

Year Report 1998

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Form of atrocity ↓	Perpetrator →	Security Forces	Bengali Settlers	SF+BS	UPDF	Total
No. of person killed		-	2	-	3	5
No. of person tortured		4	26	-	21	51
No. of person arrested		15	-	-	-	15
No. of person harassed		5	22	-	30	57
No. of person against whom case lodged		-	-	-	-	-
No. of house set fire		-	2	-	-	2
No. of house looted & destructed		-	2	-	1	3
No. of house searched		-	-	-	-	-
No. of woman raped		2	2	-	-	4
No. of woman sexually harassed		-	2	-	-	2
No. of person kidnapped		-	1	-	20	21
No. of person whose land grabbed		-	-	-	-	-
Total		26	59	-	75	160

SF+BS = Security Forces & Bengali settlers; UPDF = United Peoples' Democratic Front

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1 November 1998: PCP member attacked by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari
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- 1 December 1998: PCJSS member attacked by anti-accord elements in Panchari
- 2 December 1998: Jumma girl raped by two Bengali settlers in Longadu
- 9 December 1998: PCJSS supporter kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Bandarban
- 19 December 1998: 3 innocent Jummas beaten up by the army in Rowangchari
- 22 December 1998: Three forest employee kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Dighinala
- 25-26 December 1998: New organization named UPDF formed by anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchay group in Dhaka
- 29 December 1998: PCJSS supporter shot to injury by anti-accord elements in Dighinala

January 1998

(1) 18 January 1998: PCJSS supporter beaten to death by anti-accord elements in Kutukchari

On 18/1/1998 a PCJSS supporter named Mr. Ashwini Kumar Chakma of village Kutukchari under Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati district was killed at his village. The anti-accord elements rounded up his house and then brutally beaten up to dead.

February 1998

(2) 27 February 1998: Shiv Mandir of Tripura people destroyed by Bengali settlers in Matiranga

On 27/2/98 Muslim youths destroyed one Shiv Mandir of Tripura people at Matiranga upazila HQ of Khagrachari district.

(3) 27 February 1998: Returnee Jumma refugee killed by Bengali settlers in Dighinala

On 27/2/98 Mr. Shasi Ranjan Chakma, s/o Surja Mohan Chakma, a refugee returnee of Bachamaram of 30 Bara Merung mouza under Dighinala upazila was killed by 3 Muslim settlers led by Abu Taher Jamadar s/o Sobahan of village Bhanu Kinkar para, Bachamaram of Baramerung mouza. His wife suited a case against the culprits. But no punishment was inflicted on them.

March 1998

(4) 9 March 1998: Employee of Gas company kidnapped by of Prasit-Sansay Group in Khagrachari

On 9/3/1998 the anti-accord activists of Prasid-Sansay Group kidnapped one security officer of Gas Company named Rafiqul Islam and one staff named Gomej from Gachban area of Khagrachari sadar upazila. They demanded a ransom of Taka 5 lacs.

(5) 10 March 1998: PCJSS member attempted to kidnap by Prasit-Sanchoy group in Dighinala

On 10/3/1998 some anti-accord activist of Prasit-Sanchoy group attempted to kidnap one PCJSS member named Sushil Kumar Chakma, s/o Satish Chandra Chakma from Babuchara area of Dighinala upazila under Khagrachari district.

(6) 10 March 1998: Anti-accord procession held by Prasit-Sanchoy group in Khagrachari

On 10/3/1998 anti-accord group of Prasit-Sanchay Group held a procession to protest against the CHT Accord. The demonstrators destroyed shops and attacked police forces. As a result, 20 people including a police officer were injured.

(7) 10 March 1998: Illegal toll collection of Prasit-Sanchay group opposed by local people in Ghilachari

On 10/3/1998 the local villagers of Gilachari on the Rangamati-Khagrachari road attempted to stop the forceful collection of illegal tolls by the anti-accord group. The latter were trying to collect illegal tolls by force from the passengers of a bus on the way. Consequently, a clash took place between the anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchay Group and the local people at Ghilachari area under Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati district.

(8) 14 March 1998: PCP member kidnapped by Prasit-Sanchay Group in Kaukhali

On 14/3/98 the activist of anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchay Group kidnapped a member of PCP named Subhash Chakma (22) s/o Jayan Chakma from Ghagra area under Kaukhali upazila of Rangamati district.

(9) 16 March 1998: Communal attack on Jumma student made by Bengali Muslim students in Rangamati Govt. College

On 16/3/98 Bengali Muslim students attacked the Jumma students of Rangamati Government College where 5 Jumma students including Kunal Khisa received injuries. It is learnt that a peaceful procession was held by Jumma Youth Hill Literature Society, an literary-cultural organisation of Jumma students. They submitted a memorandum to Minister for Information and Publicity of Government of Bangladesh through Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati district Md. Shah Alam for stopping to show a BTV serial "Emu Babu" (where the actor Emu Babu being a Muslim boy is in love with a Jumma girl). Muslim boys of the college harassed the Jumma boys for it while they returned to the college. Consequently, a beating between the two parties was occurred. In the said incident the police led by the ASP (Muslim) passively helped the Muslim boys. As a result, about 5 Chakma boys including Kunal Khisa received injuries by knife just in front of the police force.

Another boy named Shishu Chakma was wounded as he jumped down from the 2nd floor of the college for escaping from the Muslim boys' attack. Few Muslim boys also received injuries on that day. In retaliation to this incident, two Jumma students namely Dipak Chakma and Joyjit Tripura were injured by Muslims at Reserve Bazaar of Rangamati on 18/3/98. It is mentionable that in the morning time on that day there was quarrelling to beating Muslim boys named Sarwar, a first year student of higher secondary and Shimul, a student leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League of Rangamati college and Shisir Muni Chakma, a student of graduate of the same college.

The incident occurred when Shisir Chakma requested Shimul for not smoking at the boy's common room where due to health ground smoking was declared prohibited by the college authority. It is also mentionable that when the Muslim boys of the college failed to defeat the Jumma students then some Muslim students fled to their habitations and returned along with Bengali settlers and sticks (lethal weapons) and attacked the Jumma boys aided by the police. The police lobbed tear gas and shot rubber bullets mainly to the Jumma boys for which they were compelled to be dispersed and then the Muslim boys took the advantage of hitting them. But the news media manned by Bengali Muslims publicized news condemning the Jumma boys.

(10) 20 March 1998: Jumma woman raped by Bengali settler in Dighinala

On 20/3/98 Ms. Joyonti Prabha Chakma (32) w/o Padma Sen Chakma of village Modhya Boalkhali under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district while working lonely at their own field was raped by a Muslim settler named Abdul s/o Mozaffar of Boalkhali. The victim suited a case against the culprit but the government authority took no step.

(11) 21 March 1998: Road blockade programme held by Prasit-Sanchay Group in Chittagong-Khagrachari road

On 21 March 1998 Prasit-Sanchoy Group blockaded Chittagong-Khagrachari road in protest against the arrest of Sanchoy Chakma. The workers set fire on a bus. Sanchoy Chakma was arrested on 18/3/98 from Huang-o-boiyoba, a local club and library of Khagrachari sadar upazila while he was holding meeting. The meeting was to chalk out the action plan against the Peace Accord.

(12) 22 March 1998: Jumma dwellers threatened by Bengali settlers in Dighinala

On 22 March 1998 Bengali Muslim settlers of Chongrachari mouza in Chota Merung union under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district spread a rumor that they have lost 8 cows on March 21 and two persons (cowards). They demanded to the Chairman of Choto Merung union Mr. Shashi Mohan Chakma that their cows and men must be given back within 24 March 1998 and threatened that otherwise they would do whatever they could. The Chairman brought the matter to the notice of the police authority and the district authority. After investigation the authorities manned by Bengali Muslim could prove no such evidence for which the Jumma people could be made guilty. But, the Chairman who was elected as Chairman contesting against Bengali Muslim contestant cannot go and stay to his own union because of security reason. It is very clear that the Bengali Muslim settlers attempted creating chaos mainly to kill the Chairman of the said union. The Chairman demanded security measures for his safety. But the Government authority declined to his demand.

(13) 25 March 1998: PCJSS members attacked by Prasit-Sanchay Group in Khagrachari

On 25/3/98 a group of anti-accord activist of Prasit-Sanchay Group made an attempt to kidnap the following PCJSS members from Bijitala area under Khagrachari district. The PCJSS members hardly managed to escape. They were:

- 1) Mr. Birendra Lal Chakma s/o Bholanath Chakma
- 2) Mr. Tarun Jyoti Chakma s/o Debasen Chakma
- 3) Mr. Bimalendu Bikash Chakma s/o Bipin Chandra Chakma
- 4) Mr. Amalendu Bikash Chakma s/o Bipin Chandra Chakma.

(14) 27 March 1998: Anti-accord demands put by Bengali Muslims in Khagrachari

On 27/3/98 Khagrachari branch of Sarbadalya Parbatya Oikya Parisad (All Party Hill Solidarity Council) formed by Jamat-e-Islami, Jatiya Party and Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) issued a press release demanding 11 points in which included cancellation of CHT Accord, stopping of recruitment of PCJSS members in Bangladesh police, bringing PCJSS members under trials in the courts for killing Bengali Muslims etc.

(15) 29 March 1998: Returnee refugee killed by Bengali settlers in Dighinala

On 29/3/98 Mr. Kantimoy Chakma, a returnee refugee of Gobachari area of Rengkajya mouza under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district was killed on his way to home with bullocks received from the government authority by Bengali settlers.

April 1998**(16) 5 April 1998: House of PCJSS local leader surrounded by anti-accord elements in Panchari**

On 5/4/98 activists of Prasit-Sanchoy group, equipped with country made guns, sharp long knives and Daos, surrounded the house of Shyamal Prasad Chakma, PCJSS convenor of Panchari upazila committee, to kidnap him. But he was not at home at the time. The anti-accord activists harassed wife of Shyamal Prasad Chakma, destroyed some valuables and threatened to kill Shyamal if he did not stop PCJSS activities.

(17) 5 April 1998: Four public representatives attacked by anti-accord elements in Panchari

On 5/4/98 the anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay Group equipped with country-made guns and sharp long knives attacked upon the following local leaders at Panchari upazila Sadar. They narrowly escaped when their houses rounded up. Many valuables of the houses were destroyed. The Victims were arrested as they went to the Panchari police station to take shelter and were put to Khagrachari jail. The victims were-

- 1) Mr. Khageswar Tripura, Chairman of Latiban Union

- 2) Mr. Sadhan Chandra Chakma, Chairman of Chengi Union
- 3) Mr. Satish Chandra Chakma, Chairman of Logang Union
- 4) Mr. Swe Hla Prue Chowdhury, Headman of Pujgang mouza.

(18) 5 April 1998: 4 Jumma public representatives arrested by the police in Panchari

The police authority of Panchari police station in Khagrachari district arrested the victims. It was reported that the anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchoy group equipped with country made guns, sharp long knives, daos etc attacked upon the victims on that day. They narrowly escaped when their houses were rounded up and took shelter at Panchari police station. But they were arrested by the police and then put to Khagrachari jail. The victims were –

- 1) Khageshwar Tripura, Chairman of Latiban Union
- 2) Sadhan Chandra Chakma, Chairman of Chengi Union
- 3) Satish Chandra Chakma, Chairman of Logang Union
- 4) Swehla Prue Chowdhury, Headman of Pujgang Union.

(19) 6 April 1998: Communal attack on Jumma passer-by made by Bengali settlers in Dighinala

On 6/04/98 the police of Dighinala police station arrested the victims falsely accusing them of the incident of killing two Bengali settler children. But it was proved later that the children died while taking bath in the Maini River on 6/4/98. The police authority and the medical officer certified it as a natural death after necessary investigation. But the Bengali settlers brought out a procession on April 7 at Boalkhali of Dighinala upazila claiming the said children was killed by Jumma people. Bengali settlers looted the Jumma passers-by at Boalkhali-Dighinala road where 4 Jumma received injuries and were admitted to Dighinala hospital. The arrested persons were:

- 1) Mr. Krishna Bikash Chakma, s/o Ful Kamal Chakma, Pablakhali, Dighinala
- 2) Mr. Jipun Chakma
- 3) Mr. Angana Chakma s/o Chela Chakma
- 4) Mr. Sohel Chakma, s/o Ram Mohan Chakma
- 5) Mr. Asha Pradip Chakma (22) s/o Chandra Kumar Chakma of village Baghaihat under Baghaichari upazila of Rangamati district

One of them was an examinee of SSC who could not appear in the examination. The injured persons were:

- 1) Mr. Pre Kumar Tripura (18), s/o Kamini Tripura of Jamtali, Dighinala,
- 2) Mr. Samir Kanti Chakma (21) s/o Dharendra Chakma, Betchari Bibhuti Karbari para
- 3) Mr. Natun Bikash Chakma (22), s/o Birbahu Chakma of Tarabania, Dighinala,
- 4) Mr. Pintu Chakma (18), s/o Bharat Chakma

On 9/4/98 protesting the communal attack, the Jumma people held procession and protest meeting at Dighinala upazila HQ. After the procession and meeting, the Jumma people returned to their villages. But some Jumma persons who were returning to Kabakhali and Hazachara were attacked by the Bengali Muslims settlers, passively supported by a group of army patrol party at Shantipur of Pablakhali mouza under Dighinala upazila. Hundreds of Jumma persons rushed to the spot. In the beginning the army patrol party stood silent when the Bengali settlers attacked the Jumma persons. But while the number of Jumma persons increased and the Bengali settlers were being compelled to retreat then the army patrol party rescued the Bengali settlers. On the plea of the said incident Muslim settlers of Kabakhali set fire to two Jumma houses at Joy Kumar Karbari Para of Kabakhali. The victims were-

- 1) Mrs. Nigira Bala Chakma
- 2) Mrs. Surjya Mohan Chakma

(20) 6 April 1998: PCJSS members attacked by anti-accord elements in Panchari

On 6/4/98 the anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchoy group made an attack on the following PCJSS members at Pujgaong area under Panchari upazila in Khagrachari district. The attackers were

equipped with country made guns and sharp long knives. The PCJSS members narrowly escaped and took shelter at nearby Rupasen Para army camp. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Shankarmoy Chakma s/o Dhana Chakma
- 2) Mr. Smriti Chakma s/o Susmritimoy Chakma
- 3) Mr. Nayan Kanti Chakma s/o Pratibandhu Chakma.

(21) 12 April 1998: Jumma youth tortured by the army in Baghahat

On 12/04/98 Mr. Asha Pradip Chakma (22) s/o Chandra Kumar Chakma of village Baghahat under Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati district was inhumanly beaten up by the army personnel at Baghahat Bazaar. It was reported that he went to market to observe the Bizu festival, the greatest traditional festival of Jumma people in CHT. In this connection, he made a display of fire works in front of army personnel to enjoy the festival. But the army personnel took this as an insulting remark. All the Jummas expressed that that day was the festival one and he made the display of fire works just to enjoy. But the army personnel did not accept that argument and started to beat him up inhumanly and as a result, getting seriously injured he was admitted to Khagrachari sadar hospital.

(22) 28 April 1998: Minor Jumma girl raped by BDR person in Ramgarh

On 28/4/98 a minor girl named Miss Manalaxmi Tripura d/o Sarani Kumar Tripura, village Chinachari Para under Ramgarh upazila of Khagrachari district was raped by a BDR person named Mahbub from nearby sentry post. That day she just had gone to collect a bamboo from nearby jungle where she was caught by that BDR person from backside and raped.

(23) 30 April 1998: PCP activists arrested by the army in Naniarchar

On 30/4/98 the following members of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) were arrested and inhumanly beaten up by army of 8 EBR from Ghilachari army camp led by a captain. At first the captain arrested Mr. Mintu Bikash Chakma, s/o Bhulumoni Chakma, village Maischhari under Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati district while he along with some colleagues was collecting contribution for their organization from public and shopkeeper. After that, the following PCP leaders met the captain and requested to set free Mintu Bikash Chakma. Captain replied that he did not know them and he was king of that area. He beat them all inhumanly. Then he handed over them injured to the police authority of Naniarchar police station who got them admitted to Naniarchar Hospital on that day. On 1/5/98 they were transferred to Rangamati jail. The victims were -

- 1) Mr. Mintu Bikash Chakma s/o Bhulumoni Chakma, Maischhari, Naniarchar
- 2) Mr. Babul Kanti Chakma, s/o Prodip Chandra Chakma, Krishnamachara, Naniarchar
- 3) Mr. Mano Bikash Chakma s/o Laxman Bijoy Chakma, Maischhari, Naniarchar
- 4) Mr. Pragati Chakma s/o Tripura Charan Chakma, Bhuiya Adam, Naniarchar
- 5) Mr. Tridiv Chakma s/o Subuta Chakma, Bhuiya Adam, Naniarchar.

May 1998

(24) 12 May 1998: Returnee PCJSS member tried to kidnap by anti-accord elements in Mahalchhari

On 12/5/98 a group of anti-accord element of Prasit-Sanchay group led by Dipayan Khisa, Kalins Chakma, Hemanta Chakma and Utpal Chakma tried to kidnap a PCJSS member named Jiban Pradip Dewan s/o Balendra Sing Dewan. He is from Mubachari under Mahalchhari upazila. The kidnappers made this attempt as he refused to pay a toll of 20,000 taka at Mahalchhari bazar. With the help of others he narrowly managed to escape.

(25) 28 May 1998: Jumma house looted by the police and Bengali settlers in Dighinala

On 28/5/98 Mrs. Nandi Bala Dewan w/o Jyotiswar Dewan of village Kalachand Mohajan Para under Dighinala upazila of Khagrachari district was looted by some Muslim settlers and a group of police personnel from Dighianala police station. At mid-night the police personnel in collaboration with

Muslim settlers rounded up the house of the said victim and entered forcefully. They seized many valuables from Nandi Bala Dewan. They also tried to rape her but when the neighbours rushed her house and began shouting they had to flee away.

(26) 22 May 1998: Jumma woman raped by the police personnel in Rowangchari

On 22 May 1998 Ms. Kanika Tripura d/o Atal Tripura, village Sinai Para of Tarasamukh of Tarasa Union under Rowangchari upazila in Bandarban district was raped by two police constable namely Bakar Barua and Sadek Ali of nearby police post in Rowangchari upazila in Bandarban district.

June 1998

(27) 3 June 1998: Returnee PCJSS threatened by anti-accord activists in Khagrachari

On 3/6/98 a gang of 30/40 anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchoy group headed by Debadanta Tripura surrounded the house of a PCJSS member Muni Lal Talukdar alias Prahar s/o Shailendu Uday Talukdar of the village Jurmaram in Khagrachari district. The anti-accord elements threatened Munilal Talukdar to kill if not quit his involvement with PCJSS activities.

(28) 13 June 1998: Five PCJSS leaders kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Naniarchar

On 13/6/98 the following returnee members of PCJSS were kidnapped by a group of anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchay group from the village Ghilachari of Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati district. The kidnapped persons were:

- 1) Mr. Satyabir Dewan s/o Hiralal Dewan
- 2) Mr. Ashapurna Chakma s/o Pabitra Kumar Chakma
- 3) Mr. Tarun Kanti Chakma s/o Satya Bikash Chakma
- 4) Mr. Sona Ranjan Chakma s/o Dharendra Lal Chakma
- 5) Mr. Kishore Kumar Chakma s/o Bira Prasad Chakma.

The PCJSS leaders were visiting Ghilachari area to hold meeting in favour of the CHT Accord. The kidnapers under tremendous pressure by the local Jumma people were compelled to release the PCJSS members next day in Kaukhali upazila.

(29) 14 June 1998: Jumma girl kidnapped by Bengali settlers in Alikadam

On 14/6/98 one adolescent Jumma girl named Miss Khucharang Tripura d/o Manik Jan Tripura of village Pan Bazar under Alikadam upazila in Bandarban district was kidnapped by three Bengali settlers namely Abdul Khalek, Hamidullah s/o Ali Ahmed and Salamat Ullah of village Liskat Ali Para under 288 Alikadam mouza in Bandarban district. She was forcibly converted into Islam and compelled to marry a Bengali Muslim. A case was filed and culprits were held by the police but mysteriously released later on. Miss Khucharang Tripura returned back to her parent after remaining in confine to Bengali's house for one month and half.

(30) 18 June 1998: Returnee refugee attacked by Bengali settlers in Matiranga

On 18/6/98 a returnee refugee named Gudiya Chakma s/o Gurungya Chakma of Tanga Mohajan Para under Matiranga upazila of Khagrachari district was attacked by Bengali settlers while Gudiya Chakma went to his farm land to work. The settler was trying to occupy Gudiya Chakma's land.

(31) 20 June 1998: Communal attack on Jumma people made by Bengali settlers in Rangamati

On 20/6/98 one timber businessman named Zakir Hossian (25) of Manikchari under Rangamati district was killed by some Chakma youths at Katukchari under Rangamati Sadar upazila. It happened as a conflict of money transaction amounting Taka 42/52 thousands. Muslim settlers committed communal riots at Manikchari of Rangamati as soon as the dead body of Zakir Hossian was taken there. Long sharp knives, Daos, sticks and iron rods were used in that riots. In that incident Shashi Kumar Chakma (58) s/o Amiya Chakma of village Sapchari Joutha Khamar under Rangamati upazila was seriously injured and took shelter at the farm house of Anuj Dewan, and after primary treatment

he was taken to Rangamati Sadar and admitted to Rangamati Sadar Hospital on 21/6/98. Four Jummas including two women were given first-aid at Sapchari Buddhist Temple who were also victims of that riots.

On 21/6/98, as a reprisal to the above mentioned killing of Zakir Hossain, three Jumma youths and one mid-aged Jumma woman while returning from Chittagong were forced to get down from the bus (no. 040199) and beaten and chopped off by the Bengali Muslims. Other 7 Jumma passengers narrowly escaped from that bus. They were-

- 1) Mr. Abhoy Praksh Chakma s/o Angshu Prakash Chakma, timber businessman, Champaknagar, Rangamati
- 2) Mr. Babli Talukdar s/o Amiyo Prakash Talukdar, businessman, Contractor Para, Rangamati
- 3) Mr. Bhuridatta Chakma of West Tribal Adam, Rangamati
- 4) Mr. Mong Thing O Marma, Medical Officer, Rangamati Sadar

The following persons were held by the army with the help of the villagers of Kutukchari-

- 1) Mr. Antu Chakma
- 2) Mr. Aabir Chakma s/o Shanti Chakma of Rangi Para, Twichakma, Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati district.

(32) 22 June 1998: 4 Jumma youths arrested by the police in Khagrachari

On 22/6/98 a taxi with some Bengali passengers was attacked by some unknown miscreants at Swanirbhar near Khagrachari town. In connection with this, on 23/6/98 police from Khagrachari police station went to the spot and arrested some innocent boys of that area indiscriminately and beat them. One mentally retarded boy named Mr. Bara Peta Chakma (14) s/o Prabin Chandra Chakma of Perachara under Khagrachari upazila also was arrested and beaten inhumanly. As a result, he got serious injuries on his head and admitted to Khagrachari sadar hospital. The arrested boys were -

- 1) Mr. Sona Moni Chakma s/o Anil Kumar Chakma, Narankhiya, Khagrachari
- 2) Mr. Madhumoy Chakma s/o Chandra Kumar Chakma, Perachara, Khagrachari
- 3) Mr. Kala Chokha Chakma s/o Prabin Chandra Chakma, Perachara, Khagrachari
- 4) Mr. Prabin Chakma s/o Madhu Mangal Chakma, Perachara, Khagrachari.

Amongm them, Sona Moni Chakma was detained for one month under Special Power Act and the rest three were released on bail on 24/6/98.

(33) 24 June 1998: Jumma girl raped by Bengali teacher in Rangamati

On 24/6/98 a teenage Jumma girl, student of Rangamati Technical Training Centre (TTC), named Miss Manju Rani Chakma (15) d/o Samamoni Chakma of village Mohajan Para of Ghagra under Rangamati district was attempted to rape by her private tutor named Mamunul Hoque, teacher of TTC, Rangamati at his residence. Protesting this incident a demonstration was brought out by the students of PCP at Rangamati. Relating to this incident a case was suited with Kotowali police station in Rangamati district and Mamunul Haque was arrested by police but no punishment has been inflicted on him.

(34) 29 June 1998: Jumma youth arrested by the police in Manikchari

On 29/6/98 Mr. Chingsamong Marma (32) s/o Mongla Marma of Rajpara under Manikchari upazila of Khagrachari district was arrested by the police forces of Manikchari upazila. He was arrested in connection with the activities of PCP, PGP and HWF and released later in 1995.

July 1998

(35) 3 July 1998: Massive Communal attack on Jumma people by Bengali in Rangamati

On 3/7/98 at 10 p.m. clashes took place at Banarupa of Rangamati while a group of Jumma youth tried to prevent the Bengali shopkeepers from gambling. This clash started when one of the gamblers named Parithosh Das s/o Mintu Mistry called the Jumma youths names and this incident spread over the town when huge number of Bengali Muslim from Banarupa and Katthaltali area started attacking

on the Jummas and tried to set fire on the Jumma houses. Police forces played passive roles even after the fire service forces were barricaded by the rioters. In the meanwhile, one Muslim woman named Kuttari Begum (39), a foot path dweller died during the clash and the Bengali rioters attacked on the Moitri Bihar (Buddhist Temple) where they destroyed statues and pictures of Lord Buddha, furniture, window glasses, books and other valuables. One Buddhist monk named Ven. Jnanonanda Bhikshu and Mr. Ujjal Chakma were injured and admitted to Rangamati sadar hospital. On the next day the Bengalis forced the Jumma to get down from buses in front of Kakali cinema hall of Kathaltali and attacked with iron rods and sharp weapons where about 12 Jummas got injuries. Later, in the night the Bengalis made attack upon the Jumma inhabitants at Katthaltali of Rangamati where many Jummas were injured. They were given as below-

- 1) Ven. Jnanonanda Bhikshu (32), Moitry Bihar, Katthal Tali, Rangamati
- 2) Mr. Ujjal Chakma (17) s/o Ganga Sen Chakma, Moitry Bihar, Rangamati
- 3) Mr. Kiran Muni Chakma (28) s/o Bira Kishore Chakma, PCJSS member
- 4) Mr. Bimal Kanti Chakma (28) s/o Chanda Chakma, Bamey Longuduchara of Longudu upazila
- 5) Mr. Nama Ranjan Chakma (28) s/o Saradhan Chakma, Debachara of Banduk Bhangra
- 6) Mr. Buddha Ranjan Chakma (45) s/o Bandhu Chakma, Chota Harina of Barkal upazila
- 7) Ms. Rita Chakma (25) w/o Tapan Chakma, Baghachola of Barkal upazila, Rangamati
- 8) Mr. Sukra Moni Chakma (28) s/o Jibanya Chakma, Rangapanichara of Longudu upazila
- 9) Mr. Dayal Chandra Chakma (35) s/o Krishna Charan Chakma, Ghilatoli of Jurachari upazila
- 10) Ms. Renuka Chakma (17) w/o Niladhawaj Chakma, Katthal Tali of Rangamati sadar
- 11) Mr. Juradhan Chakma, Baranachari of Barkal upazila, Rangamati district

(36) 4 July 1998: Jumma woman attempted to rape by Bengali settler in Manikchari

On 4/7/98 Ms. Kanjuri Marma of Deppoa Para under Manikchari upazila of Khagrachari district was attempted to rape by Muslim settler named Mahfuj from the village Samprue Para of Manikchari upazila while coming out from a cinema hall after watching a film. When her brother went to save her the Bengali settlers attacked him where he got serious injuries on his head. Though police forces were present there they played inactive roles. In this connection the Muslim settlers tried to commit communal riot.

(37) 11 July 1998: Communal attack on Jumma people made Bengali settlers in Harina bazar

On 11/7/98 a riot was committed at Harina bazaar of Barakal upazila under Rangamati district as a reprisal of business. Muslim settlers from nearby areas made attack upon the Jummas came to the bazaar with the help of Major Zia from nearby army camp. They were equipped with Daos, knives, sticks etc. The Muslim settlers took captives around 10/12 Jummas. The injured persons were-

- 1) Mr. Rajendra Chakma (65) s/o Manoram Chakma, admitted to Rangamati sadar hospital
- 2) Mr. Amar Singh Chakma (60) s/o Suranga Chakma, admitted to Rangamati sadar hospital
- 3) Mr. Fulachan Chakma (40) s/o Chandra Chakma
- 4) Mr. Larechan Chakma (42) s/o Hangshadwaj Chakma
- 5) Mr. Jewel Chakma (26) s/o Chitra Kumar Chakma

(38) 13 July 1998: Bowm couple beaten up by Bengali trader in Bandarban

On 13/7/98 the Bengali Muslims led by a trader named Ledu Mian inhumanly beaten up a Bowm couple named Mr. Topkhup Bowm (55) and his wife Mrs. Daokim Bowm (52) at Balaghata Bazar under Bandarban sadar upazila as they did not agree to sell their pineapple at low prices. On the other, they (the Bowm couple) failed to file a case against the culprits as the Bengali miscreants threatened them.

(39) 15 July 1998: One villager shot dead by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 15/7/98 a group of anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group kidnapped two PCJSS supporters namely Mr. Sagarmoy Chakma and Mr. Shashi Bhushan Chakma from Perachara area under Khagrachari sadar upazila in Khagrachari district. Shashi Bhushan Chakma was released and

Sagarmoy Chakma was shot dead. The dead body of Sagarmoy was recovered by the police from the Chengi river near Mohalchari upazila on 22/7/98.

(40) 9 July 1998: The army threatened the public representative in Naniarchar

On 9/7/98 Major Mustafiz (8 EBR), commander of Ghilachari army camp issued an order to Mr. Alo Bikash Chakma, chairman of Ghilachari Union of Naniarchar Upazila to be present at his camp with his brother Priya Darshi Chakma s/o Banshi Mohan Chakma, a returnee PCJSS member within 3/4 days. The Major threatened that he knows how to beat up a man very well. Priya Darshi Chakma was accused of collecting and sending data of Bengali settlers to the PCJSS office. On the next day, a notice was sent to Alo Bikash Chakma through one Subedar Major of that camp that the consequences would be worse if he failed to be present along with Priya Darshi Chakma. And they had to flee for the sake of their life. It is mentionable that Priya Darshi Chakma, a PCJSS member has already selected for the post of sergeant in Bangladesh police.

August 1998

(41) 5 August 1998: Returnee Jumma refugees attacked by Bengali settlers in Panchari

On 5/8/98 the following returnee refugees were attacked by the Bengali settlers at Kalanal under Panchari upazila of Khagrachari district while the refugees went to their farm land. It is mentionable that the Bengali settlers occupied returnee refugees' land. The victims were-

- 1) Mr. Sumanta Bikash Tripura s/o Kirti Mohan Tripura, T & T Tila, Panchari
- 2) Ms. Rana Debi Tripura w/o Sumanta Bikash Tripura - T&T Tila, Panchari
- 3) Ms. Minu Debi Tripura- T&T Tila, Panchari

(42) 27 August 1998: Communal attack on Jumma people made by Bengali settlers in Khagrachari

On 27/8/98 a clash took place between Bengali settlers and Jumma people at Betchari Madya Para under Kamalchari union in Khagrachari district. It was learnt that the Bengali settlers went to collect firewood from Jum farm of a returnee refugees named Chandra Mohan Chakma (60) without having permission. As a result, Chandra Mohan Chakma opposed them as it caused to destroy the crops. After that the Bengali settlers returned back to their cluster villages and propagated that they were attacked by Jummas and then hundreds of Bengali settlers with long sharp knives, Daos and sticks started towards Madya Para for attacking the Jummas. Of course, they were prevented by army of Bhuiyachari camp. But while the Bengali settlers were returning home they attacked upon a Jumma passerby named Netibindu Chakma (22). He received severe injuries and got admission to Khagrachari sadar hospital. On the other, the Bengali settlers tried to attack on two Jummas including Barun Chakma (45) while they were returning home from Khagrachari bazar but they could narrowly escape. Later the commander of Bhuiyachari camp called a meeting with the local Jumma chairman, members, headmen and karbaries and told them that the Bengali settlers could collect the firewood from here and there until and unless they were settled with Khas lands.

September 1998

(43) 16 September 1998: PCP member kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 16/10/98 a PCP member named Jnanendu Bikash Chakma alias Rahul s/o Rangachan Chakma of Bhaibonchara village in Khagrachari district was kidnapped by a group of anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group led by Debadanta Tripura. He was released in the evening on the same day with severe injuries. The terrorists were equipped with country made guns and sharp long knives.

(44) 27 September 1998: One villager kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 27/10/98 Mr. Krishna Moni Dewan, a supporter of CHT Accord, of the Project area (no-2) of Kukichara under Khagrachari district was kidnapped and beaten up by anti-accord group of Prasit-Sanchay group led by Santosh Chakma, Sanatan Chakma and Binodhan Chakma from Giriphool area.

October 1998

(45) October 1998: BDR harassed the Jumma villagers in Alikadam

In October 1998 Major Kasem of Bara Madak camp of Alikadam upazila under Bandarban district ordered the Jummas of the villages namely Bara Madak, Paimong Para, Mongma Para, Krahlaching Para and Nali Para to attend with their cows and goats to the camp. After their arrival, the army major forcibly acquired a cow from Mr. Paithani Marma of Bara Madak Para at unreasonable low price.

November 1998

(46) 1 November 1998: PCP member attacked by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 1/11/98 a PCP member named Juddharam Chakma s/o Birbhadra Chakma of Shiva Mondir area under Khagrachari district assaulted by the anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group namely Santosh Chakma, Dipayan Chakma and Sanatan Chakma. He was threatened to stop activities in favour of Accord.

(47) 4 November 1998: PCP member kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 4/11/98 a PCP member named Priti Ranjan Chakma s/o Chandrajoy Chakma was kidnapped from the house of Jnana Lal Chakma of Gamaridhala area under Khagrachari sadar upazila in Khagrachari district by a gang of anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group. He was seriously beaten and released. He was threatened to death if not stop involvement with PCP activities.

(48) 10 November 1998: Participant of 15th death anniversary of M N Larma attacked by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 10/11/98, while members and supporters of PCJSS returning home from Khagrachari town after observing the 15th death anniversary of PCJSS founder Mr. Manabendra Narayan Larma were attacked by a group of armed anti-accord elements at Bijitala area under Khagrachari sadar upazila in Khagrachari district. A bus was destroyed and the following persons were injured.

- 1) Mr. Iran Kumar Chakma s/o Pradip Chandra Chakma of Kengelchari, Naniarchar,
- 2) Mr. Jadab Chandra Khisa s/o Prafulla Kumar Khisa of Monatek, Mohalchari,
- 3) Mr. Jiban Pradip Dewan s/o Balendra Dewan of Khularam Para, Mohalchari,
- 4) Mr. Ananga Mohan Chakma s/o Nabakrishna Chakma of Rangi Para, Naniarchar,
- 5) Mr. Bikash Khisa s/o Prafulla Kumar Khisa of Pahartali, Mohalchari,
- 6) Mr. Prakriti Chakma s/o Dayal Chandra Chakma of Karalyachari, Mohalchari.

The attackers of the anti-accord elements were: 1) Shanti Chakma s/o Nishi Kumar Chakma of Manikchari, Mohalchari, 2) ikalo Chakma s/o Basudeb Chakma of Ultachari, Mohalchari, 3) Uttam Kumar Dewan alias Andy s/o Dina Mohan Dewan of Gamiri Dhala, Khagrachari, 4) Harendra Lal Chakma s/o Saleswar Chakma of Gamiri Dhala, Khagrachari.

(49) 10 November 1998: Shop of PCJSS member looted by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 10/11/98 the anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group led by Shanti Chakma, Nikalo Chakma, Uttam Kumar Dewan and Harendra Lal Chakma looted and destroyed the shop of a PCJSS member named Kiranjoy Chakma s/o Chitra Kumar Chakma of Betchari Mukh under Khagrachari sadar upazila. This incident was held at Bijitala area under Khagrachari sadar upazila under Khagrachari district.

(50) 11 November 1998: PCJSS member ordered to leave their localities by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 11/11/98 the anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group led by Uttam Kumar Dewan alias Andy s/o Dina Mohan Dewan of Gamiridhala area under Khagrachari sadar upazila served a notice to the following PCJSS members to leave Gamiridhala, Ultachari, Maischari and Bijitala area of Mahalchhari and Khagrachari upazila otherwise they would have to face dire consequences. The PCJSS members were:

- 1) Mr. Bodhisatta Chakma s/o Joy Kumar Chakma of Gamaridhala, Khagrachari
- 2) Mr. Bimalendu Bikash Chakma s/o Bipin Chandra Chakma of Gamaridhala, Khagrachari
- 3) Mr. Kanti Bhushan Dewan s/o Sadhan Chandra Dewan of Gamaridhala, Khagrachari
- 4) Mr. Kiranmoy Chakma s/o Chitra Kumar Chakma of Betchari, Khagrachari
- 5) Mr. Bimal Chandra Chakma s/o Nanda Kumar Chakma of Dantkupya, Khagrachari
- 6) Mr. Santoshmoy Chakma s/o Raj Kumar Chakma of Manikchhari, Mohalchhari
- 7) Mr. Arodhya Pal Khisa s/o Puruchan Khisa of Karalyachari, Mohalchhari.

(51) 16 November 1998: PCJSS members and supporters kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Laxmichari

On 16/11/98 the anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay Group kidnapped two PCJSS members and two supporters from Lelang Para of Barmachari union in Laksmichari upazila under Khagrachari district. The anti-accord activists were equipped with guns. The abducted persons were;

- 1) Mr. Aungyajai Marma s/o Jahlaprue Marma of Major para, Laxmichari (PCJSS member)
- 2) Mr. Jyotish Dewan s/o Sukamal Dewan of Dewan para, Laksmichari (PCJSS member)
- 3) Mr. Paitung Marma s/o Chanai Marma of Hajachari, Laksmichari
- 4) Mr. Mongkya Aung Marma s/o Rengya Marma of Monghla Para, Laksmichari.

(52) 16 November 1998: PCJSS supporter shot dead by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 16/11/98 a PCJSS supporter named Kamini Mohan Chakma s/o Bhuban Joy Chakma of Munigram village under Khagrachari sadar upazila was shot dead at his house by the activists of anti-accord Prasit-Sanchoy group.

(53) 27 November 1998: PCP member kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Khagrachari

On 27/11/98 one PCP member named Priti Kusum Dewan s/o Joy Muni Dewan of Bhaibonchara under Khagrachari sadar upazila was kidnapped by the activists of Prasit-Sanchoy group. Priti Kusum was forced to get down from bus at Giriphool area under Khagrachari sadar upazila while he was coming from Bhaibonchara to Khagrachari town. He was tortured inhumanly and released on the next day.

December 1998

(54) 1 December 1998: PCJSS member attacked by anti-accord elements in Panchari

On 1/12/98 a group of anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group equipped with arms, fired upon the PCJSS members at Modhu Mangal Karbari Para under Panchari upazila in Khagrachari district while they (PCJSS members) were returning home from Panchari sadar. As a result, the PCJSS members went to Pujgang army camp to take shelter but the camp authority did not help them.

(55) 2 December 1998: Jumma girl raped by two Bengali settlers in Longadu

On 2/12/98 Miss Kanchan Mala Chakma (18) d/o Krishna Chandra Chakma of Ultachari mouza under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district was raped by two Bengali settlers namely Md. Alamgir (22) s/o Habib Mannan and Md. Ismail (20) s/o Bazalul Haque while working in farmland (turmeric farm). It was informed to local administration but no action has been taken.

(56) 9 December 1998: PCJSS supporter kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Bandarban

On 9/12/98 a group of anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group led by Sa Ching Nue Marma kidnapped one PCJSS supporter named Satish Chandra Chakma from Dulu Para of Bandarban sadar. The anti-accord elements were equipped with arms. They seized forcibly 600 Taka, one camera, one gold chain and a finger ring from Satish Chandra Chakma. He narrowly escaped from the custody of anti-accord elements and filed a case against the culprits but the police authority did not take any action.

(57) 19 December 1998: 3 innocent Jummas beaten up by the army in Rowangchari

19 December 1998 Subedar Md. Amin and Captain Mosharaf Hossain of Bengchari army camp under Rowangchari upazila of Bandarban district beat up the following victims:

- 1) Mr. Meduk Marma, Bengchari
- 2) Mr. Cha Suinu Marma, Bengchari
- 3) Mr. Mong Khu Marma, Bengchari

(58) 22 December 1998: Three forest employee kidnapped by anti-accord elements in Dighinala

On 22/12/98 the anti-accord activists of Prasit-Sanchay group kidnapped the following employees of Bangladesh Forest and Industrial Development Corporation (BFIDC) from Baghaichari Karalyachari area under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district. The victims were:

- 1) Abdur Rahman, driver,
- 2) Abdul Matin, Supervisor,
- 3) Kamal Uddin, Supervisor.

(59) 25-26 December 1998: New organization named UPDF formed by anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchay group in Dhaka

On 25-26/12/98 anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchay group held a two-day conference in Dhaka where they floated a new organization named United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) basically to oppose the CHT Accord as well as PCJSS and to achieve full autonomy for the Jumma people of CHT.

(60) 29 December 1998: PCJSS supporter shot to injury by anti-accord elements in Dighinala

On 29/12/98 anti-accord elements of Prasit-Sanchay group shot Mr. Kanti Chakma s/o Prabhat Chakma, a PCJSS member at Baradam area under Dighinala of Khagrachari district. He was seriously wounded and had to get admission at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.
