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## PRESS STATEMENT

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In response to the press conference held by the Chief Agent of Violence N. Biren Singh on 15<sup>th</sup> June, KIM would like to address some of the points which he mentioned. N. Biren Singh is adamant that the present conflagration is the State Govt. against illegal immigrant. However, the real issue is the majoritarian—integrationist policy of N. Biren Singh, wherein he is able to colonise the minds of frustrated-unemployed-chauvinist Meiteis whom he has turned into Radical Meitei Terrorists to terrorize Indian Civilians here in this case the Kuki-Zo Indians.

N. Biren Singh also mentioned that the state government will safeguard the unity and integrity of Manipur and "...will not compromise even an inch....to any force". According to our Samvidhan as enlisted in Article 3(b),(c),(d) and (e); the parliament may by law increase, diminish the area of any State; alter the boundaries and the name of any State respectively. Is N. Biren Singh govt. indirectly challenging the constitutionality of the Parliament of India? Did not N. Biren Singh and Sanajaoba take an oath under the Constitution of India? Why are they acting against on the very thing which they swore to protect and uphold? One cannot but smell a tinge of insubordination towards the Constitution. A tinge of Anti-national element can be felt.

Our condolences to all those killed and injured at Khamenlok and we advise the rational-sane Meiteis to 'Stay Home, Stay Safe. And don't come and die at our Villages'. And if the Radicalised sections of the Meiteis are forcing you to attack the Kukis then we suggest you leave Manipur and wishes you all the best for your future endeavours. We also urged the general public at large and the Meiteis in particular not to believe in rumours and fake news.

N. Biren Singh kept calling those who defended their villages as Militants. We urged the central forces to take strict action against those Radicalised Meitei terrorists' groups who are attacking Kukis and their villages. The Kuki Village Volunteers are exercising their constitutional rights under Article 21. 'Protection of life and personal liberty' which N. Biren Singh and his Radical Meitei Terrorist seek to violate. We would like to remind N. Biren Singh that going back to Imphal and resettling with his people is next to impossible. N. Biren Singh should not direct a state government what to do or not do.

In addition to this, the Kuki Inpi Manipur takes strong exception to the press statement issued by the so-called All Assam Manipuri Youths' Association wherein it "appeals to the ruling Mizo National Front to withdraw within three days w.e.f. 14/06/2023 their support for the separate administration for the Kuki people in Manipur...". The All Assam Manipuri Youths' Association is too naive, and nescient of the ethnicity of the Kuki people who share the same roots of origin, yet politically divided in three countries viz;- India, Myanmar and Bangladesh. It is advisable on the part of the All Assam Manipuri Youths' Association to have in-depth historical analysis before making such a preposterous statement. The Association must also be reminded itself of the State-sponsored



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terrorism, the institutionalized violence and nexus between the police commandos, the Arambai Tenggol, the Meitei Leepun and the Meitei public who have compelled us to live separately as there exist irreconcilable differences and wide-ranging hostilities between the two communities.

Valley-based Manipur State Forces have been compromised. KIM urges the central government and its central forces to maintain law and order situation in Manipur.

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