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Sub-Division: Churachandpur

FIR No. 1212(07)2023 CCP-PS u/s 153A/153B/500/505(2) IPC.

District: Churachandpur Date & hour of Occurrence

07 July, 2023, time not mentioned.

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FIRST INFORMATION REPORTAGAINST T BIREN SINGH

Sir,

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Charachandras Police Station

The Officers-in-charge

- Pleaserefer to the article published on Page Number 4 of The Sangai Express newspaper, "Major Cause of Kuki and Meetei conflict" on07 Jul 2023 by T Biren Singh (Copy attached) purporting to give out unverified and false information aimed at maligning the Assam Rifles, HQ IGAR (S) and the Government. The fundamental objective of journalism is to serve the people with News, views, comments & info on matters of public interest in a fair, accurate, unbiased, decent & truthful manner. However, the imputation/assertions as published written in the newspaper are prejudicial to National Integration and violates Sec 153 B of the IPC. Any such statement and newspaper article against a disciplined central paramilitary Force indeed amounts to false and defamatory accusation in order to tarnish the image of Force. The same also promotes enmity between communities and is prejudicial to maintenance of harmony. Thus, criminal case for defamation and filing civil suits are made out.
- The statements against Assam Rifles clearly aimed at spreading disaffection, are prejudicial to national integration and prime facie violative of Sec 153 A of the IPC. The statement purposefully promotes enmity between communities which is prejudicial to maintenance of harmony being sought to be achieved in the current situation. Specifically, the same may also amount to bringing hatred/excite disaffection towards Assam Rifles, an agency of the Government contrary to the Section 124 A of the IPC.
- The publication of the article has been done with ulterior motives. The above publication is not only unlawful but also detrimental to peace and harmony in the state. It is thus required that an investigation into the same be carried out and strict action be taken against the writer/author for inciting hatred against a GovernmentAgency, provoking violence amongst masses and instigating people.
- Further, during the present times whenthe Government Agencies are involved in maintaining law & order situation and peace in the state, there is a need to take urgent action against the author/ publisher, preventing other authors/publishers to publish false information against Government Agencies/ spreading rumors, and to institute checks and balances to ensure timely reporting and discontinuation of such false and hateful publications.

Your kind co-operation is highly appreciated, please.

Dated: 1 Jul 2023

Enclosure: As above

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HQ IGAR (S)

DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST AUTHOR OF ARTICLE IN SANGAL EXPRESS DATED 07 JUL 2023

- 1 Ref the fwg.-
 - (a) Dirns of DG AR on the subject
 - (b) Article published in "The Sangai Express". English Edition on 07 Jul 2023, page- 4 titled 'Maj Causes of Kuki Meetei conflict' written by T Biren Singh (copy att)
- The writer under ref at para 1 (b) has written negatively against Assam Rifles. The writer wrongly accuses Assam Rifles of in-action during early days of conflict and also talks of removal of Assam Rifles Offi in Manipur. The negative view of the writer not only defames image of Assam Rifles but also spreads misinformation amongst locals as also dents morale of the Force.
- In view of the above, feasibility of filing a defamatory case against the author has been worked out as per the recommendation of Law Branch. HO DGAR as under mentioned:-
 - (a) On perusal of News Article 'Major causes of Kuki Meetei conflict' written by Shri T Biren Singh in a Manipur local daily newspaper "The Sangai Express", it has emerged the author while expressing his personal view on the said conflict has gone to the extent of accusing Assam Rifles for in-action against Kuki militants on the premise that alleged in-action isdue to large number of Kuki soldiers in Assam Rifles. He has also stated that, Assam Rifles observed silence on the violence by Kuki militants and also letting them (Kuki militants) to carry out arson in Meetei villages. Any such statement and news paper articles against a disciplined Central Paramilitary Force are indeed amounts to false and defamatory accusation in order to tarnish the image of the Force. Thus criminal case for defamation and filing of civil suit for defamation are made out.
 - (b) Now, advertising to the issues whithe place of lodging of FIR or institution of civil suit of any kind, it may be noted that an FIR may be filed at a place where cause of action has arisen. FIR may be lodged at any other place, however, power of investigation and taking cognizance of such offence may be taken only by the concerned police stn/ judicial auth having territorial jurisdiction thereon. It is revealed from the contents of the impugned News article, the cause of action seems to have arisen in Manipur. However, for the sake of clarity we would like to highlight that the power to initiate actions by way of filing of Civil Suits are with Sect appropriate Cdrs in terms of Para 301 of the Assam Rifles Regulations, 2016, since they are the Cdrs on grad having adequate knowledge of the sequence of the events

Therefore, it is advised that this News articles is fit for filling of an FIR as well as a civil suit for defamation against the Newspaper and the author of the News Article as deemed fit. However, it is pertinent to mention that all the allegations have been made against the Assam Rifles operating under the comd of HQ IGAR (S)/ HQ 3 Corps, therefore it would be legally prudent and practical to take all the legal action if contemplated against the author and Newspaper be initiated by HQ IGAR (S) only in consultation with HQ 3 Corps.

Sd/- xxx xxx (Rohan Mahajan) Lt Col PRO For Col GS (Ops)

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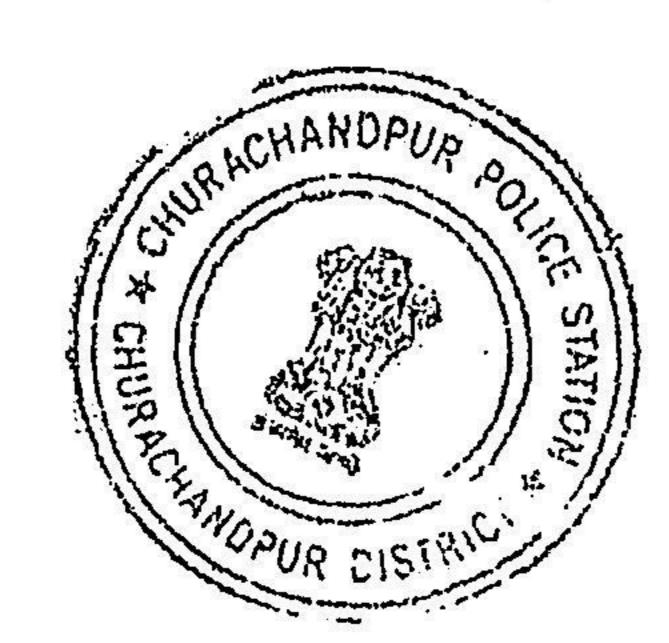
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Major causes of Kuki & Meetel conflict

T Biren Singh '

Mr PS Hackip is a influential person in Kuki society and he had/has an influential group. He went around many times to cover Chin in Myanmar, Mizoram and Chhitagong hills tract in Bangladesh, where he and his friends zealously talked about the establishment of a Kuki land which shall include parts of these three countries. His head quarter is located at Churcafrandpur which he calls I amika

"The Zale'n Gam" and "The Zo Land" are some of the important books of Mr PS Haokip and his party. He is now President of Kuki National Organisation (KNO). He says Kuki is just like an eagle which is the top carnivorous animal in food chain in an ecosystem. Eagle is the strongest carnivorous bird, no bird can fight with eagle and all birds run away from eagle. In the same manner, he opined that Kuki is like eagle, they are not afraid of any ethnic group or the Government of India, Myanmar, and Bangladesh.

He said the word "Zale'n" means free flight of an eagle which is equivalent to the meaning of Freedom and Sovereignty. He did not mention the meaning of "Gam". The meaning of Gam is not found the English dictionary. The meaning of gam which no English Dictionary explains, is meant the "Manipur Hill Areas (Acquisition of Chiefs Right) Act- 1966".

The Act very nicely defines "Gam" as a tract of land in hill area held by a chief. Then what is the meaning of "Chief" and how many Chiefs are there in Manipur, who and when Chiefs are elected or nominated, many questions arise now. Kuki can establish any village anywhere in Manipur covering any number of Gam(s) thereby appointing Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs at any time under this Act.

This very Act of 1966 is now become a favorite tool/weapons for Kuki to occupy land in Manipur. With this very Act, Kukis are encroaching on forest lands in Manipur forming Gam(s) and Chiefs. This process had been going on continuously on the soil of Manipur.

The Act originates from the Chin hill of Myanmar (erstwhile Burma). A similar Act in Myanmar and Chieftainship in chin hill of Myanmar was abolished by Myanmar Government long back. The Assam Government had also abolished "Assam Lushai Hill District (Acquisition of Chiefs! Right) Act – 1954". Hence, this draconian Act is removed and abolished in the place of its origin, but it is still in practise in Manipur. Now, there is need of cancellation/abolishing of this Act in Manipur also

92% of Manipur's land is classified as Hill area and 8% of it is classified as valley area. Again 2% of valley area is water bodies and wetland ecosystem and the inhabitable area in the valley region is only 6%. Again 80% of State population thrive in valley region, it is congested.

This congested fertile land is targeted by the Kuki chiefs to occupy by any means. Their dream of occupying this fertile congested area was already initiated by the Kuki Chiefs since 1980, at their meeting convened with an agenda on the Penetration to Imphal valley. Hence, the violence which started on the 03rd May. 2023 was not immediate start on that day only, but it was explosion of conspiracy bomb which was seeded / planted in the mind of the Kuki Chiefs, day only, but it was explosion of conspiracy bomb which was seeded / planted in the mind of the Kuki Nation/Zo intellectuals since 1980, it was a spontaneous and continuous process for formation of Zale'n Gam (the Kuki Nation/Zo Nation) since then.

Manipur has got a land law under and name and style of "Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act- 1960". The land law is operational in only 8% of the State valley land and 92% of the hill land has got no land law. People living in the 8% of the valley land are given ownership of the land by giving land documents like Dag-chilha and Patta. When there is land dispute the Revenue Department settles the dispute by referring to the land records.

People living in the 92% of State's hill land is the "Manipur Hill Areas (Acquisition of Chiefs Right) Act- 1966". There is no demarcation of land under this Act and hence there are no Dag-chitha and patta. Demarcations of land in Hill are lump sum. There is a term "gam" under this Chiefs' Right Act -1966 which has no geographical size of the land. The word gam is not found in any English Dictionary

But, the very Act defined that the Gam means a tract of land in hill area held by a Chief. There can be unlimited gam(s) in hill area of Manipur. There is another term "Chief" who is the head of the gam. The Chief has the supreme power of the Gam area which has no limitation in geographical size. The Chief has the supreme power of bringing in anybody into the gam or expel out anybody from the gam. The poor Kuki individuals/families are at the mercy of the chiefs. This Act is very much liked by the Kuki Chiefs and favorable Act of the Kuki chiefs.

The Kuki Chiefs can establish any gam(s) anywhere in fertile forest land of Manipur and they can bring any number of immigrant new Kuki from Myammer (erstwhile Burma) and Bangladesh into the their gam(s). The old Kuki chiefs who are already in Manipur to control the politics of Manipur and land of Manipur, so they started planning since many years to bring in Immigrant Kukis to Manipur

All Kuki chiefs dreamed to eliminate the valley dwellers from Manipur and it was a long strategic plan. Mr. RK Rajendro



Some President, International Meeter Forum had presented a paper tiled "The Kuki State Demand by KSDC",

As per his (Rajendro's) report a joint meeting of Kuki chiefs was held at imphal on the 04th May, 1980 on the agendum "Penetrate into Imphal valley". At the meeting, Kuki chiefs decided to penetrate in Imphal valley very carefully and tactically by eliminating and slaughtering the valley dwellers. From this date, they (Kuki chiefs) had sown the seed of the Kuki land (i.e Zo Land) in Manipur since 1980.

From this date, they (the Kuki chiefs) had hijacked majority of Govt. fund for development of Kuki area. They taken fund from World Bank to make road in foothills of Imphal valley and occupied the foothills by initiating the idea of S.A.D.A.R. Hill district. For mobilizing the fund for Kukis economic development, both State Govt., Central Govt. and world Bank were persuaded persistently.

We do not know how many Chief(s) can be appointed and how many Gam(s) can be established in Hill area. What the rules are for appointing a person as a chief for a gam. Because of these lacunae & week reasons in the "Manipur Hill Areas (Acquisition of Chiefs Right) Act- 1966", I propose to cancel/repeal this very Act from the soil of Manipur to abolish the concept of Chieftainships in Forest land of Manipur. The Chieftainships in Manipur and Kuki desirous of occupying more and more land in Manipur Forest land had created the present conflict between Kuki and Meetel. The Kuki wants to establish a Kuki Land (Zale'n Gam) under this Act.

Their (Kuki Chiefs') obsession for land can be understood from the following examples in Kanglatongbi Zilla Parisad area. There were four Panchayats in Kangpokpi when it was under Senapati District. The four Panchayats are (1) Koubru Leikha Gram panchayat, (2) Santolabari-Parsian Gram Panchayat, (3) Kalapahar Gram Panchayat and (4) Toribari Gram Panchayat These four panchayats cover all those revenue villages which are covered under MLR & LR Act - 1960

The Kaki chiefs wanted to occupy to these revenue lands which fall under four Panchayats, so they (Kuki Chiefs) want to end the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) including Kanglatongbi Zilla Parisad. They wanted to bring these land under Manipur Hill Areas (Acquisition of Chiefs Right) Act- 1966". So they (Kuki Chiefs) lobbied the Government to abolish 4 panchayats and one Zilla Parisad vide Chief Secretary deletion order No. 6/2/2012-RD & PR, dated 23rd March, 2015. Their idea is that these areas are under the Hill of Manipur, so there should not be any PRI institutions in Kangpokpi region. Many times, the Kuki chiefs attempted to burn down the land documents at SDC office located at Sekmai Bazar.

Kuki Chiefs wanted all land record be deposited at Kangpoke District Head-quarters so that they can burn the documents. Now, Kuki chiefs are threatening the Nepali not pay land taxes and they (Kuki chiefs) said to Nepali the land belong to Kuki chiefs and hence, Nepali should pay land taxes (House tax) to Kuki Chiefs, but not to Government. Due to this indigenous Nepali are not happy with the Kuki Chiefs. The Kuki Chiefs were trying very hard for this since 1975-

They (Kuki Chiefs) are attacking the land under the Makeng Dolaithabl Gram Panchayat area also. Some of villages of this panchayat are Hangoipal, Matakhong, Aishem, Maken Ngourou etc. They (Kuki Chiefs) are occupying the area forcibly and pressurising the land owner (Meetei and Nepali) to sell the land to Kuki at low price. Such pressure are also witnessed in the Serou and Phabakchou Ikai/Torong, Bangala areas also.

Burning of so many Forest Offices and forest documents before the 03rd May, 2023 was the result of removing the encroached land of Kuki by Govt. The bulldozing and levelling of the Meeter land in Churchanpur town is also example. So far Meeter had not bulldozed and levelled any Kuki's land located at Sangaiprou, Leirikyeng-bam, New Lambulane, Kor-renger etc in Imphal valley.

Hence the main cause of Kuki Meetei clash/conflict is due the over jealousy of land by Kuki to own land in Manipur to establish a Zale'n Gam (i.e Zo Land) for which their plan to penetrate into Imphal valley by wrongful means.

The Kuki Chiefs from various locations from India, Bangladesh and Myanmar (erstwhile Burma) conducted many interaction meetings with cultural dances/programmes at various location at Saikul, Lamka, Kangpokpi, Galnga Lentol, Moreh. Chandel of Manipur, Nongleh and Aizawl in Mizoram at different dates for formation of Zale'n Gam (i.e. Zo-Land).

Such meetings / gatherings are arranged in the within state since 2001- 2002. What the intelligence officers of the State and Center are doing for such long warning by Kuki Chiefs. So, it were long dream and plan of Kuki Chiefs to form Zale'n Gam since 1980. The conflict did not started on 03rd May, 2023, it was already started from May, 1980. The notorious Kuki SoO agreement was signed only in 2008 to get lot of fund for their caures.

"Penetrate into Imphal valley" and to control over all Manipur Govt were their (Kuki Chiefs) main target and to fulfill this target. Kuki Chiefs had adopted the following systematic steps for the past 40 to 50 years.

Maximization of the Kuki Bureaucrat Officers in Manipur Secretarial, all Govt. Departments, Banks & other establishments:



At present situation, 90% of Bureaucrat Officers in Manipur Secretarial (starting from Deputy Secretaries to Joint & Addl. Secretaries level) are occupied by Chin-Kuki people. The Meiter Bureaucrat officers occupy only 8% and 2% by Naga Bureaucrat officers. In Home Department also Kuki occupy 95% in all cadres (rank and files).

In all offices (Government establishment, Banks, Manipur University and companies) in Manipur, maximum number of Kukis are found employed. This is due to the fact that immigrant Chin-Kuki when they become Indian, they are tagged as Scheduled Tribe and got all facilities of ST

Because of ST status, these immigrant Chin-Kuki get through jobs in all Departments under Union of India and companies and bank. There so many Kuki soldiers in Assam Rifles, because of this Assam Rifles not reacting to the Kuki militants when the militants attack the Meeter villages, rather they are keeping silent and watching Kuki militant to carry out arson, burning Meeter houses.

Due to non-action of Assam Rifles, CSO of Meeter is demanding withdrawal of Assam Rifles from Manipur. Kukl Chiefs are giving more emphasis to induct/introduce into in the employment in administrative Services, but less emphasis is given into induct into medical and Engineering services in Manipur.

Pooling and Collection of Fund:

To achieve establishment of Zale'n Gam (The Kuki Nation, Zo land), the Kuki Chiefs launched fund drive from drug business, cultivation of Poppy plants and seiling of weapons. They bought valley homesteads land from Meetel as soon as message (the sale of land) were heard. They give handsome money to informers land deal as a reward. Their drug business had spread wide and large. Drugs from Golden Triangle and Chin region of Myanmar are smuggled by Kuki Chiefs via Manipur to Indian main Land, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives and Nepal.

Spreading of Gams in SADAR Foothills :

The foot hill of periphery of Imphal valley are the catchment area of Loklak Lake. These forest land, they coined as SADAR hill district and occupied slowly these area and they lobby and established many Gam(s), welcome the immigrant Chin-Kuki and expand their population and make vote bank.

Suggestion to end the Conflict:

"The Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms – 1960" should be extended to whole of Manipur state to have a uniform land law. If this law is extended in Hill of Manipur, the hill people can take loan from Bank as the land record / Patta can be mortgage / collateral with the Bank, hence livelihood activities in hill people can developed with bank financial facilities. This will be good development for the Kuki as well as Naga people.

National Registration of Citizens (NRC) should be implemented at war footing with 1950 as base year so that Immigrant foreigners are identified

Plantation of trees should be taken up in those area in war footing where Kuki cleaned the for poppy cultivation. This will help in the water stocking capacity in the catchment area of Manipur ecosystem. Encroachment and destruction by Kuki in catchment area/ forest areas should be stopped.

Abortion of SoO with immigrant Kuki / Foreigne: Kuki should be initiated. SoO carder should not accumulate more weapons and they should strictly follow the ground rule as per agreement Quick completion of International Border fencing be done.

Assam Rifle Officers and their carders posted in Manipur be replaced by Assam Rifles officer and carders now posting in North east states like Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim Assam Rifle Officers and their carders posted in Manipur have got all 3Ws

*TBiren Singh wrote this article for The Sangai Express
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