

KLO observes martyrs day



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The Kamatapur Liberation Organisation(KLO) observed martyrs day on Monday at United Base Camp at an undisclosed location,recalled and paid homage to those heroes who have sacrificed their valuable lives for the caused of Kamatapur [state](#).

[Jiban](#) Singh Koch(Singha Koch),chairman of KLO, in a press statement said the Kamtapur was never part of [India](#) nor any relationship with ancient [India](#). Even during the British rule in Indian subcontinent, Kamtapur was never annexed to British Indian territory and remained an independent kingdom till 1949. After 1947, the newly independent [India](#) forcibly took Koch king Maharaja Jagaddwipendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur to [New Delhi](#) and made him [sign](#) the Koch-Bihar Merger Agreement on August 28, 1948. However, the formal annexation of Koch Bihar was announced in 1949. Since then Koch Bihar has been under Indian colonial occupation. Later, Koch Bihar was again annexed to west Bengal on 1st January, 1950, which sympathize the foreigners because of ethnic affinity.

‘Ever since the 1949 annexation of Koch Bihar, [India as](#) well [as](#) states government have adopted several measures to dilute Kamatapuri national identity. [India](#) government deliberately destroyed Kamatapuri language, culture and history and also exploited Kamatapuri in all aspects,included political, economics and culture, and made the peoples poor. Moreover there has been huge [influx](#) of foreigners into Kamatapuri. Systematically these foreign nationals began to dominate all spheres of life like political missionaries, economics centre and administration, which is the dangerous threat to Kamatapuri people in one hand’,he said.

He said, ‘Central and [state](#) governments have been capturing land forcefully from poor Kamatapuri people in the name of development, industry and military camp in the other hand. Which in result forced the Kamatapuri people to migrate to neighboring states. Today, Kamatapuri people once absolute majority ruling their own kingdom are becoming minority in their own ancestral homeland’.

The KLO has been fighting to restore the sovereignty and independence of Kamatapur. But colonial and racist Indian government is trying to crush our national liberation struggle. [India](#) government cracked down on democratic Kamatapuri movement, and also uncountable freedom fighters had been killed by security forces like Indian army, CRPF and police. The day of December 26(2000) was a very [tragic](#) day and on that day the Indian occupied force killed Nablu [Das](#), Jiten [Das](#) and Kandura [Das](#) brutally. It was heinous killing which created a huge panic in Kamatapur. The people was [against](#) of these killing and we gave our indignation to the cruel [India](#) and since then observing the day [as](#) national martyrs day to pay respect to the heroes martyrs, who laid their lives for the caused of Kamatapur.

The KLO has been fighting for the national right to self-determination in order to restore sovereignty and independence of Kamatapur. These fundamental and inalienable right to national selfdetermination is protected by the [UN](#) general assembly and international covenants.

‘Today I would like to express the existence of our struggles to my fellow Kamtapuri, that our struggle is to restore sovereignty and independence of Kamtapur and to defend our people and national territory. So, we have to sacrifice a lots for greater interest of our people and motherland’[Jiban](#) said. Addressing the martyrs day observation [Jiban](#) Singha said, ‘Today is national martyr’s day. On this auspicious day I convey my heartfelt revolutionary greeting to all of you. I pay my deep homage to those heroes who have sacrificed their valuable live for Kamatapur and paid my heartiest due revolutionary due tribute to the bereaved family members of theirs and also I congratulate all the central committee members who are working hard in home and abroad. I also extend my heartiest greeting to all the [leaders](#) and members who have been passing misery lives in the jail’. He has urging his fellow Kamatapuri said that we must overcome, because our [war](#) is true [war](#). It is law of nature. [Victory](#) is with us. I would like to remind [India](#) government that our fighting cannot be stopped neither they can’t suppressed and oppressed Kamatapuri people. Justice doesn’t [fear](#) injustice, and the Kamatapuri are not afraid of [India](#) how powerful it maybe’, he added. Permanent founder members of the [UNLFW](#),C-in-C General Kumchok ,deputy C-in-C Lt. General Niki Sumi of [NSCN](#), JK Lijang president PDCK, B Saoraigwra,president,BR Ferengga,general secretary,NDFB, Suchin Borok,organizing secretary NLFT, Captain Litpa Meitei of KYKL, Captain Mani Meitei of KCP and many high officials from different dignitaries organizations of UNLF of Western South East Asian were prominent attendees on the occasion.

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