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Murder of a Disabled Person: Debora Donngaihching Hangzo

Manipur, India is descending into new depths of inhumane anarchy and barbarism. The ethnic cleansing of the Kuki-Zomi minority tribals from the Imphal valley since the 3rd of May, 2023 continues to gather steam heading towards a full scale civil war and genocide.

Even before we are able to begin reeling from the aftermath of David Thiek's brutal beheading on the 3rd of July, 2023, we are now faced with yet another monstrous murder of a 62-year-old disabled woman – Debora Donngaihching Hanzo on July 6th 2023.

Her only faults were that she belonged to the Kuki-Zomi tribes, suffered from mental illness and stayed behind in Imphal despite the mass exodus of her people. This tragic death was further exacerbated by disgusting allegations of her being a "suicide bomber" by the majority Meitei propagandists.

In addition to the violation of her basic human rights, her murder is a particular affront to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). This murder cannot be dismissed as just another casualty in the larger conflict raging in the state of Manipur.

It is an outrage that the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, has remained silent on this crisis. His government has perfected the art of tacit approval as far as the crushing of the rights of minorities are concerned in India. How much longer must we wait for any sign of justice to arrive on the horizon?

We call on the United Nations, the US and Canadian governments and every concerned citizen of our world to condemn the violence and take the Indian Government to task on their ineffective governance model that has resulted in the massive suffering of minorities in India. We are dying! We need help!

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