



## Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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### APPEAL

After long and careful consideration and discussion in the meeting of the Presidential Council of the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) today, it has been unanimously agreed to go with the Kuki-Zo narrative and to name the burial site for our martyrs as the **Kuki-Zo Martyrs Cemetery**.

Kuki-Zo narrative was agreed upon by various tribal leaders meetings held in Aizawl, Noida, and Lamka, and accordingly, Kuki-Zo has been widely used as our narratives with the government as well as in various media both nationally and internationally in this Manipur crisis. ITLF spearheaded the movement in Lamka from May 3rd and has been using the Kuki-Zo narrative in all our communications. Kuki-Zo narrative is used in other districts like Tengnoupal, Kangpokpi, Chandel, and Pherzawl, and in solidarity with our movement, it will be correct to use the same narrative in Lamka to show our unity. In this regard, the Committee On Tribal Unity (COTU) on 15th December 2023 also buried the martyrs in the name of Kuki-Zo.

Since the Joint Philanthropic Organisation (JPO) has been entrusted with the task of handling the burial of our martyrs, we requested the JPO to execute their task to the best of their abilities.

Therefore, we appeal to the public to cooperate with the decision taken by the Presidential Council regarding the narrative and to support the JPO in burying our martyrs in the most honourable way.

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