KSDC To Launch “Quit Kuki Land” Movement, Target Naga Peace Talk
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IMPHAL, Jan 21 (NNN): The Kuki State Demand Committee (KSDC) has announced to launch a ‘Quit Kuki Land’ movement from January 24 at 5 pm. The KSDC said given the neglect shown to the Kuki political demand for their rights to be respected and their territories to be constituted as a separate state of the Indian Union, the KSDC has decided to launch ‘quit Kuki land’ movement.

The local Indian authorities are advised to withdraw from Kuki territory and they will be held responsible for any untoward incident arising out of their failure to comply with this resolution of the Kuki people, the KSDC added. The Kuki militants supporting Kuki statehood are also hereby urged to stand behind the KSDC and act in concert with the KSDC and in tandem with the Kuki people’s ultimate political goal of governing ourselves over our land. The Kuki rights are not necessarily subject to recognition by the government of India. The KSDC said it will burn the Indian flag on January 26 as a mark of severance of ties between Kuki nation and the Indian state which had failed to recognize Kuki political rights even after 65 years of Indian Independence and the 65 years of Kuki tolerance. Hence, no Indian law will operate on Kukis living in Kuki territories.”On this august day, the 21st January, the collective of the Kuki chiefs and Kuki leaders unanimously resolved to adhere, pursue and uphold the resolution of the KSDC in the interest of realizing the Kuki state. The leadership of the KSDC has been ordained to immediately initiate a plebiscite of the Kuki people to garner Kuki people’s resolution for the Kuki state,” the KSDC stated. KSDC said seeking a political dialogue for recognition of Kuki territories as a state under the Indian Union had amicably written to the government of India several times.

According to the KSDC, on the eve of the Indo-ASEAN Car Rally entering Moreh, Kuki territory, the KSDC chose to repose faith in the government of India and withdrew the public blockade in Kuki areas after the government had promised immediate initiation of talks on the proposed Kuki state after the conclusion of the winter session of Parliament.”However, the government of India had yet again failed on its promise and had failed to initiate political dialogue till today. On the contrary, the government chose to circulate the possibility of granting a pan-Naga council to NSCN-IM prior to assembly elections in Nagaland,” the KSDC said.

The Kuki State Demand Committee representatives went to Delhi on January 14 and sought to apprise the Home minister of India on the need to settle the Kuki political issue before any solution with the NSCN-IM as the NSCN-IM continues to claim large parts of Kuki territory as Naga traditional land, the KSDC alleged. They waited till January 19. “The Home minister was too busy meeting the all party delegation from Manipur, a front that is orchestrated by the dominant Meitei community to fend for the atrocious and oppressive rule of the majority community. It is appropriate to recall here the all political parties of Manipur were instrumental in over-ruling the Supreme Court’s verdict on delimitation of assembly constituencies in the state through a presidential ordinance because the implementation of the court’s verdict stood to give adequate representation of tribals in the state assembly,” the Kuki State Demand Committee alleged.

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