for any clarification.

But to our utter dismay, ANI storified an incredulous press statement without bothering to clarify with us or checking our website/social media accounts to see if we had actually released the statement.

As is the practice in journalism, we demand that ANI withdraw the story immediately and issue a clearly worded statement announcing the withdrawal. ANI should also issue an apology for releasing the false story.

We also demand that the Times of India and any other media house which published the story immediately kill the story link and remove it from all social media posts.

We will be initiating a legal suit against ANI for publishing a fake story unless it complies with our requests and tenders an apology.

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