



Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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CONDEMNATION

ITLF Strongly Condemns the Brutal Killing of Ex-Indian Army Havaldar Limkholal Mate by Meitei Extremists in Manipur

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF) strongly condemns the horrific and cold-blooded murder of Limkholal Mate, a former Havaldar in the Indian Army's Assam Regiment, who was brutally killed after inadvertently crossing the buffer zone between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei areas in Manipur. Limkholal Mate's body was discovered with disturbing signs of violence, his neck slung, in Sekmai, Imphal West district on the morning of September 9, 2024.

Mate, a resident of Motbung in Kangpokpi district, served his nation with distinction, only to meet a tragic end at the hands of the Meitei extremists. This heinous act further highlights the increasing lawlessness and targeted violence against the Kuki-Zo community under the patronage of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's administration. Despite the presence of central paramilitary forces tasked with maintaining peace in buffer zones, such atrocities continue unabated, revealing the complicity of the state machinery in enabling these crimes.

This murder is yet another grim reminder of the ethnic cleansing campaign being carried out against the Kuki-Zo people. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum expresses its deep anguish and sorrow over the loss of an esteemed member of our community and calls for immediate and decisive action.

A Call for Justice

ITLF urges the Government of India to intervene in the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur and bring those responsible for the murder of Limkholal Mate to justice. We demand that the central government take swift action to hold the perpetrators accountable and dismantle the terror apparatus operating under the guise of Meitei militancy.

ITLF stands firm in its commitment to protect the rights, dignity, and security of the Kuki-Zo people. The tragic death of Limkholal Mate is not an isolated incident but a continuation of the systematic attacks on our community. We will not be silent in the face of these atrocities and will continue to fight for justice for all victims of the Manipur violence.

We call upon the nation to recognize the plight of the Kuki-Zo people and stand in solidarity with us in seeking justice, peace, and equality. The life of Limkholal Mate, a man who served his country with honor, must not go in vain.

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