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The Kuki-Zomi Insurgency in Manipur

demands all the parties to stick to the conditions that admit them into the SoO group. Exercising any sort of military might, particularly by the armed groups, is bound to be seen as violation of the contract that they have mutually entered into. On the part of the armed groups, it appears that none would immediately choose to stand in the way of the peace process in their quest to walk the talk towards securing "political solution". In this connection the KNO spokesman stated that the main purpose of SoO was to engage in political dialogue to find a political settlement for the Kukis within the constitution of India. Calvin H, member of the UPF also asserted that "despite the stand of the Government of Manipur" for territorial integrity, "there is no binding clause in the constitution that says the boundary of the state cannot be changed" ("KNO, UPF and the SoO: Long Walk to Talk", www.kanglaonline.com, accessed on 29 June 2010). UPF's convener of the Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) TL Jacob Thaduo stated that the armed groups are adhering to the agreed conditions of the "Ground Rules" in good spirit. He said that the armed groups have been pragmatically engaged in a learning process that requires them to make peace, build confidence and resolve differences. Further he said, the preparations, thus far, have been held in a positive atmosphere with certain progress, though without definitive agreements for the

political talks. Commander of 59 Mountain Brigade, stated on 27 November 2009 that the tripartite SoO pact signed between the Central Government, the State Government and the Kuki militant groups were still in transitory phase and no political dialogue has been initiated as yet ("SoO in transitory phase", *TSE*, 27 November 2009). **Violation of SoO and Internecine Wars**
The Kuki and Zomi ethnic armed outfits despite being in SoO with the State and the Union government continued to engage in extortion, fratricidal turf wars and internecine factional clashes, kidnapping for ransom, intimidating the civilians, interference in developmental programmes, and influencing the outcome of the Autonomous District Council (ADC) election 2010 results through sheer coercion. An amount of Rs. 21,48,095 was released for the purpose of payment of compensations to the land owners affected by the land acquisition for the construction of the ICP at Moreh. From the compensation amount, KNA/KNO maintaining cease fire trust under SoO imposed diktat that they will cut 57 percent of the compensation amount received by the land owners. Out of the compensation amounts KNA/KNO had collected Rs. 17, 76,000 (*Hueiyen Lanpao (HL)*, Imphal, 1 May 2010). In this connection the Integrated Check Post - Joint Action Committee (ICP-JAC) had earlier on 04 April 2010 demanded

the Chandel district administration that distribution/payment of compensation should be delayed until the KNA was permanently driven out from 'Moreh' and Chandel District. The KLA on 17 November 2009 while declaring its decision to no longer go along with the KNO/KNA alleged the later of repeatedly violating the ceasefire ground rules in the name of KLA in the form of levying taxes, extortion, kidnapping etc. to blackmail the KLA. (*IFP*, Wednesday, 18 November 2009). On April 2010, there were reports of villagers of Bungbalkhullen, Seichang and Suongthel areas in Senapati District fleeing their respective villages following continued clashes between suspected rival Kuki militants under SoO. A particular outfit under SoO had on 27 May 2010 spelled out that contractors who have violated the outfit's instruction of seeking prior permission would not be entertained for undertaking works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The same outfit abducted the chief of Kom village, Thayong and imposed a fine of Rs. 100000 for not attending a meeting of village chiefs of the area and eventually released on payment of Rs. 80,000. KLA despite in a SoO agreement locked in the Imphal-Guwahati passenger bus from outside at a place near in Dimapur and set it on fire with 32 passengers still inside on October 2008 because of the bus owner's failure to pay

their "tax" demand. It resulted in the death of two passengers (Interstate bus services suspended over burning down of state bus in Assam; Two charred to death inside locked bus, *IFP*, 25 October 2008). On 2 June 2008, the United Committee Manipur in a memorandum submitted to Manipur Governor, blamed the SoO agreement signed with the Kuki militant outfits for the rising crime and unchecked violence in some parts of the State. It stated that due to the improper implementation of the truce details there were unrestricted and open extortions being carried out along with abductions for ransom which had become routine further adding that the Imphal-Moreh Sumo service was suspended due to monetary demands imposed by the KNA on the transporters. Cadres of the Kuki and Zomi armed outfit under SoO was found in the fraudulent withdrawal of Rs.4.54 Crores of public fund in between 03-14 October 2010 from the Churachandpur branch of United Bank of India ('SoO group found to be behind UBI bank fraud case: 57 Mt Div', *IFP*, Tuesday, 03 November 2009). KNA allegedly intimidated the voters belonging to Kom community in Sagang and Tuibuong areas in Churachandpur District and at Moreh area in Chandel District and disrobe them of their right to vote in the Autonomous District Council (ADC) held in May 2010. During the year 2013 to 2017 (till 01 October), internecine clashes involving the outfits under SoO have resulted to 19 death casualties and three injured (Compilation from 'Internecine Clashes among Kuki Outfits in Manipur: 2005-2017', <http://www.satp.org>, accessed on 26 October 2017).

SoO Groups coming to Common Political Objectives
On 25th November 2015, the KNO and UPF have unanimously decided to pursue common political objectives which would be nothing less than a 'State status' within the constitution of India. They also together forewarned against the formation of any new outfit and stated that any such move should be countered collectively ('KNO, UPF agree on common pol road map, warn divisive forces', *TSE*, Imphal, 30 November 2015). On 2nd March 2007, while speaking for the election meeting at 'Churachandpur' (Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath promises pol solution for SoO groups Assures integrity of Manipur' *TSE*, Imphal, 03 March 2017.). 'Churachandpur' is the most populated hill district of Manipur and also the

Know Your MP Candidates

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Imphal, March 31,
"Editors' Guild Manipur, will be organizing debate/discussion/Q & A sessions of the candidates of Manipur Outer and Inner Parliamentary Constituencies on 4th (Outer) and 7th (Inner) April 2019 in connection with the upcoming Lok Sabha election 2019. The program is entitled "Know your MP Candidates" and will be participated by various stake holders from various walks of life and eminent personalities. Stake holders table will include Senior Citizens, Lawyers, Intellectuals/academicians, Journalists, Entrepreneur, Trade and Commerce, Government Employee Unions, CSOs, Film and entertainment

industry, Social Activists like Human Rights/Consumer forum/Tribal rights, women group etc. Over and above stake holders table, few seats will be open to general public. The purpose of this debate/discussion/Q & A is to enable the people of Manipur to choose a perfect representative who will represent Manipur at the parliament. As Manipur has only 2 representatives, EGM feels that the people must choose representatives who will be dynamic, accountable, clean, socially responsible, qualified, visionary and above all have Manipur in his or her heart. EGM understands that democracy is about people's rule and strength of the democracy lies in making an informed

choice. The time to make the choice is here and this debate is to help people make an informed choice. The event will take place at Hotel Grande from 1PM onwards and will be telecast live on major cable networks and covered widely in state news papers. To encourage the media, best reportage prize will also be given to reporters and editor of the paper publishing it. All candidates, stake holders are cordially invited to participate in this event. For any further details kindly contact the Khogendra Khomdram, President EGM (9206328599) or Yumnam Rupachandra, Secy. Gen. EGM (9612158469)." General public interested in participating will be on first come first serve basis.

Assam Rifles conducts drug deaddiction drive, encourages school Children

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Imphal, March 31,
In continuation of de-addiction drive undertaken by Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles, the medical officer along with team carried out check up and provided medicine at Rehab Hope Centre, Moriah Lhangtheng, Ward no 2, Moreh. A total of 41 inmates attended the medical camp during which they were educated on the benefits of drug free life and critical withdrawal symptoms associated with drug addiction. Inmates were provided counselling and provided medicines free of cost to

alleviate their agony including the replenishment of earlier installed first aid box. The regular medical camps from Moreh Battalion have ensured significant improvement among patients. The ongoing efforts to have a drug free environment have resulted in phenomenal recovery as per the chairman. A pledge would be taken by all the inmates on upcoming World Health Day to curb this emerging drug menace in the society. The inmates expressed heartfelt gratitude and thanked Assam Rifles for this unique initiative. On the other hand, Shangshak Battalion

under the aegis of HQ 10 Sector, IGAR (S) distributed various sports equipment to St. Paul School at Ramva (Shakpao) on 30 March 2019. The sports equipment included Football, Volleyball, Cricket kit and Carromboard for the children of the school. The sports equipment was aimed to channelise the energy of the children in positive direction and contribute in nurturing the sport talent in the village. The sports items were received with heartfelt gratitude and the school and the villagers conveyed their sincere appreciation for the initiative taken by the battalion.

Half marathon and quiz for SVEEP campaign in Kangpokpi

DIPR
Kangpokpi, March 31,

A Half-Marathon was organised yesterday as a part of SVEEP campaign in Kangpokpi District. The half-marathon was flagged off at 6.30 a.m by the Deputy Commissioner/DEO, Kangpokpi District Lalthambigai K, IAS. The race was participated by Superintendent of Police, Kangpokpi Hemant Pandey IPS, ADC/ADM Lalramsang Inimate MCS, SVEEP Nodal Officer Chungliemngang MCS, Additional SP Emmanuel Inimate MPS, Major Subrata Debbarma of 38 Assam Rifles, SDOs, Election Officer, District Level Officers, staffs of DC Office, students and youths of the district. It was promoted with the tagline "No runners to be left behind." The half-marathon completed at Thomas Ground, Kangpokpi District HQ. After the race, a quiz competition was also held at the same venue to give awareness to the public on inclusive voters and free and fair elections. The DC, SP, ADM and



Additional SP gave away the prizes to the winners of the half-marathon and quiz competition. A special prize was also given to a participant who got first among female participants. Speaking on the occasion, DC Lalthambigai stated that the half-marathon was organised as an awareness campaign for the use of EVM/VVPAT machines to all voters of the district and the idea of inclusive voters i.e no voters to be left behind. She also appreciated Major all participants and even the small kids who came out and won both the quiz and the race. The DC also extended her appreciation to SVEEP

Nodal Officer Chungliemngang and his staffs, who despite of very limited time, organised and made the half-marathon and quiz a successful one. Addressing the gathering, Chungliemngang stated that three polling stations have been identified as Model Polling Stations and will be manned by women polling personnel. He also thanked Major Subrata Debbarma of 38 Assam Rifles for his immense co-operation in organising the programme. Later, an awareness programme of EVM/VVPAT was organised at Thomas Ground where the general public was given hands-on training on the use of EVM and VVPAT.

outfits under SoO have resulted to 19 death casualties and three injured (Compilation from 'Internecine Clashes among Kuki Outfits in Manipur: 2005-2017', <http://www.satp.org>, accessed on 26 October 2017). In collision with the interest of the other communities that could potentially trigger another form of conflict would come into sight in the very near future. To add a caution, if any form of autonomy is to be granted, it should not be community exclusive as the guiding spirit should be that of peaceful co-existence and not of extending sovereignty to one particular ethnic group. Since SoO is the first ever peace initiative involving the state government, it should pave way for substantive dialogue towards durable solution of the Kuki and Zomi hydra-headed insurgencies. Successful resolution of the Kuki and Zomi insurgent problems through SoO would invite the willingness of other armed outfits which are still eluding the offer for peace talks.

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ASSAM SCHDULDE viii Form No 100
High Court Criminal Process No.4

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF THE ACCUSED
No. IV - Schedule V, Act V 1898

(Section 87 of the code of criminal Procedure)

<p>1) Name Description and address</p> <p>2) Has committed or is suspected to have committed.</p> <p>3) Name</p> <p>4) Have absconded or is in concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant</p> <p>5) Place of</p> <p>6) This Court or</p>	<p>Whereas complaint has been made before me that Md. Sahidur Rahman S/O LT. Basir Uddin Rahman of Moijing P.S. Thoubal, Dist- Thoubal, Manipur . the offence of u/3-379 IPC Punishable under Section to Indian Penal Code and has been returned to a warrant of arrest.</p> <p>the repon issued that the said (3) accused.cannot be found and whereas a been shown to my satisfaction that the said (4)</p> <p>Have absconded or is in concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant Proclamation is hereby made that the said (4)</p> <p>is required to appear at (5) The Chief Judicial Magistrate K/A Assam,</p> <p>before (6)</p> <p>answer the said complain on the <u>20.04.19</u> day of</p>
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Date this day of 20
Faraearded to SP Ythoubal, Manipur.

Sd/-
Chief HJ Judicial Magistrate
Karbi Anglong, Diphu, Assam