



Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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PRESS CONDEMNATION

A sniper belonging to a valley-based insurgent group (VBIG) today shot dead a Manipur Police sub-inspector belonging to the Kuki-Zo community near the military buffer zone separating Bishnupur and Lamka (Churachandpur).

Onkhomang Haokip, 45, was on official duty at N. Chingphei when the incident occurred. Meitei social media handles celebrated the killing, with one popular handle showing a picture of the sniper with the caption: Our hero who killed SI Onkhomang. Yaifare (Well done).

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum condemns the despicable murder of a policeman who was on duty to maintain peace in the buffer zone.

All killings of Kuki-Zo tribals in Manipur in the past month can be attributed to well-trained Meitei separatists. We, therefore, urge the central government and central security forces to crack down on VBIGs, who are being supported and feted by the Meitei community and the state government..

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