



Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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CONDEMNATION

In another despicable act, four middle-aged Kuki-Zo civilians including two women were abducted today by Meitei militant group Arambai Tenggol near Kangchup Chingkhong village in Kangpokpi district of Manipur.

On hearing the news, angry tribal volunteers at the frontline fired at the Meitei side, resulting in a firefight. There are reports of several injuries among the Meitei community.

Five tribal civilians were travelling towards L. Phaijang village when they were accosted by gunmen. In the ensuing scuffle, 65-year-old Manglun Haokip from Bolkot village got injured and fell unconscious. Thinking him to be dead, he was left behind. CRPF personnel later found him and transported him to Leimakhong. Due to the severity of his injuries, he has been airlifted to a neighbouring state.

Two women (Nengkim, 60, from Bolkot and Neilam, 55, from Laimanai) and two men (John Thangjalam Haokip, 25, from Bolkot and Jamkhotang, 40, from Mongjang) were taken captives by the Arambai Tenggol.

After the incident, Arambai Tenggol chief Korounganba Khuman shared a post on social media stating: *"Today some domestic wine (wild) animen (animal) has been brought to the Zoo"*.

We fear they may have been killed or are being tortured. We fervently request central security forces to immediately launch an operation to rescue them.

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