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Conflict in Imphal

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Dear Mr. Shoemake,

Zar shared your information with me, and I am sorry to be reaching out to you at such a time, but we have an urgent crisis on our hands, that is largely being ignored by the global media and is being swept under the rug by the Manipur and the Indian government.

As we speak, a young man paralyzed from the neck down is sheltering with his old mother in the home of a non-Christian neighbor in fear for their lives, the airlines are refusing to fly him out, I have copied this young man's sister, who lives in San Mateo with her American husband. They are one of many people in camps or being sheltered by kind neighbors, who are risking their own lives. People are running out of medication in Imphal and Lamka, and the stories that are emerging of the inhumane conditions at the camps as people who are able to leave Manipur arrive in Guwahati and New Delhi as horrific.

My own family had to go into hiding at a neighbor's house. My 77-year-old mother, my sister-in-law, 3 children under the age of 5, 3 young girls under the age of 17, their 7-month pregnant renter and her husband, left our family home just before it was overrun by the rampaging mob, around 11:30 pm local time on the 3rd of May, where they sheltered in a mosquito-ridden, small, dingy, dirty store room, while the mob hunted for them. This is surreal to be writing this, and thankfully they are safe. But they have lost everything, and they are one of the lucky ones. But how do you rebuild from this?

We need the US government to act, and we will be reaching out to our representatives here. Meanwhile, the US embassy could also help by highlighting the humanitarian crisis and helping us get urgent aid and UN peacekeepers before this crisis becomes a genocide. **The world does not need more refugees.**

This data summarizes the population by the districts in existence as of 2011 (the last census, since then in 2016 an additional 9 districts were created). As you can see, in 2011 the population of hill tribes, as measured by those speaking a language spoken by a hill tribe, was just over 49k in both districts that comprise Imphal; whereas the population of non-hill-tribes people in Churachandpur district is just over 6.5k. Both populations have undoubtedly grown since then.

District	Hill-Tribe	Non-Hill-Tribe	Non-Manipur	Grand Total
Bishnupur	2,540	232,366	2,493	237,399
Thoubal	1,446	415,700	5,022	422,168
Imphal East	26,672	389,798	39,643	456,113
Imphal West	22,563	470,898	24,531	517,992
Chandel	115,297	5,343	23,542	144,182
Churachandpur	249,413	6,727	18,003	274,143
Senapati	424,218	2,555	52,375	479,148
Tamenglong	137,559	230	2,862	140,651
Ukhrul	176,205	864	6,929	183,998
	1,155,913	1,524,481	175,400	2,855,794

Source data and calculations are attached.

Thanks,
Florence
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Attachments:

1. NAMTA Press Release 05/07/2023

2. Addendum to letter dated May 7th, 2023
3. Source data for census including calculations

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3 attachments

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