



**UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT (UPF)**  
**KUKI NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (KNO)**  
upfkno@gmail.com



Ref: PR/UPFKNO/26/005

14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Joint Statement of Condemnation by KNO and UPF**

The Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and the United People's Front (UPF), representing the Suspension of Operations (SoO) groups of the Kuki-Zo people, condemn in the strongest possible terms the barbaric and cowardly ambush carried out on vehicles carrying respected Church leaders of the Thadou Baptist Association (TBA) between Kotzim and Kotlen villages in Kangpokpi district on 13th May 2026.

This heinous and inhuman attack, allegedly perpetrated by suspected Naga militants, resulting in the tragic loss of innocent lives and injuries to several others, is an unforgivable act of violence against unarmed civilians and religious leaders who have tirelessly worked for peace, healing, and reconciliation amidst the ongoing suffering in Manipur. Such brutality is not only an attack on the Church and the Kuki-Zo community but also a direct assault on humanity, peace, and the sacred values of coexistence and civilization. The targeting of Church leaders and innocent civilians can never be justified under any circumstance. This savage act reflects a dangerous disregard for human life and threatens to further destabilize an already fragile situation in the state.

We unequivocally denounce this atrocity and reject every form of violence directed against innocent people, religious institutions, and humanitarian representatives.

The KNO and UPF demand an immediate, impartial, and time-bound investigation into this barbaric attack and call upon the concerned authorities to identify, apprehend, and prosecute all perpetrators, conspirators, and those aiding such acts under the fullest extent of the law. Justice must not be delayed, diluted, or denied. The blood of innocent civilians and servants of God cries out for accountability.

At this critical hour, we urge all communities and armed groups to exercise utmost restraint and refrain from any retaliatory actions that may further inflame tensions. Violence only deepens wounds and prolongs the suffering of our people. The path forward must be one of justice, dialogue, mutual respect, and peaceful coexistence.

The KNO and UPF reaffirm our commitment to the Suspension of Operations agreement, the protection of civilians, maintenance of peace, and the pursuit of a just and honorable political solution through democratic means. We stand in solidarity with the bereaved families, the Church, and all those affected by this horrific tragedy.

We pray that Almighty God grants comfort to the grieving families, healing to the injured, and eternal peace to the departed souls. May truth, justice, and lasting peace prevail in Manipur.

Issued jointly by:

Kuki National Organisation (KNO)

United People's Front (UPF)

14th May 2026