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## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” — Matthew 5:4

The North East India Regional Catholic Bishops' Council expresses its deep shock and sorrow over the reported ambush on Kuki Baptist leaders along the Kangpokpi–Lamka Road, which led to the tragic death of several respected Church leaders and left others seriously injured.

This cruel and painful act of violence has taken the lives of innocent servants of God who worked tirelessly for peace, unity, and the spiritual well-being of their people. We mourn the loss of these faithful ministers and offer our heartfelt condolences to their families, the Baptist Church, and the entire Kuki community. We also pray for the quick recovery of those who are injured.

These Church leaders were not only pastors and ministers, but also messengers of hope, peace, and reconciliation in a region that has suffered much pain and division. Their loss is deeply felt by the Church and society.

It is deeply disturbing that people who dedicate their lives to peace and harmony became victims of such violence. The killing of unarmed pastors and Church workers can never be justified for any political, ethnic, or ideological grounds. Such acts are against the dignity of human life and the values of humanity and brotherhood.

The North East India Regional Catholic Bishops' Council strongly condemns this brutal attack and appeals to the Government of India, the Government of Manipur, and all law enforcement agencies to ensure justice and provide protection to innocent people.

We stand in solidarity with our Baptist brothers and sisters in this painful moment and pray that God may bring comfort to grieving families, healing to the injured, and peace and harmony in the region.

“The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Ps 34:18

Yours sincerely,

+John Moolachira

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