

JUSTICE RAJKHOWA COMMISSION INQUIRY ON PARBUNG INCIDENT  
SITTING AT DC'S CONFERENCE HALL HELD ON 15-05-2006.

WITNESS No. : 30  
NAME : NGURLAWMTHANG  
F/M/D/S. : KHUONGNEIKHUM  
ADDRESS : LUNGTHULIEN VILLAGE,  
CHURACHANDPUR DISTRICT  
AGE : 42  
OCCUPATION : CULTIVATOR

ON OATH

I am from Lungthulien village. I was born and brought up at Lungthulien itself. The Lungthulien village comprised of around 325 households. I am presently a member of Lungthulien Village Authority. I was at Lungthulien village on the night of 16th January 2006. On the night of 16th Jan., an incident took place in our village, about 8:45 PM a truck entered into our village. The people who came by the truck got down from the vehicle as soon as they entered our village. and they began to throw hand grenade and started shooting. Those people started shouting to the villagers to come out of their houses keeping their doors open. They forced open the doors of the houses which were bolted from inside. As a result the doors of some houses were broken. They also came to my house. They hurled nine stones at my door as a result the door broke open and 2 persons entered into my house and their faces were painted. Both of them were carrying guns. They tried to hit me with their guns. Sensing that they were going to beat me with their guns, I gave my 7 yr. old son one of the two who was taller than the other person jumped and kicked at me at my right shoulder. His kicks hits my son also and we fell down. I have in all six children but in that particular night, 4 were staying with me and when those 2 persons began to assault me and the remaining 3 children came out of their room crying.

person slapped them also I was pulled from floor by those 2 persons and they began to slap me and I fell down. After that, they asked all of us to dress up properly and come out of the house. Then they took us at a place called Kawnpui which was about 3 furlongs away from my house where nearly all of the villagers were kept. After that all the people who were hurled up there were taken to mission veng, which is just near my house. Then all of us were made to line up, with our backs towards the road. Then we were beaten by some people from our back with firewood. Thereafter, the group of persons who had beaten us, they dragged more villagers to that place and they were also beaten. At the same time, the assailants kept on firing. Then the assailants picked up persons from among the villagers and ordered them to lay down on the ground with their face downward and <sup>began to</sup> beat them on their backs <sup>by firewoods</sup>.  
They were badly beaten.

at the assailants identifying themselves as pastors from the church and begging them mercy. The assailants shouted at them that they knew nothing about the pastors and started them to beat again. Then turning to the other villagers, the assailants asked them whether those 5 persons were in fact pastors of the village church and the villagers replied in the affirmative and begged them to stop beating. Then the assailants asked all

the villagers to sit down and wanted to know whether any member of the VA. was present among the group. I stood up and told them that I was one of the member of the village authority. Then they separated me from the mass and asked me whether I could provide food to them. I replied yes. Then they took me to my home. At my house they first asked me to prepare tea for them. I asked them for how many people I was required to prepare tea. They replied that they were 18 persons in the group and so they asked me to prepare tea for 18 persons. Accordingly, I prepared tea for them, I carried the tea to the place where all the villagers were huddled up. There I just served tea to those 18 persons. At the same time I saw them beating the villagers there. There was another group who were staying some distance away. I was directed to carry tea to that group also. I was ready to carry tea to that group but the assailants stopped me and asked me to send my daughter to serve tea there. Then my daughter went there carrying tea. When my daughter return after serving tea she told me that she had seen 2 girls, 1 inside one house and the other outside. The one who was outside house was tied to a chair. The girls inside was found with her mouth gagged. In the meantime I went home to prepare food for them. It was nearing dawn and 4 of the assailants came and took meal at my house. Then those assailants went back to the group of people and asked me to bring drinking water and I obeyed their order. In the open space where the villagers were huddled up, some among the assailants set fire to some firewood and they dragged some of the villagers and threw them on the burning firewood. Then the assailants asked the chairman, secretary and the member of the V.A. to bring a pig measuring 6 palms to them at Parbung. They threatened us telling that if they would not provide it with the pig then they would come again and beat us. So saying the assailants boarded in the truck and left the village, one of our villagers took a pig to village Parbung and handed it over to the assailants. After the assailants left the village, we took care of the injured persons and took them in hand cart to their respective houses. Around 400 persons were seriously injured in that incident. As I am a member of the V.A. the villagers came to meet me and told me that during the preceeding nights the assailants entered into their houses and molested and raped their daughters.

On 18th January 2006, 7 of our villagers went to Parbung at 2:00 PM to partake of the feast arranged by the assailants with the meat of the said pig, as per direction of the assailants. There the assailants told us that when the Indian Army proceeded from the western side towards parbung, their movement was to be informed to them otherwise they would come to our village to commit similar atrocities on our village. But before we reached the village Lungthulien, the Indian Army already arrived. The truck in which the assailants came, belongs to me and the same was hijacked by them. The Regd. No. is MN-02/7882. I requested the commission to direct the govt. to pay compensation to me and the other injured villagers and also the raped victims.

**XXX (By S. Lakhi Kanta, Advocate for MAFYF)**

I do not know Manipuri language i.e. Meitei lon. The nearest Army Camp from our village is at Sakawrdai which is located in Mizoram. From our village the distance from Sakawrdai will be 100 kms. No army personnel came to our village at any time prior to 10-01-2006. There are about 2470 villagers in our village. At first I saw 2 assailants and thereafter I saw another group of 5 assailants. But at my house they told me their group consisted of 18 persons. All of them were wearing campoufles dress and their faces were painted. It is true that in Army personnel put on sweeter dress. The nearest P.S. from my village is at Parbung which is a distance of 9km. from my village. At that time there was no police personnel at Parbung P.S. So, I could not make any report at the P.S. On 01-02-06 I filed a typed written report at Parbung P.S.

The assailants conversed with me in broken Hmar language but when they converse between themselves in meitei language which I do not know. When the army personnel came to Parbung, I get myself treated by the army doctor. There is 1 dispensary at Parbung, but no staff. I was given first aid by the army doctor and got discharged. I did not obtain any medical certificate from army doctor. Some other injured villagers were also treated by army doctor.

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It is not a fact that no incident of rape of the women, molestation, or physical assault of the villagers including myself took place as stated by me in my examination in-chief.

It is not a fact that there is no such incident at all.

**Re-examination - The Manipur Police personnel came to the Parbung P.S.. on 31-01-06 via Aizawl.**

**XXX (By Kh. Chandon Singh, Advocate for HRA)**

I am a graduate. I passed from CCPur College as a private candidate, I wrote the answer scripts in English. I can speak English to some extend but not fluently.

It is true that Indian Army consist of persons belonging to all communities of India, irrespective of the fact whether they belong to Manipuri, Paite, Hmar, Tangkhul, Mizo, etc. etc. Parbung Sub-division has got one SDO (Civil) with his staff. I do not know whether there is a SDPO with his staff at Parbung. Whenever an election is held in Manipur, it also takes place at Parbung and Lungthulien. We have one village authority which consist of 12 member including the Chairman.

Read over and admitted to be correct.

S. Rajkhowa 15.5.06  
Presiding Judge

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