



## Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF)

Conglomerate of Recognised Tribes in Lamka, Outer Manipur

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Meitei militants launched a multi-pronged attack on Kuki-Zo areas in the past two days in an effort to divert attention from the leaked audio tapes of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh which proved his involvement in the ethnic cleansing of Kuki-Zo tribals in the state. The attacks also come amidst murmurs that Biren Singh will be removed from his post.

Sequence of events from the past two days:

#### **Lamka (Churachandpur):**

*September 6, 2024*

- ✓ Gunfight erupted near Muolsang and Laika villages in Kangvai frontline area, Churachandpur around 4:30 AM
- ✓ Security forces dismantle Kuki-Zo bunkers at Muolsang, which was later occupied by the Meiteis
- ✓ Bombs were fired by Meiteis at Khousabung and Muolngat villages in Kangvai area
- ✓ An elderly man was killed at Moirang (a Meitei town which is not at the frontline) in front of his house, ostensibly with a knife (Pictures show blood oozing from his body and there was a knife lying next to him). Meiteis then circulated a video clip of the victim claiming the man was killed by a bomb.
- ✓ Heavy firing throughout the night.

#### **Jiribam:**

*September 7, 2024*

- ✓ A video shot by cadres of UNLF shows them torturing a Kuki-Zo village volunteer
- ✓ Another photo of a UNLF cadre posing with the lifeless body of three Kuki-Zo village volunteers also went viral.
- ✓ The incident is from Nungsempi, Jiribam, where UNLF militants killed four Kuki-Zo village volunteers.

#### **Sugnu:**

*September 7, 2024*

- ✓ Meitei militants fired government-issued mortars from Langching towards Lailoiphai, G. Songgel, and other Kuki-Zo villages in Sugnu area
- ✓ Langching is a Kuki-Zo village that was burnt down by the Meiteis last year
- ✓ Drone bombs were first used in this area on December 16, 2023 when Meiteis dropped bombs at G. Songgel. Evidences of the bombing was submitted to Churachandpur Police (the tail of the bomb attached with binding wire/string)

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