



## **Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)**

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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### **CONDEMNATION**

On July 9, 2024, early in the morning, state and central forces opened heavy fire on the home of the chief of L. Hengjol, Kangpokpi district. They detained three innocent villagers. On July 8, 2024, residents of Phaitol, Jiribam, were harassed by state and central forces as they were conducting a combing operation. Two teenage boys who are not affiliated with any armed groups were taken into custody. Additionally, in another combing operation yesterday, the security personnel harassed the residents of the Saikot area in Lamka district.

The extremist Arambai Tenggol and the Valley-based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), which openly flaunt sophisticated weapons in public, are well recognized for their actions. They are responsible for the deaths of numerous Kuki-zo people. The Imphal Valley's armory has all been pillaged. Nothing has been done to them, not even an arrest, thus far. This demonstrates the security forces' partiality in their operations.

The Kuki-Zo people are always cooperative with the law enforcement agencies. The Kuki-Zo people are harassed and even arrested when they fully cooperate with the security forces. State and central forces are firing into the homes of the Kuki-Zo people, threatening their lives and causing property damage. The Kuki-Zo people are being brutally persecuted, and this is an outrageous breach of their human rights.

ITLF condemns this act of heinous persecution in its highest form and urges the central and state forces to release the innocent civilians who were detained at the earliest.

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