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## **Path to Peace and Constitutional Integrity: Tripartite Dialogue to Follow Suspension of Operations Agreement**

In a significant step toward restoring peace and political stability, the Government of India, the Government of Manipur, and the Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF) have reaffirmed their commitment to a structured and time-bound tripartite dialogue. This dialogue shall follow the recently renewed Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement and aims to pave the way for a negotiated political settlement under the Constitution of India.

### Upholding Constitutional Sanctity Against Territorial Integrity

It is imperative to underscore that any territorial integrity or unilateral administrative assertions by a particular state to alter boundaries the Indian Constitution provides a clear framework under Articles 1, 3, and 368 for any territorial reconfiguration, which must be initiated and ratified by Parliament, not through executive overreach or judicial misinterpretation.

### Clarification on National Highway-2 by Kuki Zo Council

KNO and UPF would like to make clear its position regarding National Highway-2 (Imphal–Dimapur) via Kangpokpi district. Contrary to misinformed narratives, the Kuki-Zo community never closed or blocked the highway. The KZC's appeal was specifically confined to the Kangpokpi stretch and aimed at encouraging cooperation with central security forces to ensure the safe passage of essential goods

KNO and UPF reiterates that this gesture must not be misinterpreted as an endorsement of unrestricted movement across buffer zones between Meitei and Kuki-Zo areas. The sanctity of these zones remains paramount, and the responsibility for securing the highway lies with the Government of India and its deployed force.

The KNO and UPF urges the public and media to refrain from spreading misinformation and to respect the nuanced realities of the region's security and political landscape.

KNO and UPF will uphold the people's aspiration in the future course of political dialogue for creation of a Union Territory with Legislature for the Kuki Zo people within the constitution of India.

This press release reflects a collective commitment to peace and constitutional fidelity. The path forward lies in dialogue, not division.

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