

Year Report 2001

At a glance

Form of atrocity ↓	Perpetrator →	Security Forces	Bengali Settlers	SF+BS	UPDF	Total
No. of person killed		-	3	-	13	16
No. of person tortured		5	44	5	20	74
No. of person arrested		31	-	-	-	31
No. of person harassed		27	5	-	-	32
No. of person against whom case lodged		6	4	-	7	17
No. of house set fire		-	130	-	4	134
No. of house looted & destructed		1	118	466	20	605
No. of house searched		-	-	-	-	-
No. of woman raped		4	1	-	-	5
No. of woman sexually harassed		-	-	-	-	-
No. of person kidnapped		-	2	-	60	62
No. of person whose land grabbed		-	3	-	-	3
Total		74	310	471	124	979

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

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In November 2001: Bengali settlers of Kobakhali started cutting jungle for constructing new houses on the lands of Jummas

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10 December 2001: PCJSS members kidenapped by UPDF in Guimara

15 December 2001: Jumma trawler driver killed by Bengali cow traders in Rangamati

19 December 2001: Jumma people attacked by Bengali settlers in Longadu

20 December 2001: Son of PCJSS leader kidnapped by UPDF in Khagrachari town

22 December 2001: House wife raped by Bengali micreants in Rangamati town
 23 December 2001: Subir ostad shot dead by UPDF cadres in Longadu
 25 December 2001: Jumma village attacked by UPDF in Ranagmati town
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 28 December 2001: Innocent Bengali kidnapped by UPDF in Rangamati town
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January 2001

(1) 2 January 2001: Innocent Jumma arrested by the police in Ramgarh

On 2/01/01 at 4.00 p.m. the police from Ramgarh upazila arrested Mr. Aung Sui Ching Marma alias Anghla Mong (25) s/o late Chatari Master of village Dewan Para under Guimara upazila in Khagrachari district while returning home from father-in-law's house of Garjantalib by bus. Next day, the police lodged a false case against him and sent him to the district court.

(2) 2 January 2001: Innocent Jumma arrested by the police in Ramgarh

On 2/01/01 at 3.00 p.m. the police from Ramgarh upazila arrested a innocent Jumma named Mr. Biranga Chakma (31) s/o Jitendra Chakma of village Buddhadhan Karbari Para under Guimara upazila from Jalia Para. He was sent to Khagrachari district jail.

(3) 2 January 2001: PCJSS members tried to arrest by the police in Guimara

On 2/01/01 at 10.00 p.m. the police of Guimara upazila rounded up the houses of Mr. Binay Chakma, member of Guimara UP and member of PCJSS Guimara UP committee and Mr. Rangachoga Chakma (35) of Indramani Karbari Para under Guimara upazila. At that time, Binay Chakma was not at home but the police harassed his wife. Rangachoga was at home but he could narrowly escape. The main cause of trying to arrest them by the police is to harass the PCJSS members.

(4) 3 January 2001: Military operation in Ramgarh and Guimara

On 3/01/01 several groups of army from Patachara camp, Parshuram Ghat camp and Guimara brigade along with police conducted operation through out Ramgarh and Guimara upazilas relating to kidnapping incident of Dolphin bus driver on 2/01/01 from Ramgarh-Matiranga road. This operation has been continued for a week. Hundreds of army camped at Buddhadhan Karbari Para Primary School. They harassed the innocent Jumma people including women and children.

(5) 9 January 2001: Innocent villager arrested and tortured by the army in Guimara

9/01/01 at 5.00 a.m. a group of army from Guimara region HQ conducted operation at Dhamai Para of Abya mouza under Guimara upazila in Khagrachari district. In this operation, the army searched the house of following villagers and then arrested them. The victims were-

- 1) Mr. Barendra Tripura (45) s/o Nal Chandra Tripura
- 2) Mr. Alindra Tripura (35) s/o late Sukharay Tripura (UP member)
- 3) Mr. Dhana Kumar Tripura (40) s/o Nal Chandra Tripura.

(6) 13 January 2001: Innocent villagers arrested by the army at Barkalak of Jurachari

On 13/1/2001 camp commander of Barkalak Atiar army camp Subedar Ahmmad arrested the following innocent Jumma villagers from Barkalak village under Jurachari upazila in Rangamati district. They were falsely accused to keeping arms. They were handed over to the police of Barkal police station after brutally torture and then transferred to Rangamati jail. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Meghanath Chakma s/o Rabi Chandra Chakma
- 2) Mr. Prabhat Chakma s/o Sahadev Chakma

That day at mid-noght, the camp commander beaten the following sick person at his home as he was working for PCJSS. The victim was:

- 1) Mr. Amal Krishna Chakma (24) s/o Jattanya Chakma.

(7) 15 January 2001: Bengali settlers oppose CHT Accord

On 15/01/01 the Bangali Krishak Shramik Kalyan Parishad (Bengali Farmers and Labors' Council), an organization of settlers held a press conference at Khagrachari press club. In the press briefing, the general secretary of the Parishad Mr. Abdul Awal reiterated that they would continue opposing the CHT Accord and demanded to rehabilitate them in CHT as internally displaced persons. In this press briefing, chairman of the Parishad Mr. Mostafa Haidar Chowdhury, organizing secretary Mr. Mahbubur Rahman and information secretary Mr. Abdul Hossain were present.

It is mentionable that The government of Bangladesh has not only kept unimplemented the CHT Accord relating to rehabilitation of Bengali settlers outside CHT, but also took initiative to rehabilitate them as internally displaced person and to include them in the voter list violating the CHT Agreement. Consequently, the Bengali settlers are, day by day, increasing their activities against the Jumma people. At present, they possess huge number of arms including firearm, long knife etc. for perpetrating communal riot at any moment.

On the other, they are always committing atrocities against the Jummas, such as, raping, kidnapping and killing of Jumma girl and women, land grabbing, looting etc.

(8) 22 January 2001: Jumma students attacked by Bengali settlers in Rangamati Govt. College

On 22/01/01 a group of armed cadres of Bengali settlers with firearms attacked the Jumma students of Rangamati Government College. In this attack, some Jumma students were injured. It was noted that admission test of Technical Training Centre (TTC) in Rangamati was held on 19-20 January 2001. During admission test, some settler teachers favored the settler students. As a result, some agitated Jumma students destroyed some furniture of TTC and beat a settler teacher named Golam Murtaza. As retaliation to this incident, the settlers spreading communal tension attacked the college students with the help of police on that day. On the other, the following two college students were arrested while returning college from Bana Bihara and falsely accused with the incident of TTC. The victims were-

- 1) Mr. Amlan Chakma Jewel (19)
- 2) Mr. Ritan Chakma (18)

On the other, a false case was filled against some Jumma residing at Kalyanpur concerning the TTC incident. During the incident, almost all the accused persons were not present at the spot. Protesting against the arrest of innocent college students and lodging of false case, the Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) organized a meeting at courtyard of Deputy Commissioner's office. In this meeting, the PCP demanded to release the arrested students urgently and to arrest actual culprits.

(9) 22 January 2001: Rohingya extremist acknowledges involment with Islamic fundamentalists & assisting the Bengali settlers in CHT

On 22/01/01 Chittagong metropolitan police arrested the chief of staff of the extreme Rohingya Islamic armed organization 'Mujahedin' Mr. Selim and his associate Mr. Nur Mohammad from House no. 243 of Road no. 4 of Block No.-A of Chandgao in Chittagong city. He acknowledged that his organization was involved with several Islamic fundamentalist political parties and armed group including Harkat Jihad in Bangladesh. Headquarter of their organization is stationed in Libya. He told the police that they had at least 5 thousand armed cadres in Bangladesh along with AK-47 rifles, LMGs, rocket launchers and anti-air craft etc. They set up network throughout Bandarban, Cox's Bazar and Chittagong. The Islamic countries including Pakistan, Syria and Taleban government of Afghanistan has assisted them. They have been assisting the Bengali settlers in CHT for long time. Like Mujahedin, several Rohingya Islamic armed groups, such as, Arakan Rohungya National Organization (ARNO), Rohingya National Council (RNC), National Party of Arakan (NPA) etc. are active in this region. All the members of the organizations were involved with arms and drug trafficking in Bangladesh, India and Myanmar.

(10) 28 January 2001: PCJSS supporter kidnapped by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 28/01/01 the anti-accord elements kidnapped a PCJSS supporter Mr. Manik Chandra Chakma of village Shaileswari under Naniarchar upazila from his house and seized all the valuables of his parent. His parent took shelter at relative's house and passing days in miserable condition after loosing all his valuables.

(11) 28 January 2001: PCJSS supporter kidnapped by UPDF in Kaukhali

On 28/01/01 at 8.00 a.m. the anti-accord elements led by Hari Dhar Chakma, Sona Dhar Chakma, Rupayan Chakma and Gyanamoy Chakma kidnapped a supporter of PCJSS Mr. Rintu Chakma (15) s/o Padma Sen Chakma of village west Mitingyachari under Kaukhali in Rangamati district from his house at gunpoint. He was released after keeping captive and human torture by heavy amount of ransom.

(12) 29 January 2001: PCJSS supporter kidnapped by UPDF in Ghagra

On 29/01/01 at 12.00 noon a supporter of PCJSS Mr. Shanti Lal Chakma (20) s/o Nuachan Chakma of village Chelachara Joutha Khamar of Ghagra under Kaukhali upazila from Chelachara while going to a wedding ceremony of his relative was kidnapped by same armed group of anti-accord elements. He was inhumanly tortured and released by paying handsome amount of ransom.

(13) 30 January 2001: PCJSS supporter kidnapped by UPDF in Longadu

On 30/01/01 an armed group of anti-accord activists kidnapped two PCJSS supporter namely Mr. Gopal Bikash Chakma (25) s/o Kinadhan Chakma and Rintu Chakma from Tanjangchara under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. The anti-accord activists inhumanly beat them up. The anti-accord activists had to release them on the same day under tremendous pressure by the villagers.

February 2001

11 February 2001: CHTRC demands to cancel Govt. order on issuing Permanent Resident Certificate by Deputy Commissioner violating CHT Accord

The CHT Regional Council protested against it and in the 1st meeting of the Advisory Committee on CHT Affairs held on 11/2/2001 Chairman of CHTRC raised this issue, but the government did not lift this order till now. It is notable that according to the CHT Accord, the traditional Circle Chiefs are entrusted to discharge the responsibilities whether the person is permanent resident or not. However, the CHT Ministry issued an order on 21/12/2000 that the certificate of the Deputy Commissioner would also be applicable.

11 February 2001: Meeting between PM Sheikh Hasina and CHTRC Chairman and PCJSS President J B Larma held

On 11 February 2001 meeting was held between PM Sheikh Hasina and CHTRC Chairman and PCJSS President J. B. Larma. Mr. G. K. Chakma, member of CHTRC and Vice President of PCJSS was also present.

The meeting continued from 9.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. During the meeting following issues were discussed:

1. Development

PM Hasina told that development was necessary for CHT. She opined that she would grant certain projects for CHTRC.

She told that an Institute for development of various languages was going to be established in Dhaka. In this connection, Mr. J. B. Larma asked for taking up projects for education in the mother tongues of the tribal peoples in CHT. She expressed that such projects could be taken up later through the above stated institute.

Mr. J. B. Larma said that CHTRC was not involved in the process of the development activities formulated and implemented by various departments for CHT. She expressed that she would see the matter.

2. Budget

PM Hasina expressed that her government would allot fund for development projects of CHTRC separately.

3. CHTRC Complex

CHTRC Chairman raised that the project for CHTRC complex was yet to be granted. She said that she would personally see it and added that she would prefer traditional architectural design for making the buildings of the CHTRC Complex.

4. National Parliamentary Election

PM said that her 3 MPs from CHT were also not free from corruption. But she opined that as they worked with her for the last 5 years so she would give them nomination for contesting in the next parliamentary election. Mr. J. B. Larma told that they were not acceptable to the people of CHT.

5. Voter List

Mr. J. B. Larma raised the issue of making the voter lists in CHT only with the permanent residents.

PM Hasina explained that voter lists for parliament election in CHT could not be made so. Because, any such arrangement would be contradictory to the law of the constitution and she had no strength to amend the constitution.

Mr. J. B. Larma expressed that special administrative arrangement had been introduced in CHT and in consonance with it voter lists also should be made. He added the people of CHT and his party would not accept any election with the voter lists comprising the non-permanent non-tribal residents and mentioned that the situation would take a serious turn.

PM said nothing to it. But Mr. J. B. Larma requested her to think the matter deeply.

6. Ashrayan Project

PM said that she had allotted TK. 2 (two) crores for the Ashrayan Project in CHT. She again and again asked the CHTRC Chairman to accept the project.

CHTRC Chairman expressed that involvement of the army should be excluded from the process as well as the project would be modified for proper rehabilitation of the deserving poor and landless persons. But she did not agree to it.

7. Other Issues

PM expressed from her own that once they were able to assume power in the next they would transfer the settlers from CHT and the pacification projects for the military and the ration supply for the settlers would be stopped. It can be concluded that PM was interested only in winning support for the next National Elections.

(14) 13 February 2001: one PCJSS member killed and one injured by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 13/02/01 at 6.00 a.m. a armed group of anti-accord elements led Ananda Prakash Chakma of Khulyang Para under Naniarchar upazila attacked upon the PCJSS members at Baradam village of Batbil under Naniarchar upazila. In this attack, one returnee PCJSS member name Mr. Mani Ratan Chakma got severe bullet injury at abdomen. He got admission at Rangamati district hospital and then transferred to Chittagong Medical College hospital in serious condition. On the other, returnee PCJSS member Mr. Bimal Chakma s/o Nandi Kumar Chakma of Shiyalya Para under Naniarchar upazila and PCJSS supporter Mr. Nama Ratan Chakma s/o Chandreswar Chakma of Baradam of Batbill were kidnapped by the anti-accord activists. After that, Bimal Chakma was killed and Nama Ratan was released after paying heavy amount of ransom.

(15) 16 February 2001: Three foreigners kidnapped by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 16 February 2001 at 4.00 p.m. an armed group of UPDF headed by Amulya Dhan Chakma kidnapped 3 foreign nationals from the place named Atharo mile post of Gunia Para area under

Naniarchar Naniarchar in Rangamati district of CHT region. It was about 25 kilometres north from Rangamati town.

The foreign nationals went to see the Rangamati-Khagrachari road, which is to be expanded and repaired by DANIDA, Development Agency of Denmark Government. On that day, they left Rangamati by a rented car and on their returning way they were stopped on the road by placing obstruction with a bundle of bamboos. The kidnappers allowed Mr. David Weston, engineering expert from UK and the driver along with the car to leave the spot for Rangamati. In fact, they were released to inform the authority about the ransom. Other 3 foreign nationals, namely, Mr. Turben Nicholson and Nils Furgrant of Denmark and Tim Selbi of UK were kidnapped. The kidnappers demanded 9 core Taka for release of the foreigners. Mr. David reported it to the concern authorities on that day.

After a month on 17 March 2001 the hostages were freed. According to military briefing, the abductors escaped after brief gun battle with troops. Army troops rescued the three Europeans in a lightning raid at the kidnappers' hideout at Daijyapara under Kaukhali, 38 km northwest of Rangamati town, in the early hours of 17 March after a brief exchange of fire. But the local people believed that the exchange of fire was fully eyewash. The local people believed that the kidnapping drama is a pre-planned act of the UPDF. On the other, it is learnt that the hostages were freed by heavy amount of ransom as per understanding between the kidnappers and army.

[Please see Important Reports for details]

(16) 23 February 2001: Jumma woman raped by the BDR in Barkal

On 23/02/2001 Ms. Gurumila Chakma w/o Nandu Chakma of Chandabighat under Bhushanchara union of Barkal upazila in Rangamati district was reped by Shafi (writer) of Dasharat Para BDR camp under Barkal upazila while she was staying alone at her house. It was informed to camp commander Subedar Saidul Islam for action. But no action has been taken against it so far.

26 returnee refugee families still staying at transit camp

26 families of returnee Jumma refugees are still staying in several primary schools (transit camps) in Dighinala upazila under Khagrachari district in miserable condition. They could not get back their homestead and land. The name of schools are-

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| 1. Dighinala Residential Primary School | - | 17 families |
| 2. Uttar Kabakhali Registered Primary School | - | 8 families |
| 3. Orisya Muni Karbari Para | - | 1 family |

12 families of them were forcibly transferred from Dighinala Model Government Primary School to Dighinala Residential Primary School by the local administration on 20/8/99. According to the report of Jumma Refugees' Welfare Association, 3,055 returnee families could not get back their homesteads, gardens and lands, which were occupied by settlers and till to-date 40 villages of returnee refugees are under the occupation of the settlers.

Ashrayan Project implemented violating the CHT Accord in Bandarban

The government of Bangladesh is implementing the Ashrayan project in CHT violating the CHT Agreement and without considering the lifestyle and aspiration of indigenous Jumma people. Recently, 60 families of Bengali settlers and Jumma were settled in Bandarban sadar upazila and some families in Nakkhyangchari upazila under Bandarban district under the Ashrayan project through army authority. As a result, there were prevailing tensions regarding this settlement. It is mentionable that the government is trying to rehabilitate the settlers through this project violating the CHT Agreement. On the other, several families are settled in a long house. It is not consistent with the livelihood of the Jumma people. Secondly, it will not be realistic to keep both the Bengali settlers and the Jummas together. That is why, the Jumma people opposed it from the very beginning and demanded to rehabilitate them in accordance with the Agreement as internally displaced person. But the government is implementing the project unilaterally.

March 2001

(17) 2 March 2001: Valuables of PCJSS member seized by UPDF in Kaukhali

On 2/3/01 at 1.00 p.m. the anti-accord elements led by Rabi Chandra Chakma (23) s/o Rashik Kumar Chakma of Hazachari under Kawkhali upazila seized all the valuables from wife of returnee PCJSS member Samar Chandra Chakma alias Shreeman from Talukdar Para of Ghilachari under Kaukhali while shifting from Kaukhali to Khagrachari by a truck.

(18) 5 March 2001: 15 truck, bus & microbus looted by UPDF in Ghagra

On 5/3/01 at night a group of anti-accord activists looted 15 truck, bus and microbus at Mojmarachara of Ghagra under Kaukhali upazila in Rangamati district on Rangamati-Chittagong road.

8 March 2001: International Women Day observed in Ranagamti

On 8 March 2001 the International Women Day was observed in Rangamati by the Parbatya Chattagram Mahila Samiti (PCMS) and the Hill Women's Federation (HWF). A big meeting was held at Rangamati stadium for this occasion. President of the PCJSS and Chairman of the CHTRC Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma (Santu) was present as chief guest and President of the PCMS and member of the CHTRC Ms. Madabi Lata Chakma presided over the meeting. General Secretary of Sammilita Nari Samaj (SNS) from Dhaka Ms. Hajera Sultana attended the meeting. More than 5,000 women attended the meeting from various upazillas of three hill districts. Vice Principal of the Rangamati Government College Ms. Alo Rani Aich, General Secretary of Bangladesh Communist Party of Rangamati district branch Mr. Dilip Dev, General Secretary of PCMS Ms. Umey Mong, member of CHTRC Mr. K. S. Mong, President of the Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) Mr. Braja Kishore Tripura, President of the HWF Ms. Y Ching Prue Marma, central member of the PCJSS Mr. Shaktipada Tripura, Nilima Chakma delivered speech in the meeting.

Chief guest Mr. J. B. Larma said that even after the signing of CHT Peace Agreement between the government of Bangladesh and PCJSS, atrocities like sexual abuses, harassment, kidnapping etc. upon the Jumma women by the security forces and Bengali settlers are still continuing as before. He reiterated that only after the proper implementation of the CHT Agreement, the Jumma women would be emancipated from such atrocities and harassment. He again blamed the government for not implementing and following dilly delaying tactics in implementing the CHT Agreement. He called the Jumma women to participate more actively in the movement for the implementation of CHT Agreement.

General Secretary of SNS said that the Jumma people as well as Jumma women have the experiences of decades long struggle, oppression and suppression so that the Jumma women have the advantage to forwarding the emancipation movement of Jumma women against the social discrimination and national atrocities as well. He expressed the support of Bengali women for the movement of Jumma women.

The security forces and anti-accord elements of the Prasit-Sanchay group tried to make obstacles in several places while the women from various upazilas were coming to attend the meeting. In Rangamati-Khagrachari road, the security forces halted vehicles carrying the women from Khagrachari to Rangamati at 14 places and tried to check them even though police escort were there along with the vehicles. Member of CHTRC and central member of PCJSS protested against such injustice.

The vehicles carrying women that were coming from Matiranga, Manikchari and Ramgarh via Hathajari of Chittagong were also halted in Khagrachari-Chittagong road. The security forces halted the vehicles at Ghagra and Chandraghona of Rangamati district while the participants were coming from Bandarban district and Rajasthali, Kaptai and Kawkhali upazillas of Ranagamti.

A group of armed anti-accord elements led Shanti Dev Chakma of Tibirachari under Bandukbhanga fired upon the trawlers carrying the women at Kudur Khiya area under Jurachari upazilla of Rangamati district while returning home after attending the meeting. In this attack, driver of trawler Mr. Rupendu Chakma s/o Eshan Chandra Chakma of Hazavita under Jurachari upazilla received bullet injuries at his hand and leg. He was admitted at Rangamati General Hospital. This incident was

informed to the administration of Jurachari upazilla, but they have taken no action against the anti-accord elements.

On that day, the anti-accord elements caught returnee PCJSS member Mr. Nabin Chandra Chakma, his son and another PCJSS supporter Mr. Anil Kanti Chakma while returning home after attending the meeting. The anti-accord activists tried to kidnap them, but the villagers strongly opposed against it. At the last, the culprits were compelled to release the victims.

9-10 March 2001: Conference of PCMS held in Rangamati

On 9-10 March 2001 a two days conference of Parbatya Chattagram Mahila Samiti (PCMS) was held in Rangamati town hall. President of PCJSS and Chairman of CHTRC inaugurated the conference as chief guest. In this conference, the overall situation of CHT, emancipation movement of women, political and organisation programmes of PCMS etc were discussed. A central committee of PCMS comprising 33 members was elected in this conference. Ms. Madhabi Lata Chakma and Ms. Umay Mong were elected as president and general secretary of PCMS respectively. In this conference, the following programmes have been undertaken:

- 1) To accelerate movement of the PCMS in implementing the programmes undertaken by the PCJSS;
- 2) To undertake necessary steps for strengthening the leadership of the PCMS;
- 3) To play active role in implementing the CHT Agreement by the PCMS;
- 4) To organize the Jumma women at grassroots level for playing active role in the movement;
- 5) To play role for emancipation of wage discrimination upon the women labor and for ascertaining security for women at working place;
- 6) To tighten relationship with and to participate in the various programmes at national level with the democratic, non-communal and progressive women organizations of Bangladesh;
- 7) To play role in establishing rights of indigenous women of plain land in Bangladesh.

(19) 17 March 2001: Three foreigners kidnapped by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 17 March 2001 after a month the hostages were freed. According to military briefing, the abductors escaped after brief gun battle with troops. Army troops rescued the three Europeans in a lightning raid at the kidnappers' hideout at Daijyapara under Kaukhali, 38 km northwest of Rangamati town, in the early hours of 17 March after a brief exchange of fire. But the local people believed that the exchange of fire was fully eyewash. The local people believed that the kidnapping drama is a pre-planned act of the UPDF. On the other, it is learnt that the hostages were freed by heavy amount of ransom as per understanding between the kidnappers and army.

There were many vested actors behind the foreigner hostage drama. Among them, the military and the anti-accord group (UPDF) were the main vested groups. It is notable that both parties i.e. military and UPDF are very keen to keep military in CHT. UPDF will get supports and shelter from military and military authority can make instability of the CHT situation through the terrorist activities of the UPDF in order to justify the presence of them. So, it will serve the interests of both parties. Now, after the end of the hostage drama on 17/3/01, the security forces started operation throughout the CHT in the name of searching miscreants. The military from Rangamati zone and Kaptai zone in Rangamati district, Guimara brigade and Khagrachari zone in Khagrachari district and Bandarban brigade participated in the operation.

It is notable that on 16 February 2001 an armed group of UPDF headed by Amulya Dhan Chakma kidnapped 3 foreign nationals, namely, Mr. Turben Nicholson and Nils Furgrant of Denmark and Tim Selbi of UK from the place named Atharo mile post of Gunia Para area under Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati district.

(20) 20 March 2001: Jumma youths arrested by the army of Gunia Para camp in connection with the kidnapping of three foreigners

On 20/3/01 the following two youths from Gunia Para under Naniarchar upazila were arrested by the army of Gunia Para camp and handed over to Naniarchar police station. They were falsely accused in connection with the abduction of the three Danish and British engineers. Both were harassed and beaten up by the army during interrogation. The victims were:

- (1) Mr. Rupayan Chakma, 24 years, Gunia Para, Ghilachari union
- (2) Mr. Amar Bikash Chakma, 28 years, Gunia Para.

(21) 20 March 2001: Chak girl kidnapped by Bengali settlers in Naikhyangchari

On 20/3/2001 an adolescent Chak (an ethnic group of the Jumma people) girl was kidnapped by an armed group of Bengali settlers led by Mr. Abdul Khalek (25) of South Baisari in Naikhyangchari on the way to her home alone from farmhouse of Kurlay Headman Para of Baishari under Naikyangchari upazila in Bandarban district. A case was lodged with Naikhyangchari police station but no one was arrested till date by unknown reason though the girl was rescued after one month. The matter also was informed to local union council Chairman Mr. Nural Hakim but he did not pay heed.

Report Drug trafficking in CHT

Since long time, the CHT has been being used as route for trafficking drug like heroin, opium etc. Drug is trafficked from Myanmar and Thailand. Some of them are brought through Cox's Bazar, some through North-Eastern States of India. A portion of them is trafficked to Middle East through various routes and some are consumed in CHT. Consequently, a countable number of Jumma adolescent and youth are getting addicted to drug, particularly to heroin. The administration of CHT plays passive role in this regard as their main aim is to make cripple the young Jumma generations. During the conflict period, the military authority indirectly encouraged the Jumma adolescents and youths to get drug addicted under the pacification programme in order to detach them from the movement of Jumma people. This program is still continuing in the CHT as before. That is why the high rate of addicted adolescents and youths became a serious concern in this area.

A strongest international trafficking gang is involved with this route. Rohingya refugees and their armed group, profiteers, settlers, bribed government officials etc. are actively involved in this drug trafficking. On 6/01/01 at night police of Katowali police station arrested a person named Md. Shah Alam along with 1 (one) kg of heroin at Rangamati town. Some photographs of Thailand and Myanmar nationals were also recovered from him. On the other, 3 (three) kgs of heroin were also recovered at Bandarban town during this time and Mr. Abhi Barua and Haradhan Chakrabarty were arrested in this connection. They acknowledged that the CHT, particularly Bandarban, is being used as free port for marketing of drug as some government officials are also involved in this activities so that they can safely use this place for drug trafficking.

(22) 23 March 2001: PCP worker kidnapped by UPDF in Rangamati

On 23/3/01 at about 12.00 at mid-night, the anti-accord activists abducted Mr. Binimoy Chakma (22), General Secretary of PCP Bandukbhanga branch from his house, Bandukbhanga under Rangamati district. He was brutally beaten up.

(23) 27 March 2001: PCP leader shot dead by UPDF in Khagrachari

On 27/3/01 central member of PCP Mr. Pratim Khisa (24) and PCP worker Mr. Biparshi Chakma (27) were shot by an armed group of anti-accord activists at Swanirvar area of Khagrachari sadar and taken to the Khagrachai hospital with serious bullet injuries. Later, they were transferred to the Chittagong Medical College hospital where Mr. Epam died on 31/3/2001. The PCP called strike throughout the three hill districts against the attack on 1/4/01.

(24) 30 March 2001: Jumma couple attacked by Bengali settlers in Dighinala

On 30/3/01 at about 10.00 a.m. the Bengali settlers namely Md. Shahjahan s/o Md. Abdul Khalek and Mocha Alam Shah s/o Md. Helu of village Hachinsonpur under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district attacked Mr. Kamaniya Chakma and his wife Ms. Nagari Chakma of village Hachinsonpur under Kabakhali mouza. It was learnt that Mr. Kamaniya Chakma opposed the Bengali settlers while they were trying to take tobacco leaves from his tobacco field forcibly. In a stage, the settlers attacked

and blew punches and kicks Mr. Kamaniya. Ms. Nagari Chakma was also brutally beaten up while saving her husband from the settlers' attack. As a result, she fell down on the ground and became senseless as she was pregnant stage. She was admitted at Dighinala upazila hospital and then transferred to Khagrachari district hospital.

31 March 2001: "Bangladesh Adivasi Forum" formed in Dhaka

On 31/3/2001 a meeting on exchange of opinions was held among the leaders of all the indigenous peoples of Bangladesh in an invitation of PCJSS President Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma at YWCA auditorium in Dhaka. Mr. Larma and Chakma Circle Chief Barrister Raja Devasish Roy presided over the first and second session of the meeting respectively. The discussions were held on the problems encountered by indigenous peoples of Bangladesh and future work plans. Leaders of more than 20 ethnic groups from CHT, greater Sylhet, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, Noagan, Dinajpur, Cox's Bazar, Chittagong and Putuakhali were attended the meeting.

After the day long discussion, decision has been taken to form a forum for indigenous people of Bangladesh for establishment of common rights of them and accordingly a 15-member ad hoc committee headed by Mr. Larma was formed. Decisions were also taken in the meeting that the ad hoc committee would:

- (1) Prepare a draft constitution of the forum;
- (2) Form a central committee of the forum;
- (3) Name the forum as soon as possible.

At last, the following demands have been adopted in the meeting:

- 1) The constitutional recognition in the constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the indigenous peoples in Bangladesh;
- 2) The political, economic, social and land rights for the indigenous peoples of Bangladesh;
- 3) Proper and immediate implementation of the CHT Accord;
- 4) The Forest (Amendment) Act of 2000 and the decision of making eco-park within the areas of indigenous peoples including Moulabibazar and Madhupur of Tangail has to be cancelled;
- 5) The social forestry and eco-tourism project adopted by the government within the traditional land of indigenous peoples has to be cancelled soon and no project shall be implemented without having prior consent from the leaders of the local indigenous people and the National Adivasi Forum;
- 6) The Draft Social Forestry Regulation of 2000 shall not be passed without having consent from indigenous peoples and forest-based peoples;
- 7) All the killers of indigenous peoples including Gidita Rema and Alfred Saren has to be arrested and punished exemplary;
- 8) All the false cases filed against indigenous peoples to be withdrawn and All sorts of oppressions, harassment etc. on the indigenous peoples should be stopped ;
- 9) Seats in the National Parliament for the indigenous peoples should be reserved;
- 10) Like CHT Affairs Ministry, a separate ministry led by indigenous people for other indigenous peoples of Bangladesh should be established;
- 11) Number of quotas in education and job for indigenous peoples should be increased;
- 12) "Adivashi Declaration" adopted in 1997 by the indigenous leaders should be implemented.

(25) In March 2001: Vigilance on 6 local NGOs in CHT

The government in a meeting held at home ministry recently took decision to keep intensive vigilance on 6 NGOs formed by indigenous Jumma people in CHT and a letter was sent to CHT ministry for the purpose. The NGOs were Trinamul, Zabarang, Taungya, Centre for Indigenous People's Development (CIPD), Integrated Multiplex Development Organisation (IMDO) and Hill Tracts NGO Forum (HTNF). They were falsely accused in connection with making anti-Bengali sentiment in the name of awareness building among the Jumma people. The Association of the Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), local leaders of permanent resident of CHT, HTNF and concerned NGOs protested against it stating that it was against the spirit of CHT Accord. They also opined that it

focused anti-Jumma attitudes of the government. The HTNF appealed before the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to take necessary steps against the false allegation.

April 2001

(26) In April 2001: Extension of cluster village of the Bengali settlers in Mahalchari

Very recently, more than 150 families of Bengali settlers settled down on the land of Jumma people at the surrounding area of Armed Police Battalion (APB) camp of Joysen Karbari Para under Mahalchari upazila in Khagrachari district. There was direct involvement of the military and APB authority with this settlement programme. This settlement programme, even after signing the CHT Accord, creates the strong and adverse reaction to the Jumma people.

It was learnt that the settlers of Pakujyachari cluster village under Mahalchari upazila submitted application for extension of cluster village mentioning various problems including the residential one to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Khagrachari district in October 2000 and the DC advised the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Mahalchari upazila to overcome the problem in consultation with the local leaders including concerned Headmen, Chairman and members of Union Council, military, APB and police authorities. The DC without having consultation with the CHT Regional Council (CHTRC) and the Hill District Council (HDC) of Khagrachari gave this advice.

In the meantime, within a week 130 family of the settlers started to make houses on the land of the Jumma people at the surrounding area of APB camp of Joysen Karbari Para adjacent to the Mahalchari-Khagrachari road. Repeatedly, the land owners of Jumma people with the help of local UP Chairman-Member and Headmen put objections to the DC, UNO, army and APB authorities and appealed to stop the settlement of Bengali settlers on their lands. They showed their title deeds to the authorities. On the basis of allegation, the administration sent a Kanoongo and a Surveyor along with the Headman of Lemuchari mouza Mr. Dinesh Chandra Chakma to inquire the matter. But the settlers ran after them with sharp metal weapons so that they were compelled to return without any inquiry. Moreover, one settler named Tachar Ali lodged a false case against the Headman with Mahalchari police station.

Due to the turmoil situation, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC-General) of Khagrachari District went there to investigate the spot. After having investigation, the ADC-General submitted a report before the DC of Khagrachari district and he opined in his report to push back the settlers to their cluster village. Accordingly, an eviction notices under ref. no. guchhagram-6(10)2000-571/2(11) dated 28/11/2000 was issued to the settlers by the DC. About 100 families of the settlers out of 130 returned to their Pakujyachari cluster village.

After that, the Khagrachari Region Commander (Army) visited the Pakujyachari cluster village and distributed warm cloths and relief to the returnee settlers. During his visit, he opined that the demand of the settlers were appropriate and informed the same to the DC for permanent settlement. Thus the returnee settlers have been instigated and in a stage they again settled in the houses at the surrounding area of APB camp of Joysen Karbari Para. At present, more than 150 families of the settlers settled down there.

On 13/4/01 CHTRC Chairman Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Santu Larma called a meeting at Khagrachari Circuit House. In this meeting, Khagrachari HDC Chairman Mr. Jatindra Lal Tripura, CHTRC Members Mr. Goutam Kumar Chakma, Sudhasindu Khisa and Raktatpal Tripura, DC of Khagrachari, Maischari UP Chairman and Member, Lemuchari mouza Headman Mr. Dinesh Chandra Chakma were present. In the meeting, decision was taken that the settlers would be pushed back within 15 April 2001 and accordingly an eviction notice under ref. no. 6(10)/2000-2001-196 dated 17/4/01 was issued to the settlers for returning back to their cluster village by 21 April 2001. But the settlers are yet to return to their cluster village.

Consequently, on 19/4/01 the Chairman of CHTRC again had a meeting with the DC and Khagrachari Brigade Commander at Khagrachari circuit house in this connection. The Chairman desired cooperation from them in returning the settlers to the cluster village. The Brigade Commander assured

him to cooperate in this regard. The Chairman also informed the DC to evict the settlers very soon. As a result, the DC again assured the Chairman that they would be evicted by 30 April 2001. But no settler has returned back to their cluster village or has been evicted from the area. Consequently, the unrest situation is prevailing in all over the CHT including Mahalchari upazila. There is a strong possibility to occur communal riot at any moment in Mahalchari upazila.

It is mentionable that more than 400 thousand of Bengali settlers from plain districts were settled down in three hill districts of CHT during General Zia and General Ershad regimes. Of them 26,220 families of settlers are living in 80 cluster villages situated at 8 different upazilas in Khagrachari district. Free rations have been being supplied to them by the government since the settlement. Almost all the settlers were settled down on the lands of Jumma people and land settlements were given violating the CHT Regulation of 1900. Therefore, Jumma people have been demanding to relocate them outside CHT with proper rehabilitation. On the other, there is provision in the CHT Accord that land disputes arisen between the indigenous Jumma people and the settlers due to the forcible and illegal occupation of land in CHT by the later would be resolved through a Land Commission to be set up under the leadership of a retired Justice. According to this provision, the lands occupied by the settlers would have to be returned back to the Jumma owners and it would make the way to exclude the settlers from CHT. For this purpose, there was an unwritten agreement between the government and PCJSS that the government during the dialogue agreed to stop the ration supply to the settlers and to dismantle the cluster villages of settlers aiming to rehabilitate the settlers outside CHT.

But it is very unfortunate that the government took plan to rehabilitate the Bengali settlers in CHT through Task Force (on Rehabilitation of Returnee Refugees and Internal Displaced Person) and Ashrayan project. Moreover, the settlers were included in the voter lists prepared last year violating the CHT Accord. No doubt that the programme of expansion of cluster villages is a series plans of rehabilitation of settlers in CHT following the policy of turning Jumma-inhabited CHT into Muslim-inhabited area that was followed by the successive governments of Bangladesh during the last decades.

(27) In April 2001: Land grabbing by Bengali settlers in Longadu

In April 2001 the settlers led by Md. Washek of Petanyamachara under Bagachatar union of Longadu upazila in Rangamati district occupied the land of Jumma people. For instance, the lands of following Jummans were already occupied:

- (1) Mr. Tarit Kanti Karbari s/o late Sushama Ranjan Chakma of Mahajan Para of Petanyamachara. His 5 acres land was occupied. Holding number of his land is R-5/32.
- (2) Mr. Dhaneswar Chakma s/o Kripadhan Chakma of Mahajan Para of Petanyamachara. His 4 acres land was occupied. Holding number of his land is R-15.
- (3) Mr. Santosh Jiban Dewan s/o late Ramesh Chandra Dewan of Mahajan Para of Petanyamachara. His 4 acres land was occupied. Holding number of his land is R-9.

(28) 3 April 2001: Innocent Jumma youths arrested by the army of Island camp

On 3/4/01 at mid-night a group of army of 14 EBR from Island camp under Kaptai brigade in Rangamati district conducted an operation at Raikhali, Narangiri, Panchari and Gangri areas under Kaptai upazila. In this operation, the following Jummans were arrested from their home by the army. The victims were:

- (1) Mr. Uthowai Prue Marma, Chitmaram UP member and Organizing Secretary of PCJSS Kaptai upazila branch
- (2) Mr. Birabarna Chakma, Pekkua, Kaptai
- (3) Mr. Thuicha Prue Marma, Pekkua, Kaptai

The victims were brutally tortured at Island camp by the army. In addition, Mr. Birabarna Chakma was handed over to the police and a false case was lodged against them with Kaptai police station. In this connection, the PCJSS President of Kaptai upazila branch Mr. Thowai Aung Marma met Major Iyub, Deputy Commander of 14 EBR at Kaptai zone on 4/4/01 and demanded to release them. At the last, Mr. Uthowai Prue Marma, Member of Chitmaram union council and Organizing Secretary of PCJSS Kaptai upazila branch was released at 10.00 p.m. with serious injuries.

4 April 2001: Seminar on CHT Development held in PM's International Conference Hall in Dhaka

On 4/4/01 a national seminar on CHT Regional Development Plan prepared by the Asian Development Bank was held at the International Conference Centre of Prime Minister's office in Dhaka. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and CHTRC Chairman Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma were present as Chief Guest and Special Guest in the inaugural session of the seminar. Mr. Kalpa Ranjan Chakma, Minister of CHT Affairs presided over there. In the seminar, PM said that the provisions of the Accord were successfully implemented. On the contrary, the Chairman of CHTRC said that many things of the Accord have been implemented but the major issues of the Accord are yet to be implemented for which the hill people have been affected deeply. He gave examples saying that the department of forest has declared many areas as reserved forests effectively infringing upon the customary rights of the indigenous hill people living in the areas concerned. At the same the ministry of defense applied for the exclusive use of huge tracts of land for exercising and other military purposes violating the Accord as well as the customary laws of the hill people. He also opined that proper implementation of the Accord is pre-requisite for development.

In the CHT Regional Development Plan, the ADB proposed a package investment in various sectors, such as, agriculture, natural resources and forestry, industry, tourism, education, sports and culture, health, infrastructure, telecommunication and energy etc. Some participants dissented on tourism, infrastructure and privatization proposed by the ADB.

(29) 11 April 2001: PCJSS supporter kidnapped by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 11/4/01 at midnight an armed group of anti-accord activists kidnapped a supporter of PCJSS named Mr. Bira Sindhu Chakma (40) of village Uttar Hatimara under Burighat Union of Naniachar upazila in Rangamati district.

(30) 12 April 2001: Returnee PCJSS member shot dead by UPDF in Panchari

On 12/4/2001 Mr. Shadin Mangal Chakma (32), a member of PCJSS of village Maischari under Logang Union of Panchari upazila under Khagrachari district was brutally shot dead by the armed group of anti-accord elements and Mr. Sumit Kumar Chakma was kidnapped although released later. The anti-accord elements suddenly entered into the house of Mr. Shadin Mangal and shot him at the spot indiscriminately.

(31) 18 April 2001: Frequent army checking in CHT Continuities

On 18/4/01 the army of Bagachari camp under Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati district stopped a passenger bus at Rangamati-Khagrachari road and started to check it. At that time, the Chairman of the CHT Regional Council Mr. Santu Larma reached there while going to Khagrachari from Rangamati and asked why they were checking the buses. The army could not show the due causes except timber one. In the meeting with brigade commander of Khagrachari brigade at Khagrachari circuit house on 19/4/01, Mr. Larma asked to brigade commander to stop the checking and the commander agreed to stop. But till to date, the checking is continuing as before.

It is mentionable that after the end of the hostage drama, the military have been checking the buses, microbus and even motor bike specially on the roads of Rangamati-Mahalchari-Khagrachari, Chittagong-Rangamati, Chittagong-Khagrachari, Chittagong-Bandarban etc. and harassing the passengers by checking their luggage, getting them down from the vehicle and putting irrelevant questions to the passengers. There are many check posts in Rangamati-Khagrachar road, such as, Manikchari, Ghilachari, Bagachari, Gunia Para, Thakuarchara, Chengi Bridge etc. On the other, there are also many check posts in waterway, such as, Subhalong, Charikhyang, Chhotaharina etc.

(32) 23 April 2001: Commander of Barkalak camp interfered social issues of Jumma people in Barkal

On 23 April 2001 Subedar Ahmed of Barkalak Shahid Atiar camp in Barkal upazila issued an injunction that he would solve all the social disputes. It would not be accepted to him if any body (traditional institution) dealt it. Even no dispute on land could be solved without his consent.

Accordingly, one Ms. Madhu Rani Chakma d/o Gada Ram Chakma of Barkalak village of Dumdumya Union under Barkal upazila was forcibly ordered by Subedar Ahmed to marry Mr. Kiranya Chakma s/o Kalajira Chakma of same village. As a result, Madhu Rani Chakma left the village for security of her life.

The camp commander even declared that he would deal all the social cases including land disputes. For instance, he interfered in a social case regarding marriage among two young Jumma man and woman and ordered to accept his judgement to the Headman and Karbari (traditional mouza head and village head of the indigenous Jumma people respectively) including said young man and woman. He has also been giving licence to use country-made gun to the people who were doing anti-social works. As a result, dacoity, kaidnapping, extortion of money etc have been increased in this area.

(33) 24 April 2001: PCJSS member shot to injuries by UPDF in Barkal

On 24/4/2001 the armed group of anti-accord elements fired upon PCJSS members at Bengichara under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. In this incident, Mr. Swapan Chakma (20) s/o Banshi Mohan Chakma of village Dojari Para under Barkal received bullet injuries at his leg. He was taken to Rangamati for treatment.

(34) 27 April 2001: Supporters of the CHT Accord harassed by the army in Barkal

On 27 April 2001 at mid-night he conducted an operation at Barkalak village. In this operation, he looked for the following villagers. But at that they were not their home. The camp commander falsely accused them that they had illegal firearms. The camp commander threatened the following villagers to lodge case against them in connection with keeping arms as they (victims) were working for PCJSS in support to democratic movement for implementation of CHT Accord.

- 1) Mr. Amal Krishna Chakma (24) s/o Jattanya Chakma
- 2) Mr. Anil Chakma (30) s/o Bira Mohan Chakma and
- 3) Mr. Prabhat Chandra Chakma (55) s/o Rauchan Chakma.

Even on 14, 23, 24, 27 & 29 April 2001 the camp commander threatened villagers not to work in favour of implementation of the CHT Accord.

It is mentionable that Subedar Ahmed of Barkalak Shahid Atiar camp in Barkal upazila threatened the PCJSS and PCP members and supporters that if they work for PCJSS and PCP and CHT Accord as well, they would have to be faced severe consequents. Accordingly, as part of his anti-PCJSS/PCP activities, the camp commander committed harassmental activities against the PCJSS/PCP members and supporters, such as, torture, arrest, searching of their houses etc.

(35) 29 April 2001: Innocent villager kidnapped by UPDF in Khagrachari

On 29/4/2001 a supporter of CHT Accord named Mr. Nayan Jyoti Chakma of village Dantakupya under Khagrachari was kidnapped by armed activists of the anti-accord group from his house. The anti-accord group asked Nayan Jyoti's relatives that he would be released if his brother Mr. Jagat Jyoti Chakma was handed over to them. Mr. Jagat Jyoti is also a supporter of the CHT Accord and PCJSS as well.

May 2001

(36) 4 May 2001: CHTRC member halted for checking by the army of No. 5 Rajasthali camp

On 4/5/01 the microbus of Mr. Mong Nue Ching Marma, member of the CHT Regional Council was stopped and tried to check by the army of 14 EBR of No. 5 Rajasthali camp under Rajasthali upazila in Rangamati district while going Rajasthali from Kaptai to attend the Khiang (an ethnic group of the Jumma people) Conference held at Kukya Para in Rajasthali. The CHTRC Chairman Mr. J B Larma alias Santu Larma inquired it while returning from the conference and the camp commander Warrant Officer Mr. Ibrahim admitted that they stopped the microbus for checking and there were 3 check posts within 15 kms road of Bangalhalia-Rajasthali. The Chairman asked them to stop the checking and informed it to their higher authority, as it was inconsistant to the CHT Accord.

4 May 2001: Conference of the Khiang ethnic group held in Rajsthal

On 4/5/01 a conference among the Khiang, a smallest ethnic group of the Jumma people was held at Kukya Para under Rajsthal upazila in Rangamati district. CHTRC Chairman Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma was present there as Chief Guest. The Khiang people raised their problems. They opined that they were severely evicted from their ancestral land due to afforestation undertaken by the forest department. They have been cultivating Jum about 4 thousand acres of land in Dhanuchari, Jingmrong, Pekua, Kukyachari, Chingka, Kaptai area since the time immemorial. But recently, all the areas were occupied by the forest department without having consent from them in the name of afforestation. They expressed that only 70 acres of land out of 4 thousand acres were left for their living. On the other, some Khing have been living in the Chandraghona area under Kaptai upazila but they were not given title deeds to the land.

CHTRC Chairman opined that due to the non-implementation of the Accord the indigenous Jumma people could not enjoy the rights to self-determination. They were suffering from all respects. As one of the ethnic groups of the Jumma people, the Khiang people were not exception to it.

(37) 5 May 2001: PCJSS supporter killed by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 5/5/2001 at 11.00 p.m. the anti-accord elements led by Amulyadhan Chakma s/o Dina Mohan Chakma of village Larma Para and Mridul Chakma of village Jurba Mohajan Para under Naniarchar upazila kidnapped the following PCJSS supporter from his house. He was killed later. The victim was:

- (1) Mr. Shantimoy Chakma (50) s/o Gulmani Chakma of village Sona Betchari under Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati.

It is notable that the anti-accord elements increase their activities, such as, killing and kidnapping of PCJSS members and its supporters and extortion of money even from needy Jumma farmers in some specific pockets in Rangamati and Khagrachari districts. They conduct terrorist activities with direct cooperation and assistance of security force and a vested group of ruling Awami League. In several places, they are sheltered quite near to army camps. For instances, they sheltered at very near place of Babuchara army zone HQ in Dighinala upazila, Kalabagan army camp in Barkal, Kutukchhari residential school in Rangamati sadar upazila, Ghilachari army camp in Naniarchar upazila, Baranachari army camp under Subhalong in Barkal upazila etc.

(38) 7 May 2001: Houses of innocent villagers destroyed by UPDF in Barkal

On 7/5/01 in the morning the anti-accord elements destroyed the houses of the following innocent Jummas of Shilchhari under Barkal upazila in Rangamati district because their sons are involved in the activities of the PCJSS.

- (1) Mr. Natun Kumar Chakma s/o Ramani Mohan Chakma
- (2) Mr. Susen Kumar Chakma s/o Kabiraj Chakma
- (3) Mr. Birasen Chakma s/o Bijoy Kumar Chakma.

(39) 9 May 2001: PCP members arrested by the army in Kaptai

On 9/5/2001 the army of S. Ben army camp under Island army zone in Kaptai under Rangamati district conducted an operation at Dhulyatali area under Kaptai upazila. In this operation, the army rounded the house of Mr. Swapan Chakma and arrested the following PCP workers. They were falsely accused in connection with extortion of money. The victims were:

- (1) Mr. Dipankar Talukdar (16) s/o Smriti Bhushan Chakma
- (2) Mr. Sunirmal Dewan (18) s/o Jyotimoy Dewan.

(40) 16 May 2001: Jumma passengers beat by Bengalis in Rangamati

On 16/5/2001 soon after the death of auto-rickshaw driver Mr. Abul Kamal, the Rangamati Auto-rickshaw Drivers Association (RADA) made miking against the Jumma people at midnight through out the Rangamati town. It was mentionable that on 16/5/2001 the auto-rickshaw driver was shot dead by unidentified miscreants near the Bana Bihar area and died at Rangamati general hospital. After death of the driver, the Bengali settlers in collaboration

with RADA accused the Jumma people in connection with the incident and made communal tension through out Rangamati area. They blocked road at Kathaltali area at night and made miking that Bengali driver was killed by the Jumma people. On this day, Md. Abdul Jalil Majumdar filed a case (Case no. 8 of Rangamati police station, section 302/34 BPC) against 3/4 Jumma youths. They held protest meeting on 17/5/2001 at 10.00 a.m. Before the meeting they again blocked road at Kathaltali area and beaten up the Jumma passengers getting down from vehicles.

(41) 17 May 2001: Three innocent Jumma youths arrested by the police in Rangamati

On 17/5/2001 at 3.00 a.m. police arrested three innocent Jumma youths in connection with the killing of an auto-rickshaw driver named Abul Kamal. It was notable that on 16/5/2001 the auto-rickshaw driver was shot by unidentified miscreants near the Bana Bihar area and died later at hospital. Md. Abdul Jalil Majumdar, president, Rangamati District Auto-rickshaw Driver Union filed a case (Case no. 8 of Rangamati upazila dated 16/5/01, section 302/34 BPC) against unidentified 3/4 Jumma youths with Rangamati police station. With this regard, the police arrested the following innocent Jumma youths from TTC road and Roy Bahadur road in Rangamati town at night. They were produced to the court and the court did not grant bail for them. Rather they were taken police remand for 3 days for interrogation. It was alleged that they were brutally tortured by the police during their custody. It is mentionable that as mentioned '3/4 Jumma youths' in the case, so the police could arrest any body at any moment. That is way the Jumma youths of Kalyanpur were passing with afraid of arrest. The arrested youths were:

- 1) Mr. Ranjit Chakma s/o Maratta Chakma of village TTC, Rangamati
- 2) Mr. Asha Chakma alias Tushar s/o Bichhu Basu Chakma of TTC, Rangamati
- 3) Mr. Ripan Chakma s/o Gopal Chandra Chakma of Raybahadur Road, T&T, Rangamati.

(42) 18 May 2001: Communal attack by the Bengali settlers in Boalkhari-Merung

On 18 May 2001 at 12.30 the Bengali settlers in cahoots with military and police pre-meditatively attacked three villages - Shanti-Laxmipur, Kalachan Mahajan Para and Hemabrata Karbari Para - of the returnee Jumma refugees of Chhota Merung Union under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district. On that day, the Bengali settlers organized a meeting in front of the office of the Dighinala Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO). At the end of meeting, they brought out a procession with anti-Jumma slogans along some 1-kilometer long road from the Dighinala UNO office to the Larma Square where Dighinala-Khagrachari and Dighinala-Merung roads meet each other. From there they went 5 kilometers south by trucks and attacked the Shanti-Laxmipur, then Kalachand Mahajanpara 6 kilometers further in the south and finally Hemabrata Karbaripara 9 kilometers further in the same direction. It should be noted that a group of army led by Major Momin of the Dighinala Cantonment and many police personnel led by Officer-in-Charge (OC) Sagir Ahmed Talukdar and Second Officer Mozammel of Dighinala police station were with the Bengali settlers while they were attacking the said villages. The casualties and damage of houses in the communal attack are as follows:

a) House looting, arson and damage:

<u>Name of village</u>	<u>Looting and arson</u>	<u>Looting and damage</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shanti Lakxmipur	28 houses	142 houses	170 houses
Kalachan MahajanPara	14 houses	19 houses	33 houses
Hemabrata Karbaripara	...	30 houses	30 houses
Total	42 houses	191 houses	233 houses

b) It is mentionable that besides looting of and arson on houses, the settlers beat some people and took away many domestic animals such as cow, goat etc. from the Jummal people of the villages. According to a primary estimation, some Taka 5 (five) crore worth properties were damaged in the incident.

c) 5 women were seriously wounded in the incident. They were admitted in the Dighinala Sadar Hospital for treatment. They are:

- 1) Ms. Namita Chakma (20), d/o Jebendra Chakma of Village Shanti Laxmipur

- 2) Ms. Panchalika Chakma (22), d/o Saradhan Chakma of Village Shanti Laxmipur
 - 3) Ms. Surobala Chakma (55), w/o Ittukya Chakma of Village Shanti Laxmipur
 - 4) Ms. Suchitra Chakma (30), d/o Rajmohan Chakma of Village Gopal Memberpara
 - 5) Ms. Sabitri Chakma, d/o Nagarchan Chakma of Village Shanti Laxmipur
- d) The passport of the following Jumma students who were studying abroad were destroyed due to arson. The students were:
- 1) Master Shanti Lal Chakma s/o Satish Chandra Chakma, class VI, studying in Bodhicharya School, Calcutta, India. His Taka 28,000 and passport were looted.
 - 2) Mr. Shwasata Priya Chakma s/o Bangshi Lal Chakma, studying B. A. Hon. (English), Delhi University, India. His passport and necessary documents including Taka 30,000 were burnt.
 - 3) Ms. Remeli Chakma s/o. Bambakhula Chakma, class VI, studying in Bhodhicarya School, Calcutta, India. His passport, necessary documents and Taka 26,000 were looted.
 - 4) Mr. Nagor Chan Chakma, s/o. Ramakasta Chakma. Studying in France. An amount of US\$ 380 was burnt.
- e) Name of the settlers who led the attack:
- 1) Abul Kashem, GS of Awami League of Dighinala upazila
 - 2) Jahangir Ali Raju
 - 3) Abdul Rab, member of BNP of Dighinala upazila and member of Kabakhali UP
 - 4) Shamsu, president of Juba Dal of Dighinala upazila
 - 5) Yunus Ali s/o Amir Uddin
 - 6) Oson Ali s/o Sagir Uddin
 - 7) Sattar Khalid, Kabakhali
 - 8) Md. Ali
 - 9) Abdus Sobhan
 - 10) Mozaffar Ali, platoon commander of Betchari Ansar camp
 - 11) Tajuddin s/o Mafizuddin
- All the culprits were from Betchari and Bibhuti Bhushan Karbari Para under Dighinala upazila.

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(43) 19 May 2001: Jumma passerby beat by Bengalis in Rangamati

On 19/5/2001 a Jumma passerby was slightly pushed by an auto-rickshaw while it was being parked near New Court Building in Rangamati town. The Jumma passerby protested against it to the auto-rickshaw driver. The driver became angry upon the Jumma passerby. At a stage, the Jumma passerby caught the collar of the auto-rickshaw driver. Meanwhile another auto-rickshaw driver came forward and he made compromise between the auto-rickshaw driver (Bengali) and Jumma passerby. Then the auto-rickshaw driver left the place. After his leaving, the Jumma passerby found a gold chain at the place and deposited it to the driver who helped them for compromise. Then both the Jumma passerby and said driver left the place.

But after few minutes, the driver who quarreled with the Jumma passerby came back there and shouted that the Jumma terrorist seized his gold chain just few minutes before. As a result, the Bengali auto-rickshaw drivers became angry and then and there they made road blockade. They started to create communal tension in regard to this trivial matter. At this moment, the leaders of the Rangamati Auto-rickshaw Owners' Association (RAOA) were talking with the CHTRC Chairman Mr. Santu Larma at his residence. After receiving this news, the CHTRC Chairman asked them to go there. The leaders of RAOA rushed there and stopped road blockade and communal tension.

(44) 20 May 2001: Parent of Satyabir Dewan evicted by the UPDF in Naniarchar

On 20/5/01 the anti-accord group compelled the parent and relatives of Satyabir Dewan, central member of PCJSS to leave their house and premises in Naniarchar area. The anti-accord elements also seized 7 acres of horticulture garden of them.

(45) 21 May 2001: Bengali settlers tried to attack Jumma people in Longadu

On 21/5/2001 the Bengali settlers made communal tension at Longadu upazila in Rangamati district and blocked several trawlers. They made it in retaliation to kidnapping of a Bengali settler named Rabiul (28) by unidentified miscreants in Longadu area on 16/5/2001. They tried to attack the Jumma passengers who were going to Rangamati. But they (Jumma passengers) took shelter to the police and they went Rangamati with police escort. The Jumma people could not go to Longadu Bazar. That day was the market day.

(46) 21 May 2001: Innocent Jumma cowherd arrested by the police in Longadu

On 21 May 2001 the police of Longadu upazila arrested the following innocent Jumma cowherd from Rangapanichara area under Longadu upazila in connection with the kidnapping of a Bengali settler named Rabiul. Mr. Rabiul was kidnapped by unidentified miscreants on 16 May 2001 at Longadu area. Kamal Bikash was compelled to give fingerprint (as he was illiterate) in a white paper where the police wrote later that he involved with the kidnapping. He was produced court in Rangamati on 23/5/2001 and the court did grant his bail. The victim was:

- 1) Mr. Kamal Bikash Chakma (23) s/o Surendra Kumar Chakma

(47) 22 May 2001: Three Jumma youths arrested by the police in Rangamati

On 22/5/2001 the police of Katowali police station of Rangamati district arrested following three innocent Jumma youths from Devasish Nagar area as a part of so-called operation against the terrorists after the killing of auto-rickshaw driver Mr. Abul Kamal. The arrested youths were:

- 1) Mr. Runel Chakma (18) of village Kalyanpur in Rangamati;
- 2) Mr. Subal Talukdar (19) s/o Sumati Ranjan Talukdar of village Kalyanpur in Rangamati
- 3) Mr. Mithu Chakma alias Chikka of village Devashis Nagar in Rangamati.

All were candidate for HSC examination. Mr. Runel was released at night. He had reached home from Dhaka just three days before. The Bengali settlers filed a false case against Subal Talukdar in 1998 during the attack upon the Jumma people at College Gate, Kalyanpur and Devasish Nagar in Rangamati town by them. Mr. Subal Talukdar and Mr. Mithu Chakma were produced to the court and the court did not grant their bail.

(48) 22 May 2001: Three Jumma women raped by the army in Matiranga

On 22 May 2001 at 1.00 a.m. a group of army from Durgabari camp under Guimara brigade conducted an operation at Barachandra Karbari Para in Matiranga upazila under Khagrachari district in the name of searching terrorists. During the operation, the army personnel harassed and tortured the Jumma villagers indiscriminately and at a stage, they raped the following three Jumma women of Barachandra Karbari Para. The victimized women were admitted with serious condition at Khagrachari General hospital. Besides, one-year-old child of Pubali Tripura and an aged Jumma were also admitted at same hospital with injuries. The raped women were:

- 1) Ms. Pubali Tripura (23) w/o Bataray Tripura.
- 2) Ms. Karandi Tripura (20) d/o Hari Mohan Tripura
- 3) Ms. Sanita Tripura (16).

Besides, the army arrested a Jumma youth from Barachandra Karbari Para to conceal their misdeeds and legalize their operation. He was falsely accused in connection with terrorist activities. The arrested youth was:

- 1) Mr. Jipsi Ranjan Tripura.

(49) 23 May 2001: Two PCJSS supporters shot dead by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 23/5/2001 the anti-accord elements shot dead the following two PCJSS supporters at Toichakma area under Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati. They were going to Naniarchar bazar. A group of armed anti-accord elements ambushed them at Toichakma Mukh area and fired upon them while the victims reached there. The victims were caught injured and stabbed to death later inhumanly. The miscreants concealed the dead bodies. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Pritimoy Chakma alias Kaladungya (35) s/o Banshi Kumar Chakma
- 2) Mr. Pratimoy Chakma alias Pitingya (32) s/o Bilas Chandra Chakma

(50) 23 May 2001: Villagers attacked by UPDF in Jurachari

On 23/5/2001 at 11.30 p.m. an armed group of anti-accord elements made attack upon the villagers who were working for observing the rite of Mr. Sanjib Narayan Chakma's mother at Chatpatighat of Banjogichara under Jurachari upazila in Rangamati district. Mr. Sanjib Narayan was PCJSS member of Banjogichara UP Committee. But the villagers resisted it and drove them away.

June 2001**(51) 8 June 2001: Innocent youth shot dead by UPDF in Kaukhali**

On 8/6/2001 Mr. Danamuni Chakma (22) s/o Chandra Chakma alias Shreeman of village Mitingyachari under Barkal was shot dead at Ghagra under Kaukhali upazila in Rangmami district by a group of UPDF armed cadres. He was innocent and not involved with politics but he was killed because of his father is a member of PCJSS.

(52) 25 June 2001: Massive communal attack on Jumma people in Ramgarh

On 25 June 2001 from 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m. the Bengali settlers attacked on the Jumma-inhabited villages, namely, the Bulturam Tila, Jagannath Para, Sukendray Para, Chowdhury Para, South Garjantali etc under Ramgarh Municipality in the Khagrachari Hill District. 126 houses of the Jumma people were burnt into ashes and 118 houses were looted and destroyed in the attack. The several Jumma people were injured by the attack of the settlers while they tried to resist the attack.

It is mentionable that on 23 June 2001 a truck driver named Atar Ali was first abducted by a gang of allegedly Jumma terrorists from the area of Ramgarh Upazila and he was shot dead later on. On 25 June 2001 to carry forward the matter an agitated meeting and procession was organized under the banner of "Bangali Krishak-Shramik Kalyan Parishad" by the leadership of Rejaul Karim Helal & Ualiullah and the settlers created communal excitement in the Ramgarh area. At the end of the gathering at Ramgarh Municipal Auditorium, the Bengali settlers held a procession in the public road of Ramgarh, demanding 10 points of demands.

The UNO of Ramgarh upazila and the OC of the Ramgarh police station Mr. Kanchan Ali Mahmood were present with the procession. The agitated Bengali settlers created fear bursting chocolate bomb and cocktail while the procession of the Bengali settlers arrived at Master Para. After that, the Bengali settlers falsely announced through mikes from the two local mosques that the terrorists of the Hill Students Council have attacked on the procession of the Bangali Krishak-Sramik Kalyan Parishad and killed three Bengalis including a police officer. Therefore, "you (settlers) all come forward to resist the Jummas where ever you are." Within a moment, a big excitement was created and the Bengali settlers with sharp kirich, digger, spares and firearms attack on the villages of the Jumma people.

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(53) 27 June 2001: Returnee PCJSS member arrested by the army in Alikadam

On 27 June 2001 a returnee PCJSS member named Mr. Jagadish Tripura alias Suren (29) s/o Satish Chandra Tripura of Alikadam under Bandarban district was caught and then taken to the Alikadam Cantonment by the army of Alikadam Cantonment in Bandarban district. He was harassed and ordered not to form Youth Association in his village. It is notable that the PCJSS formed Youth Association in every village in CHT. Before taking him in the Cantonment the army rounded up his house and destroyed valuables of his house.

(54) 28 June 2001: Three villagers kidnapped and four houses burnt by UPDF in Barkal

On 28/6/2001 an armed group of UPDF attacked upon the villagers of Digalchhari under Barkal. In this attack, they kidnapped three villagers and four houses were burnt down. The kidnapped persons were:

- 1) Mr. Sumanta Chakma (22) s/o Laxminath Chakma, Organizing Secretary of Shubhlong branch of PCP.
- 2) Mr. Nanda Gopal Chakma (33) s/o Parandab Chakma. (His brother was President of PCP of Shabhalong branch)

3) Mr. Ricco Chakma (24) s/o Chandra Kumar Chakma.

The houses of the following villagers were burnt to ashes:

- 1) Mr. Nanda Gopal Chakma (33) s/o Parandhan Chakma
- 2) Mr. Nilangdhan Chakma (33)
- 3) Mr. Nakul Chandra Chakma (55)
- 4) Mr. Jnana Chakka (32).

July 2001

(55) 2 July 2001: UPDF & Bengali came up agreement to attack PCJSS members in Barkal

On 2/07/2001 a group of UPDF terrorist held meeting with the Bengali settlers of Baranachari under Barkal upazila. In this meeting, they planned to attack upon the PCJSS members who were staying in Shubhalong Bazar under Barkal upazila by the Bengali settlers and to kidnap Bengali businesspersons to create communal riot in this area owing to fulfil their vested interest. They came up in an agreement to help each other to make impediments to the process of implementation of CHT Accord.

(56) July 2001: PCP member killed by Awami League cadres in Kaptai

The President of PCP of Wagya branch, Mr. Sanjit Kumar Tanchangya (22) s/o Indra Kumar Tanchangya of village Pagalichara of Wagya union under Kaptai upazila in Rangamati district was killed brutally by a group of armed cadre of Awami League led by Anil Tanchangya, a criminal Chairman of Wagya Union.

(57) 3 July 2001: One Jumma killed, one woman kidnapped & two injured by Bengali settlers in Manikchari

On 3/7/200 at night Mr. Uthai Marma (30) of village Vepua Para under Manikchari upazila in Khagrachari district was killed by a group of 7/8 Bengali settlers. The settlers firstly take out Mr. Uthai Marma from his house and strike with sharp digger and immediately died and kidnapped Miss. Samapru Marma (20), a Jumma girl of that village. At the time of living the spot the Bengali settlers hit the people desperately and burnt the four Jumma houses to ashes. Nitai Marma and Akra Marma were serious among the injured persons. Later on Nitai Marma was transferred in the Chittagong Medical College Hospital with serious condition.

(58) 4 July 2001: 6 innocent villagers kidnapped by UPDF in Bandukbhanga

On 4/7/2001 a group of armed UPDF terrorist encircled the Naikkhangchari village of Bandukbhanga Union of Rangamati district and kidnapped the following persons:

- 1) Mr.Sushil Bikash Chakma (40)
- 2) Mr.Shanti Priya Chakma (22)
- 3) Mr.Moniraj Chakma (55)
- 4) Mr.Akul Kanti Chakma (50)
- 5) Mr. Samir Kanti Chakma (25)
- 6) Mr.Bimal Chandra Chakma (50)

(59) 19 July 2001: Two Jumma labourers arrested by the police in Rangamati

On 19 July 2001 the police of Katowali police station in Rangamati district arrested Mr. Dhanamoni Chakma (32) s/o Chikanya Chakma and Mr. Montu Chakma (22) s/o Hulamoni Chakma from Hatchery Para under Rangamati Municipality. They were daily labors and arrested with a false stealing case lodged in 1995.

(60) 20 July 2001: UPDF armed cadre released by the army commander in Barkal

On 20 July 2001 Mr. Kiran Chakma (35) s/o Kalyajira Chakma, an armed cadre of the anti-accord group of village Barkalak under Dumdumya union in Barkal upazila of Rangamati district was caught with one pistol, two hand grenades and three bullets of 303 rifle by the villagers of Barkalak and handed over to Shahid Atiar army camp under Barkal upazila. But the camp commander released him later on. As a result, the villagers of Barkalak became agitated for the release of Kiran Chakma who

has been conducting extortion, kidnapping and killing of pro-accord activists and innocent villagers for long time throughout Barkal upazila with the direct help of army.

August 2001

(61) 15 August 2001: Jumma houses searched by the army in Baghaichari

On 15 August 2001 at 1.30 p.m. a group of army from Nangalmara camp under Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati district conducted an operation at Tularam Karbari Para in Baghaichari upazila. The army searched the houses of following persons and destroyed some valuables of the houses.

- (1) Mr. Karunamoy Chakma (35) s/o Bizudhan Chakma
- (2) Mr. Jnana Ranjan Chakma (50) s/o Kamalya Chakma
- (3) Mr. Kamalya Chakma (70) s/o Bidyaraj Chakma
- (4) Mr. Jnana Bikash Chakma (35) s/o Hiranya Chakma
- (5) Mr. Bipin Chandra Chakma (35) s/o Raj Mohan Chakma.

(62) 18 August 2001: Jumma houses searched by the army in Baghaichari

On 18/8/2001 a group of army of 37 Bengal from Baghaichari camp under Baghaichari upazila along with Forest Department staff of Rangamati district conducted an operation at Balughat area in Baghaichari. In this operation, the army searched houses and destroyed some valuables of the houses. During searching of Amulyadhan Chakma's house, an army tried to rape Amulyadhan Chakma's wife Ms. Badini Chakma. At that time, she was alone in the house. But she could escape narrowly. The army searched the following houses:

- (1) Mr. Manu Ranjan Chakma
- (2) Mr. Jnana Ranjan Chakma
- (3) Mr. Amulyadhan Chakma
- (4) Mr. Trishankar Chakma.

28-29 August 2001: Report Submission of nomination for parliamentary election and PCJSS strike

1. On 28 and 29 August 2001 during the dates of submission of nomination for parliamentary election, the PCJSS observed strike throughout the 3 hill districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh demanding the followings:
 - (1) To hold parliamentary election by preparing the CHT voter list with permanent residents of CHT according to the CHT Accord.
 - (2) To amend the contradictory provisions of the CHT Land Disputes' Settlement Act 2001 according to CHT Accord.
 - (3) To withdraw all the temporary camps of army, Ansar, APB and VDP from CHT.
 - (4) To withdraw military administration – 'Operation Dabanal/Uttaran' from CHT.
 - (5) To rehabilitate the returnee Jumma refugees and internal Jumma displaced families.
 - (6) To withdraw the expanded cluster village of Bengali settlers at Pakujyachari under Mahalchari upazila in Khagrachari district.
 - (7) To rehabilitate the Bengali settlers outside CHT with dignity.
 - (8) To implement the CHT Accord.

Though the Parbatya Gana Parishad, an organization of Bengali settlers backed by army, declared to oppose the strike and despite some unexpected incidents, the strike was observed peacefully and successfully. Especially in Rangamati and Khagrachari districts no vehicle was could run. In Bandarban district, except some rickshaw no vehicle was run on 1st day, but on 2nd day the army forced to run buses, trucks, minibuses etc. The Awami League (AL) threatened to oppose if PCJSS hold meeting in favour of strike. As a result, Bandarban PCJSS could not hold post-strike meeting. But in Rangamati and Khagrachari, post-strike meetings were held on 29 August.

In Rangamati meeting, president of Rangamati PCJSS branch Mr. Gunendu Bikash Chakma presided over the meeting. PCJSS central vice president Mr. Ushatan Talukdar, PCJSS central GS

Mr. Chandrashekhar Chakma, Old and Permanent Bengali Welfare Council leader Md. Jaker Hossain and PCP central GS Mr. Bodhisatta Chakma delivered speeches in the meeting.

In Khagrachari meeting, president of Khagrachari PCJSS branch Mr. Dhira Kumar Chakma presided over and central member of PCJSS Mr. Sudhasindhu Khisa and PCP central president Mr. Braja Kishore tripura were present there as speakers.

The PCJSS and PCP picketers at Banarupa halted a motorcycle driver who was a supporter of AL while possession of Dipankar Talukder was going on from Rangamati municipality office to Deputy Commissioner office for submitting the nomination paper as AL candidate. As a result, some AL cadres tried to come forward to attack the PCJSS and PCP workers. But some leaders of AL halted them. One woman supporter of AL was wounded due to pushing by motorcycle driver while he tried to escape. The wounded woman got admission in Rangamati General hospital.

In Nakkhyangchari upazila under Bandarban district, a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League cadres attacked upon the PCP workers during the strike. As a result, 4 PCP workers got serious injuries. They were admitted at local hospital. Their names were not available till now due to strike.

2. On 30/8/2001 the Bangali Krishak-Shramik Kalyan Parishad (Bengali Farmers-Labors' Welfare Association), army backed settlers' organization, called strike throughout the 3 hill districts against the PCJSS strike. They demanded to remove CHTRC chairman from his post.
3. The following candidates submitted nomination in three hill districts:

Rangamati

9 persons, among them-
Dipankar Talukdar from AL
Mani Swapan Dewan from 4-party alliance
Prasit Bikash Khisa from UPDF

Khagrachari

Kalpa Ranjan Chakma from AL
Abdul Wadud Bhuinya from 4-party alliance
Prasit Bikash Khisa from UPDF
Upendra Lal Chakma as independent
Jalal Uddin Helal (settlers leader)
Dr. Prabhat Kumar Chakma from JP (Manju)
Punya Jyoti Chakma from JP (Ershad)
Mamongsi Marma alias Commander (Freedom Fighter) as independent
Kongjuri Marm as independent

Bandarban

Bir Bahadur from AL
Ms. Myama Ching from 4 party alliances
Juan Lian Amlai Bawm from UPDF (who attended WGIP in Geneva this year)
Mostafizur Rahman from 11-party alliance (left front)

Dipankar Talukdar and his Bengali supporters are spreading that if Dipankar Talukdar defeats and on the contrary Muni Swapan Dewan wins in the election then all the Bengalis have to go outside CHT. At present, anti-Dipankar tides are flowing in Rangamati basically in town area among the Jummas. Most of Jumma in Rangamati town are opining that Dipankar Talukdar has to be prevented by hook and crook. But PCJSS stand is not only to prevent the Dipankar, but to oppose the whole election.

4. The PCJSS took some programmes demanding to stop forthcoming parliamentary election, to prepare the CHT voter list with permanent resident of CHT, to hold the election after preparing new voter list and moreover to boycott and oppose the forthcoming parliamentary election. The prominent programmes are:

- (1) On 20/9/2001 a big public gathering/meeting will be held in Rangamati town. 20-50 thousand people may attend this meeting. Prominent Bengali sympathizers will participate in this meeting.
 - (2) On 30-31 September and 1 October 2001 72 hour-long strike will be called throughout the three hill districts.
5. At present, in the name of searching terrorists and recovering illegal arms, the army and police authorities are conducting combing operation in CHT. They are harassing and arresting the innocent Jumma people. For instances-
- (1) On 28/8/2001 a Jumma college student (name was not available) was arrested from College gate area in Rangamati district. He was accused with a case that was withdrawn by the Case Withdrawal Committee of Rangamati district according to the CHT Accord. He was under detention.
 - (2) On 2/9/2001 at 1.00 a.m. police from Kotowali police station of Rangamati district conducted an operation in Rangamati town. During the operation, an innocent student of Rangamati Technical Training Centre (TTC) named Mr. Nabarun Chakma (14) s/o Binoy Kumar Chakma was arrested from TTC road in Rangamati.
6. Last week of August 2001 the leaders of Adi O Stayee Bangali Kalyan Parishad (Old and Permanent Bengali Welfare Council) led Mr. Mostafizur Rahman called on with the chief advisor of caretaker government Latifur Rahman at his office in Dhaka. The other members of delegation were Mr. Abu Yusuf from Rangamati and another one leader from Khagrachari district. They demanded to prepare voter list with permanent residents of CHT and to stop forthcoming general elocation till the new voter list made.

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(63) 2 September 2001: Adolescent Jumma student arrested by the police in Rangamati

On 2/9/2001 at 1.00 a.m. police from Kotowali police station of Rangamati district conducted an operation at TTC road in Rangamati town. During the operation, an innocent student of Rangamati Technical Training Centre (TTC) named Mr. Nabarun Chakma (14) s/o Binoy Kumar Chakma was arrested from TTC road in Rangamati while he was speeling at his home. Next day he was produced to the court and sent to joil custody. After a week the court granted bail to him as the police failed to show any case against him. But his poor father (autorickshaw driver) had to spent more than Taka 20,000 for legal fighting to get bail from the court.

(64) 9 September 2001: Adolescent Jumma girl tried to kidnap by a army in Jurachari

On 9/9/2001 Subedar Ayub from Rest Hat Fakirachara camp of 40 Bengal under Kaptai brigade in Rangamati district tried to kidnap an adolescent Jumma girl named Miss Hasina Chakma (13) d/o Basu Chakma of village Fakirachara of Moidong mouza under Jurachari upazila in Rangamati district from Panighat area while she was going to bring water from river. The villagers led by Dilip Chakma, member of Moidong Union Council rushed there while Miss Hasina Chakma was shouting and rescued her from nearby area of camp. The villagers complained againt Subedar Ayub to the camp commander. But no action was taken against the culprit.

October 2001

(65) Report on the Situation of 8th Parliamentary Election of CHT

1. Public meeting to boycott Parliamentary Election:

In order to boycott and resist the 8th Parliamentary Election and demanding proper implementation of CHT Accord, the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) organized a public meeting at Rangamati stadium on 21/9/2001 with Mr. Rupayan Dewan in the

chair. There were attended more than 50 thousand people from three districts. The people from Khagrachari district have participated in the meeting by 93 buses and jeeps. PCJSS president Mr. Santu Larma was the chief speaker. Presidium member of Gona Forum and member of 11-Party Alliance Mr. Pankaj Bhattacharja, Convenor of Sammilita Samajik Andolan Mr. Ajoy Roy, teacher of Jahangirnagar University Dr. Hayat Mahmud and teacher of Dhaka University Mr. Mesbah Kamal attended the meeting as guest and speaker. General secretary of PCJSS Mr. Chandra Shekhar Chakma, central committee members of PCJSS Advocate Shaktiman Chakma and K S Mong Marma, leaders of old and permanent resident Bengalis Mr. Usuf Alam and Md. Jaker Hossain, PCP president Mr. Braja Kishore Tripura etc. also delivered speech in the meeting.

All the speakers of the meeting strongly urged the caretaker government of Bangladesh to postpone the 8th parliamentary election in CHT and called the Jummas and Bengalis to resist the anti-constitutional and anti-accord election by boycotting election voluntarily. PCJSS president declared:

- (1) To continue the election resistant movement till the voter lists of CHT is prepared with permanent residents of CHT;
- (2) Not to blockade voters against their wills by any side;
- (3) Not to make obstacle to the personnel officially engaged in the election duty;
- (4) Not to accept the election result whatever it was.

Thousands of participants from several places could not attend the meeting due to continuous threatening of dire consequences of the anti-accord UPDF activists and the various obstacles, such as, questioning, uselessly checking up launch, boats, buses and jeeps on the way to meeting by the military forces. Most of the participants from Jurachari Upazila could not attend the meeting as the anti-accord UPDF activist at Rastamata and Betchari area stopped them. No one participant from Panchari Upazila of Khagrachari District could attend the meeting as the anti-accord UPDF activists forbidden. Participants from Longudu and Barkal Upazila were stopped and harassed by the army of Subhalong Baranachari Army camp on their way to attending the meeting and many participants returned to home from midway. The participants from Khagrachari Hill District were also stopped and harassed by the military of Manikchari army camp on their way to Rangamati so that the participants could not attend the meeting in due time. The participants from Kaptai and Rajasthali Upazila were attacked by a gang of Awami League terrorists led by Anil Tanchangya at Kukimara of Wagga union in Kaptai Upazila on their way back home.

It is notable that the main reason for boycotting the 8th parliamentary election by the PCJSS and the Jumma people, inter-alia, is the anti-CHT accord and unconstitutional voter list of CHT. In the CHT Accord, there is a provision that a person shall be entitled to be considered as legally eligible for enlistment in the Voters' List if he is a permanent resident of the hill district. Again, in the accord a permanent resident (among the Bengali) is he who is not a tribal, who has lands of lawful entitlement in the hill districts, and who generally lives in the hill districts at a specific address. This provision is consistent with the article 122 of the constitution of Bangladesh. Nevertheless, the non-permanent Bengali settlers, security forces and many other outsiders were enlisted in the voters' list prepared in May-June 2000. In protesting the illegal voter lists and demanding fresh voter lists PCJSS boycotted the election.

2. General strike in CHT:

PCJSS called two-day strike on 30 September and 1 October 2001 through out the three hill districts of CHT demanding the followings:

- (1) To hold 8th national parliamentary election preparing CHT voter lists with permanent residents of CHT in accordance with the constitution of Bangladesh and CHT Accord;
- (2) To amend the CHT Land Dispute Settlement Act 2001 in accordance with the CHT Accord;
- (3) To close down all the temporary camps of army, Ansar, APB and VDP;
- (4) To withdraw the military administration 'Operation Dabanal' and 'Operation Uttaran' from CHT;
- (5) To rehabilitate the returnee Jumma refugees and internal Jumma displaced persons;

- (6) To withdraw expanded cluster village of Bengali settlers from Pakujyachari under Mahalchari upazila in Khagrachari district;
- (7) To rehabilitate the Bengali settlers outside CHT with dignity;
- (8) To implement the CHT Accord properly.

The strike was observed in peaceful manner.

3. Election scenario in CHT:

In support of PCJSS demands, most of the Jummas and permanent Bengalis boycotted the election. About 80% Jumma people did not cast their votes in the election. No body voted at 9 centers in Baghaichari upazila and 1 center each in Barkal and Rajasthali upazilas under Rangamati district and 1 center in Panchari upazila and 4 centers in Dighinala upazila under Khagrachari district. There are many centers where a little number of voters cast their votes. Armed cadres of UPDF compelled Jummas at gunpoint to cast their votes in favour of their candidate Mr. Prasit Bikash Khisa in Kaukhali and Naniarchar upazilas under Rangamati district and Khagrachari sadar, Panchari, Dighinala and Laxmichari upazilas under Khagrachari district. Even in some areas, such as, Na-Bhanga center in Kaukhali upazila and Dallytali center in Laxmichari upazila, Munigram center in Khagrachari upazila, the UPDF cadres compelled to vote by beating villagers. At Munigram center under Khagrachari upazila, UPDF cast fake votes more than actual enlisted voters.

The UPDF activists also threatened the voters that they would face severe consequences if do not cast their votes for the UPDF candidate. In some polling centers, the UPDF activists threatened the polling officers and polling agents of other candidates to keep silent while casting fake votes for their candidate. In some polling centers polling officers, police and army personnel did not oppose UPDF elements while casting fake votes. Rather, government officers and armed forces helped UPDF elements in casting fake votes to show spontaneous participation of a large number of voters against the election boycott called by the PCJSS. Most of the votes cast for UPDF in Rangamati and Khagrachari constituencies are either fake or by rigging. It was learnt that in many vote centers each UPDF voter cast 10-15 votes. On the other, the UPDF declared that additional toll would be imposed on people of the areas where UPDF candidate would not be able to achieve highest votes. Accordingly, it is being executed in all the places in Khagrachari district where UPDF was defeated.

The UPDF has opposed the PCJSS activists who were engaged in election boycott programme. For instance, returnee PCJSS members Mr. Mangal Sundar Chakma and Mr. Nishiram Chakma were put under house arrest by the UPDF at village Pujgang Mukh in Panchari Sub-district since 18 September 2001. The UPDF deployed special armed groups for pressurizing the voters in favour of Mr. Prasit Bikash Khisa, President, the UPDF. (Ref.: Daily 'Bhorer Kagoj' and 'Jugantar' dated 5 September 2001) and has threatened, tortured and misbehaved with many Jummas before and after the election in Kaukhali, Panchari and Khagrachari areas.

There are several causes behind assisting UPDF by the Government in contesting the election. The first cause is to use the UPDF against the PCJSS, secondly to fulfill its vested interest through the sabotage activities of UPDF, to destroy the unity and strength of the Jumma peoples.

After the election, the UPDF is taking actions against the people who supported the PCJSS election boycott programme. For instances, on 6 October 2001 a PCJSS member named Mr. Chandra Kumar Chakma s/o Hanumannya Chakma of village Kalapani under Laxmichari of Khagrachari district was kidnapped by the anti accord UPDF activists from a shop of Rangapanichara of Laxmichari-Manikchari road in Khagrachari district. He was abducted as he campaigned in favour of PCJSS boycott programme. He is yet to be rescued.

On the other, in some places the military forces threatened to arrest the PCJSS members and supporter if they campaign for PCJSS election boycott programme. For instances, in a meeting held on 12 September 2001 called by Lt. Colonel Ridoyan, commanding officer of Jurachari zone (40 East Bengal) declared that necessary actions would be taken against them who took part in election boycotting campaign. On 10 September 2001 the army led subedar Ayub from Fakirachar

camp (40 East Bengal) torn election boycotting poster stuck on walls by the PCJSS. On 1 October 2001 during the election, the following PCJSS and PCP workers were arrested by the police from a supporter house of Kraikhyang village under Thanchi upazila in Bandarban district. They were falsely accused of making hindrance to the villagers in casting vote. They were transferred to Bandarban district jail. They were not released till to-date. The victims were:

- (1) Mr. Bathowai Ching Headman, PCJSS president of Thanchi upazila
- (2) Mr. Aung Sain Marma, PCP president of Thanchi upazila
- (3) Mr. Uching Mong Marma, PCP president of Bandarban district
- (4) Mr. Birapakka Chakma, PCP member
- (5) Mr. Asibindu Chakma, PCP member.

4. Election result in CHT:

The CHT result of 8th General Election is:

Rangamati district

(1) Mr. Mani Swapan Dewan (BNP & Alliance)	68,744
(2) Mr. Dipankar Talukdar (AL)	51,002
(3) Mr. Prasit Bikash Khisa (UPDF)	14,285
(4) Md. Arfan Ali [JP(E)]	1,966
(5) Mr. A K M Anowar [JP(Manju)]	121

Khagrachari district

(1) Mr. Abdul Owadud Bhuiya (BNP & Alliance)	93,861
(2) Mr. Kalpa Ranjan Chakma (AL)	55,309
(3) Mr. Prasit Bikash Khisa (UPDF)	34,399
(4) Mr. Upendra Lal Chakma (Independence)	1,317
(5) Mr. Shahaj Uddin [IF-JP(E)]	1,163
(6) Mr. Purna Jyoti Chakma [JP(Manju)]	425
(7) Mr. Reyaj Uddin Helal (Independence)	60

Bandarban district

(1) Mr. Bir Bahadur (AL)	39,550
(2) Mrs. Ma Mya Ching (BNP & Alliance)	38,697
(3) Mr. Saching Prue Jeri (Independence)	12,972
(4) Mr. Ranglai Mrong (Independence/UPDF)	6,511
(5) Mr. Ayub Chowdhury (Independence)	2,205
(6) Mr. Badarul Hogue Chowdhury [IF-JP(E)]	480
(7) Mr. Thowaisa Prue Master (Independence)	371

AL = Awami League, BNP = Bangladesh Nationalist Party, UPDF = United Peoples Democratic Front, IF = Islamic Front, JP(E) = Jatiya Party (Ershad group), JP(Manju) = Jatiya Party (Manju group).

Mr. Saching Prue Jeri is a BNP leader in Bandarban district. He wanted to get nominated by BNP for contesting the election. But BNP nominated Ms. Ma Mya Ching as contestant. Hence, Mr. Jeri fielded himself as independence candidate ignoring BNP high command decision. Mr. Thowaisa Prue Master and Mr. Ayub Chowdhury are leaders of AL in Bandarban district. They also fielded themselves as independence candidate against party decision. Mr. Ayub Chowdhury tried to attract the Bengali votes citing Bengali and Islamic slogan. But at the last, he supported to Mr. Bahadur. The candidate of BNP Mrs. Ma Mya Ching could win if its dissident Mr. Saching Prue Jeri did not contest.

5. Election Violence in CHT:

Several election violence like killing, injury and kidnapping happened in CHT, particularly in Khagrachari district. At least 3 persons including UPDF activists were killed in these violences. Local people believes it happened due to internal conflict in the UPDF on the election strategy and the distribution of huge amount of money they received as ransom against the release of three European hostages. In regard to the election strategy, a section of the UPDF wanted to support

Mr. Kalpa Ranjan Chakma, former MP while others Mr. Upendra Lal Chakma, President, Repatriated Jumma Refugees Welfare Association as candidate for Khagrachari Hill Tracts constituency. It was learnt that Mr. K. R. Chakma was assured to get support from the UPDF for his return to the parliament. Mr. U. L. Chakma extended his logistical supports to make the UPDF show down at Swanirbhar bazar in Khagrachari on August 1, 2001 a success, as he was also assured to get fullest election support from the UPDF. Even, the UPDF promised to support the leaders of the Marma Unnayan Sangsad for its Marma candidate. Ignoring all these opinions Mr. Prasit Bikash Khisa, President, UPDF fielded himself as a candidate for Khagrachari and Rangamati constituencies.

Consequently, a rivalry was developed among Mr. K. R. Chakma, Mr. U. L. Chakma and Mr. P. B. Khisa for returning to the parliamentary election. For instance, the UPDF has asked Mr. U. L. Chakma to meet them at Giriphul, a UPDF base. Mr. U. L. Chakma could anticipate that he would be forced to withdraw his candidature in favour of Mr. Prasit and in lieu, he sent two of his election agents. They both were misbehaved by Mr. Dipti Sankar Chakma, one of the UPDF leaders and sternly warned them that Mr. U.L. Chakma would face serious consequences if he did not withdraw from the election battle. Mr. Kalpa Ranjan Chakma was stopped and assaulted by the UPDF at Shivmandir on his way to Panchari for his election campaign. As a result he had to go to Panchari with Police escort. (Ref.: Daily 'Janakantha' dated 16 September 2001). Considering the above election scenario and internal conflict in the UPDF most of the people in the region are of the opinion that the UPDF is solely responsible for the above violence which resulted killing, injury and kidnap.

6. Causes behind the failure of AL candidate:

The main causes behind the failure of the Awami League candidates in Rangamati and Khagrachari constituencies are non-acceptability of candidates by the Jumma Peoples, non-implementation of the CHT accord properly and the corruption during their tenure by the candidates. Mainly the Bengalis cast their votes for the Awami League candidates. At Bandarban constituency there is internal conflict within the BNP, which resulted in the winning of the Awami League candidate Mr. Bir Bahadur. At Rangamati and Khagrachari constituencies, the non-permanent Bengali settlers' votes and boycotting election by the PCJSS paved the way for winning the BNP candidates as most of around 300,000 non-permanent Bengali settlers' votes were cast for the BNP candidates.

7. Post-election assessment:

After the landslide victory in the eighth parliamentary election BNP and its alliance has just formed the government and yet to declare any policy on CHT issues. In the BNP's election manifesto it was stated that provisions of the CHT accord that contradict to the constitution of Bangladesh would be amended and they would establish equal rights for all inhabitants in the CHT. It is noted that BNP and Jamat-e-Islami has been opposing the CHT accord from the very beginning. Hence the winning of the BNP and its alliance make the people of CHT anxious. With regard to the implementation of the CHT accord by the new government, People are quite suspicion.

As Jamat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote of BNP led 4 party alliance are the fundamentalists and hold the ideology of extreme Islamic expansionism, the Jumma peoples are suspicion of facing worst situation in future. The newly elected MP of BNP from the Khagrachari constituency Mr. Abdul Wadud Bhuinya demanded food rations for the Bengali settlers. Anti-accord UPDF leader Prasit Bikash Khisha met Wadud Bhuinya after the election. People are afraid that like the previous government, severe activities against the interest of the Jummas will be continued by the new government assisting the anti accord group.

Mr. Mani Swapan Dewan, MP of Rangamati constituency has been made Deputy Minister for the CHT Affairs Ministry. According to the CHT Accord, a ministry on Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs shall be established on appointing a Cabinet Minister from among the Jummas. The Prime

Minister has retained the CHT Affairs Ministry for herself violating the CHT Accord. Violation of the Accord creates dissatisfaction and agitation among the Jumma people.

(66) Report on activities of BNP-led 4-party coalition government:

The four-party Alliance headed by Prime Minister (PM) Begum Khaleda Zia assumed power on 15 October 2001. Mr. Moni Swapan Dewan who was elected as MP in the parliament election from Rangamati constituency as a BNP candidate has been made Deputy Minister of the CHT Affairs Ministry and the PM kept this Ministry under her.

On 26 October 2001 Mr. Moni Swapan Dewan met PCJSS president J. B. Larma where Mr. Larma briefed Mr. Dewan about the positions of the CHT Agreement, the CHT Regional Council (CHTRC) and the 3 Hill District Councils (HDCs). PCJSS president handed over him a 56 point notes to discuss with the PM Begum Khaleda Zia.

Mr. J. B. Larma sent Mr. Rupayan Dewan a senior leader of PCJSS to Dhaka in October 2001 to make contact with some leaders of the BNP. Mr. Rupayan Dewan had a talk with Alamgir Kabir, state minister of Public Works and Housing. With an aim to have discussion with Mr. Larma, Mr. Kabir paid a visit to Rangamati on 8 November. In the meeting Mr. Kabir agreed not to take any decisions on CHT related issues without having consultation and consent from the PCJSS and the CHTRC. Mr. Kabir requested Mr. Larma to send delegate to Dhaka for having discussion with the government.

(67) Report on activities of the anti-accord UPDF during post-election

Soon after the national election, the anti accord UPDF activists has intensified their terrorist activities in some areas of the CHT especially in the areas where the UPDF candidate was defeated. As the victims of their terrorist activities, some villagers of Kamalchari in Khagrachari district including Mr. Kaladhan Chakma, a Primary School Teacher of Kamalchari were beaten and Mr. Birabahu Chakma was stabbed.

They set up a toll collection center on Khagrachari-Dighinala road near Agriculture Research Center in Khagrachari district, which is one kilometer away from the Khagrachari Police Head Quarter. They forcibly collect toll from the poor people of Tripura ethnic people and other passengers. Even they charge taka 5 against each bunch of banana and firewood. On 15/10/2001 at 5.30 a.m. the villagers of Harinath Para in Khagrachari district were forcibly gathered and beaten at gunpoint by an armed group of UPDF. It was informed to Deputy Commissioner and Police Super of Khagrachari. But the administration did not take any action against the UPDF terrorists. The UPDF cadres ordered to Harinatha Para villagers to meet with them at Giriphul area where the UPDF set up their UPDF headquarter.

On 16/10/2001 the UPDF armed cadres kidnapped an innocent youth named Mr. Khula Chakma from West Narankhiya under Khagrachari sadar. He was released later due to tremendous pressure of the local people.

As the Hindu community of Mohalchari bazar under Mohalchari P.S. in the district of Khagrachari did not cast their votes for the UPDF candidate, the UPDF terrorists demanded taka 2 hundred thousand from the fund raised for the Durga Puja festival. The Puja committee was compelled to pay taka one hundred thousand and boycotted the festival protesting against the terrorist activities of the UPDF.

The military and the local administration are assisting the UPDF activists in carrying out their under ground terrorist activities. On the other, the local administration in Khagrachari district involves the UPDF activists in the meetings on Law and Order restoration and various other government programmes with the aim to use the UPDF against the PCJSS by giving them space in the over ground politics.

The UPDF, with the direct and indirect help of the army authorities are making attempts to gain grounds in CHT. During the recent parliamentary elections, the UPDF established its office openly at the house of Ananta Bihari Khisa (father of Prasit B. Khisa) Khagrachari with direct help of army and civil administration. Their workers carried arms and rucksacks to that office and placed armed sentry

post there almost openly. It was notable that there were BDR camp and army cantonments near to it. The UPDF cadres were patrolling openly with arms at Swanirbhar area in Khagrachari sadar in front of BDR camp. During patrolling, they were searching the houses of PCP members and supporters and their relatives.

Prasit Bikash Khisa, with the request from the Khagrachari Region Commander was provided armed escort by the police for his travel, after the parliamentary elections from Khagrachari to Chittagong on 6 October 2001. After the elections, the local officers of the army and the NSI expressed in Khagrachari that they were successful in establishing the UPDF during the parliamentary elections. The UPDF has accelerated its armed attacks upon PCJSS workers and supporters in the recent days. For instances:

1. On 6/10/2001 a returnee PCJSS member named Mr. Chandra Kumar Chakma Amarjit s/o Arengkaji Chakma of village Dojari Para under Manikchari of Khagrachari district was kidnapped by the anti-accord UPDF activists from a shop of Rangapanichara of Laxmichari-Manikchari road in Khagrachari district. He was abducted as he campaigned in favour of PCJSS boycott programme. He was killed later.
2. On 18/10/2001 at 10.00 a.m. an armed group of UPDF attacked upon PCJSS members and supporters at Khularam Para under Mahalchari upazila in Khagrachari district. In this attack, a supporter of PCJSS got bullet injuries and the following members and supporters of PCJSS were kidnapped:
 - (1) Mr. Bappi Khisa (26) s/o Binode Bihari Khisa.
 - (2) Mr. Sujjit Talukdar (27) s/o Prabhat Kumar Talukder of Mubachari in Mohalchari
 - (3) Mr. Udayan Chakma (20) s/o Dayal Krishna Chakma of Mubachari in Mohalchari
 - (4) Mr. Einstein Chakma (28).

The UPDF activists demanded five hundred thousand of taka from Bappi Khisa as ransom. The guardians paid 479,000 taka on 29/10/2001 to the UPDF activists at the house of Upendra Lal Chakma. Consequently, Bappi Khisa and Udayan Chakma were released later. But Mr. Einstein was killed even his guardian paid 20,000 taka of ransom.

3. On 20/10/2001 at 7.15 p.m. Organizing Secretary of Mohalchari upazilla PCJSS Mr. Jibamoy Chakma s/o Susen Muni Chakma was kidnapped from his village and killed later.
4. On 24/10/2001 at 5.00 p.m. PCP president of regional branch Mr. Shubhashish Chakma s/o Bhagya Lal Chakma of Narankhiya under Khagrachari sadar was abducted from Narankhiya under Khagrachari sadar upazila in Khagrachari district and taken into Giriphul (headquarter of UPDF) by UPDF armed cadres. He was beaten severely.

(68) Report on activities of Bengali settlers during post-election

It has been observed that the Islamic Foundation, an Islamic fundamentalist organization has geared up its activities in CHT. This Foundation is going to establish a bank in CHT funded by the Islamic Bank of Bangladesh. The Bengali settlers and other non-tribal persons are to get financial facilities from it. The settlers in CHT have become morally up and have again started occupying lands illegally at some areas in CHT. The Jamat-e-Islami also has come up actively and recently held meetings and processions in Rangamati and few other places to highlight their demands for equal rights with the Jumma people.

After the general election held on 1 October 2001, the Bengali settlers' activities against the CHT Accord have been found more. Soon after the present government (led by BNP) was formed, the Bengali settlers submitted memorandum to the Prime Minister (PM) demanding the followings:

- (1) To appoint newly elected BNP MP from Khagrachari Constituency Mr. Wadood Bhuiyan as the minister of CHT Affairs Ministry or political advisor to the PM.
- (2) To create vice chairman post in the CHT Regional Council, the three Hill District Councils and CHT Development Board and to appoint Bengali settlers to the posts.

- (3) To keep the subject "Land and Land Management" under the Deputy Commissioners instead of keeping under the Hill District Councils.
- (4) To remove Mr. Santu Larma from the CHT Regional Council and to bring him to the court accusing of the killings of Bengali settlers during the conflict period.

The Bengali settlers extended their activities, such as land grabbing and extension of cluster villages. Settlers from Pagujyachari Guchha Gram (Cluster Village) under Mohalchari upazila in Khagrachari District have occupied the lands of the following Jummas and constructed houses. In November 2000, with the help and assistance of the military more than 150 settlers' families resided in the lands of the Jummas. One hundred eighty one Jummas who own the lands submitted application to the DC and Brigade Commander asking to remove the settlers.

(69) 27 October 2001: Jumma devotees harassed by the army in Ghagra bazar

On 27/10/2001 the army of 50 Bengal from Champatali camp of Ghagra in Rangamati district harassed the following devout Jummas while raising fund for Buddhist holy festival 'Prabarana Purnima' of Rajbana Bihara of Rangamati and Ghagra Swadharma Bouddha Bihara at Ghagra bazar. Army seized the coupon books and leaflets from them. The victims were:

- (1) Mr. Krishna Ratan Chakma (23) s/o Nilongdhan Chakma of village Champatali under Kaukhali upazila.
- (2) Mr. Titul Chakma (24) s/o Mogya Chakma of same village.
- (3) Mr. Dhana Moni Chakma (23) s/o Biraj Mohan Chakma of same village.

November 2001

(70) 3 November 2001: So-called kidnap of Kali Khisa and mis-propoganda by UPDF

On 3/11/2001 the Hill Women Federation led Swarna Chakma and Kabita Chakma brought out a demonstration in Khagrachari against the kidnapping of Ms. Kali Khisa of Mahalchari upazila in Khagrachari district. The UPDF has falsely accused the PCJSS of the kidnapping of Ms. Kali Khisa on 30/10/2001. Later, Ms. Kali Khisa denied the accusation by giving a press release.

(71) 8 November 2001: PCJSS member arrested by the army in Alikadam

On 8/11/2001 the army of Choikkhyong army camp under Alikadam cantonment in Bandarban district arrested the following PCJSS members while raising fund with coupon for observation of 18th death anniversary of founder leader of PCJSS and and champion of national awakening in CHT Manabendra Narayan Larma. They were handed over to Alikadam police station after heavily physical torture by army and then transferred to Bandarban district jail. They were falsely accused in connection of extortion of money. They were granted bail after a couple of months. The victims were:

- (1) Mr. Dilip Tripura (32) of village Choikkhyong in Alikadam upazila
- (2) Mr. Chau Prue Marma (35) of village Choikkhyong

(72) 8 November 2001: Two PCJSS members arrested by army in Alikadam

On 8/11/2001 the army of Choikkhyong army camp under Alikadam cantonment in Bandarban district arrested the following PCJSS members while raising fund with coupon for observation of 18th death anniversary of founder leader of PCJSS Manabendra Narayan Larma. They were handed over to Alikadam police station after heavily beaten by army and then transferred to Bandarban district jail. They were falsely accused in connection of extortion of money. The victims were:

- (3) Mr. Dilip Tripura (32) of village Choikkhyong in Alikadam upazila
- (4) Mr. Chau Prue Marma (35) of village Choikkhyong

(73) 10 November 2001: UP Chairman kidnapped by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 10/11/2001 at evening time Naniarchar UP Chairman Mr. Ranjit Chakma was kidnapped with gunpoint from Ratnakur Buddha Bihara of Patachari under Naniarchar upazila in Rangmatai district

by UPDF armed cadres. The kidnapers demanded two hundred thousand of taka as ransom. He was released on 12/11/2001.

(74) 10 November 2001: Pick-up carrying PCJSS supporters attacked by UPDF armed cadres in Khagrachari

On 10/11/2001 at 5.00 p.m. an armed group of UPDF led by Animesh Chakma (Chhota) made an armed attack upon a pick-up carrying PCJSS supporters who were returning from Khagrachari to Dighinala after attending the public meeting that was held for 18th death anniversary of M. N. Larma, founder of PCJSS. In this attack, a PCJSS supporter old Bengali resident Md. Rahmat Ullah (24) s/o Amin Sharif of village Dighinala Sadar was spot dead. The following PCP members were seriously injured.

- 1) Mr. Bidarshan Chakma (25) s/o Pramode Bikash Chakma of village Katalali of Babu Para in Dighinala. He got bullet injury in left hand.
- 2) Mr. Tapan Chakma (24) s/o Galabindu Chakma of village Baradam in Dighinala. He got injuries in hands and face.
- 3) Mr. Sadhan Chakma (22) s/o Kripa Charan Chakma of village Babuchara in Dighinala. He got injuries in right leg and left hand.
- 4) Mr. Sunil Kanti Chakma Rinku (22) s/o Sura Mohan Chakma (Sneh Kumar) of village Hachinchanpur of Kabakhali in Dighinala. He got injuries in left leg and admission at Chittagong Medical College hospital.
- 5) Mr. Kalachi Chakma (20) s/o Kumud Bihari Chakma of village Kamakuchara in Dighinala. He got admission at Khagrachari hospital.

(75) 11 November 2001: Two PCJSS members kidnapped by UPDF in Naniarchar

On 11/11/2001 the following two PCJSS workers were kidnapped by UPDF from Ratnakur Buddha Bihara in Naniarchar with gunpoint. The kidnapped PCJSS workers were:

- (1) Mr. Sunil Chakma (22)
- (2) Mr. Jibanta Chakma (35)

(76) 14 November 2001: Innocent villager kidnapped by UPDF in Bandukbhanga

On 14/11/2001 Mr. Amar Kanti Chakma Ayub Khan (28) s/o Nishi Kumar Chakma of village Lekhyongchara of Bandukbhanga union under Rangamati was kidnapped from Digali Bag under Rangamati upazila in Rangamati district by armed cadres of UPDF while Mr. Chakma was coming to Rangamati.

(77) 22 November 2001: Jumma youths harassed by BDR in Harina of Barkal

On 22/11/2001 the following Jumma youths at Harina launch ghat under Barkal upazila in Rangamati district were harassed by BDR of 10 Battalion led by Adjutant Saimum of Chota Harina camp. The victims were:

- (1) Mr. Ratan Kumar Chakma, president of Barkal upazila branch of PCP
- (2) Mr. Amar Kumar Chakma, president of Barkal upazila branch of Juba Samiti.

(78) 23 November 2001: Bengali settlers started constructing houses on the lands of Jummas at Lemuchari Mouza

On 23-11-2001, the Bengali settlers started constructing houses on the lands of Jummas at Chongrachari under Lemuchari Mouza. The Jummas came under attack of the settlers as the Jummas tried to prevent them from occupying their lands. In this attacks 20 Jummas including Chairman of Mohalchari Sadar Union Mr. Arcemadis Chakma and Rev. Ratnapriya Shraman, a Buddhist monk were severely injured. The owners of land lodged a case against 21 settlers. But no body was arrested. A 4-member inquiry committee headed Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Mr. Mosharaf Hossain was formed. The other member of the committee were representative of Police Super, representative of Zone Commander of army and Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Mohalchari. However, the Jumma was not happy with this committee, as the civil and military administration has been always favoring to the settlers. The Bengali settlers occupied 284.56 acres of land which 63 Jumma owners.

(79) 26 November 2001: PCP Member shot dead by UPDF in Manikchari

On 26/11/2001 the armed cadres of UPDF kidnapped a PCP member named Mr. Mongthachi Marma (22) s/o Paichha Marma of village Rangapani under Manikchari in Khagrachari district and shot dead later. His dead body was recovered in jungle near his village on 2/12/2001.

(80) 26 November 2001: Innocent woodcutter shot dead by UPDF in Manikchari

On 26/11/2001, the armed cadres of UPDF fired upon two innocent woodcutters Mr. Aungthowaichi Marma (30) s/o Ajyaching Marma and Mr. Monghla Prue Marma (28) in Manikchari near to Laxmichari. In this attack, Aungthowaichi Marma died on the spot and Monghla Prue Marma received bullet injuries.

(81) 26 November 2001: Villagers attacked by armed cadres of UPDF in Longadu

On 26/11/2001 at 6.30 the UPDF armed cadres led by Tapan Jyoti Chakma attacked upon the villagers of Kattali Baradam and Futtuachari under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. The armed cadres of UPDF entered in the village on firing. In this attack, the UPDF cadres set fire the houses and shops of following PCJSS supporters. A school run by UNICEF was burnt into ashes.

The affected Jummas whose houses have been burnt down and looted by the settlers:

- 1) Mr. Laxmiram Chakma s/o Biraj Chandra Chakma of village Futtuachari
- 2) Mr. Patyaram Chakma s/o Biraj Chandra Chakma of village Futtuachari
- 3) Mr. Prabhat Kusum Chakma s/o Bhabendra Chakma of village Futtuachari
- 4) Mr. Purna Kusum Chakma s/o Bhabendra Chakma of village Futtuachari
- 5) Mr. Subhagya Kusum Chakma s/o Bhabendra Chakma of village Futtuachari
- 6) Mr. Amar Kusum Chakma s/o Bhabendra Chakma of village Futtuachari
- 7) Mr. Kalidas Chakma s/o late Guladhan Chakma of village Futtuachari
- 8) Mr. Haripada Chakma s/o Brishamuni Chakma of village Kattali Baradam
- 9) Mr. Rana Bijoy Chakma s/o Purna Chakra Chakma of village Kattali Baradam
- 10) Mr. Mangal Chandra Chakma s/o Brishamuni Chakma of village Kattali Baradam
- 11) Mr. Kalicharan Chakma s/o Rabi Chandra Chakma of village Kattali Baradam
- 12) Ms. Ittukbi Chakma w/o late Shukramuni Chakma of village Kattali Baradam

The affected Jummas whose houses have been burnt down and looted by the settlers:

- 1) Mr. Bijoy Mohan Chakma s/o Swargamuni Chakma
- 2) Mr. Jashobrata Khisa s/o late Rebati Mohan Khisa
- 3) Mr. Ranjan Chakma s/o Aruruddha Chakma
- 4) Mr. Kiran Bikash Chakma s/o Braja Chandra Chakma

The following villagers were tortured:

- 1) Mr. Ranjan Chakma (28) s/o Aniruddha Chakma
- 2) Mr. Mangal Bihari Chakma (32)
- 3) Mr. Manmath Chakma (55) s/o Brishamoni Chakma
- 4) Mr. Mangal Chandra Chakma (45) s/o Brishamoni Chakma
- 5) Mr. Rasya, a Bengali fish trader.

(82) 26 November 2001: Four PCJSS supporters kidnapped by UPDF in Longadu

On 26/11/2001 an armed group of UPDF kidnapped the following PCJSS supporters of village Bagarachara and Baradam under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. Early in the morning of this day, the UPDF cadres rounded the village and then arrested the said innocent villagers. At first the victims were beaten severely and then kidnapped. Till to-date, the victims were not released. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Shashadhar Chakma s/o Manamata Chakma of village Bagarachara
- 2) Mr. Biplob Chakma s/o Mangal Chandra Chakma of village Bagarachara
- 3) Mr. Prodip Chakma s/o Shashabindu Karbari of village Baradam
- 4) Mr. Bijoy Mohan Karbari s/o Swargamuni Chakma of village Baradam.

(83) 27 November 2001: Jumma villagers kidnapped by UPDF in Laxmichari

On 27/11/2001, the anti-accord UPDF elements kidnapped the following innocent Jumma people at gunpoint from Dhulyatali union in Laxmichari upazila under Khagrachari district. The victims were-

- 1) Mr. Jugamal Dewan s/o Rebati Dewan of village Dewan Para in Laxmichari
- 2) Mr. Muninna Chakma s/o Roy Ranjan Chakma, Ex-UP member, address - do.
- 3) Mr. Jatindra Chakma s/o Hegeda Chakma, address - do.
- 4) Mr. Profulla Chakma s/o Prabindra Chakma, address - do.
- 5) Mr. Ranjan Chakma, UP member, village Hajachari in Laxmichari
- 6) Mr. Tirtha Mohan Chakma s/o Parakaji Chakma of village Member Para
- 7) Mr. Punya Kumar Chakma s/o Ratnasen Chakma, address - do.
- 8) Mr. Singha Muni Chakma s/o Brisha MUni Chakma of village Challyatuli.
- 9) Mr. Chitta Ranjan Dewan s/o Piari Mohan Dewan of village Dewan Para
- 10) Mr. Surajoy Chakma of village Tuhnkiya.
- 11) Mr. Lalit Chakma s/o Redo Chakma of village Baradhona
- 12) Mr. Sushil Chakma s/o Redo Chakma of village Baradhona
- 13) Mr. Satyapriya Chakma of village Baradhona.

Among them, Jatindra Chakma, Profulla Chakma and Satyapriya Chakma were released later by paying ransom. All the aforesaid villagers were relatives of PCJSS members or supporters. The UPDF terrorists are seizing valuables like cow, goat, paddy, and garden of them. All the relatives of PCJSS members and supporters are being uprooted from their ancestral and compelled to flee to other places.

(84) 28 November 2001: Local leader kidnapped by UPDF in Manikchhari

On 28/11/2001, the anti-accord UPDF cadres, at gunpoint, kidnapped Vice President of Manikchhari Juna Samiti Mr. Aprue Marma (32) s/o Mraihla Prue Marma of village Pandabil under Manikchhari upazila in Khagrachari district.

(85) Bengali settlers of Kobakhali started cutting jungle for constructing new houses on the lands of Jummas

Besides, 147 Bengali settler families of Kobakhali under Dighinala upazila of Khagrachari District started cutting jungle for constructing new houses on the lands of Jummas and applied to the Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari Hill District for land entitlement. With regard to that Headman of No. 53 Kobakhali Mouza Mr. Dipankar Dewan, Mr. Shanti Bikash Karbari, Mr. Bimal Chandra Karbari, Mr. Pramode Bikash Karbari and Mr. Anil Bikash Karbari submitted an application to the DC praying to cancel the cases of land settlement and to prevent them from constructing houses.

In the same way, the Bengali settlers of Baghaichari and Longudu in Rangamati District are processing to occupy the lands of the Jummas.

Wadood Bhuiyan, MP from Khagrachari and other settler leaders presently belong to the BNP and Jamat-e-Islami in CHT are making attempts to influence the government particularly the PM Khaleda Zia to fulfil some demands of the settlers. Most important was that they demanded appointment of Wadood Bhuiyan either as state minister on the CHT Affairs or as chairman of the CHT Development Board.

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(86) 2 December 2001: Innocent Jumma villagers arrested and tortured by the army in Panachari

On 2/12/2001 the army of Jarnatilla camp arrested an innocent Jumma passenger of jeep named Mr. Braja Kishore Tripura s/o Shashiram Tripura of village Gouranga Para under Matiranga upazila in Khagrachari district. On the other, Mr. Prartana Kumar Tripura s/o Joyanmoni Tripura was also arrested while returning home from Panchar bazar. It was notable that a passenger jeep was looted at Jarnatilla of Tabulchhari-Panchari road in Khagrachari district. The Jummas mentioned above were arrested in connection with this looting. But the villagers and relatives of the victims told that during the looting, Prartana Kumar was at Panchari bazar along with his 10 years old daughter.

The army handed over them to Panchari police station after heavily beating and harassing. The army from Jarnatilla camp also conducted operation at Maratilla village in connection with the dacoity. Mr. Aungaj Marma s/o Kyalau Marma and Mr. Deba Ranjan Tripura s/o Saday Ranjan Tripura were also brutally beaten by the army during the operation. The army threatened that all the villagers would be tortured if they could not hand over the culprits of the incident. On the other, three *Karbaris* (village head) were harassed while they went to police station for inquiring the incident and to see the arrested persons. The villagers of the area submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari district demanding to release the innocent Jummas and to maintaining law and order. But the arrested persons were sent to jail custody.

(87) 5 December 2001: Returnee PCJSS killed by UPDF in Longadu

On 5/12/2001 returnee PCJSS member Mr. Maya Baran Chakma Amar (27) s/o Tangala Chakma of village Rangapanichara under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district was kidnapped and killed later.

(88) 7 December 2001: Jumma house looted by Bengali settlers in Longadu

On 7/12/2001 a group of Bengali settlers led Md. Fakrul Ahmed (22) s/o Md. Washekh Ali Akhand, Md. Suman (23) s/o Jalil Saudagar and Mr. Rafiq (18) s/o Md. Nawab Ali of village Boiragi bazar area under Longadu upazila in Rangamati looted a Jumma named Mr. Puspa Ranjan Chakma s/o Shishir Kumar Chakma of village Longadu. The settlers halt the trawler at the area between Boiragi Bazar and Rangi Para Mr. Puspa Ranjan Chakma was returning home from Boiragi bazar after selling his buffalo and looted his money (8000/- TK.) with gunpoint. It was informed to the police and administration. But the authority has not acted against it.

(89) 9 December 2001: Trawler carrying medical workers fired by UPDF cadres in Barkal

On 9/12/2001 a group of armed cadres of UPDF attacked a trawler by which daily national paper 'Protham Alo' reporter Mr. Hari Kishore Chakma, Dr. Parash Khisa, Dr. Pritilendu Dewan, Dr. Sushovan Dewan were returning Rangamati from Barkal at Betchari area under Barkal upazila in Rangamati district. The UPDF activists fired on their trawler from army sentry post. However, they could escape narrowly. Besides, the UPDF activists halted two trawlers during this time and the passengers of the trawlers were released after paying of tolls to the UPDF activists.

(90) 10 December 2001: PCJSS members kidnaped by UPDF in Guimara

On 10/12/2001 at noon an armed group of UPDF led by Milton Chakma (26) s/o Suniti Bikash Chakma of village Bara Pilak of Guimara in Khagrachari district kidnapped the following member of PCJSS village committee from Baraitali village of Guimara. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Kongchhari Marma (35) s/o Mrasathowai Marma
- 2) Mr. Thowaihlha Marma (20) s/o Sathowai Aung Marma
- 3) Mr. Matui Marma (42) s/o Kyaja Marma.

(91) 15 December 2001: Jumma trawler driver killed by Bengali cow traders in Rangamati

On 15/12/2001 at 7.00 p.m. some Bengali cow traders killed a Jumma trawler driver named Shukracharjya Chakma s/o Bizu Chandra Chakma of Aimachara Mischari of Subhalong union under Barkal upazila in Rangamati district. This day Bengali cow traders hired Shukracharjya's trawler for bringing their purchased cows from Aimachari of Barkal to Rangamati town. They might reach at Rangamati at 8.00-9.00 p.m. However, the dead body of Shukracharjya was found in lake near old bus station and patrol pump where generally trawlers dock. It was learnt that the Bengali traders left arrears of TK. 20,000/- and it were supposed to send by Shukracharjya to Jumma cow sellers. The guardians of victim alleged that the killing might happen due to quarrelling of fare of trawler or arrears money.

(92) 19 December 2001: Jumma people attacked by Bengali settlers in Longadu

On 19/12/2002 Bengali settlers of Longadu attacked upon the Jumma people at Maini Mukh bazar under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. That day was the market day. One Jumma caught a Bengali pickpocket red handed and started to beat him. At a stage, the Bengali settlers also turned the

matter into communal riot and started to beat Jumma people indiscriminately. As a result, at least 20 Jumma were injured in the incident.

(93) 20 December 2001: Son of PCJSS leader kidnapped by UPDF in Khagrachari town

On 20/12/2001 at 3.00 p.m. a group of armed cadres of UPDF kidnapped Master Chandan Tripura alias Kalomuni Tripura s/o Raktotpal Tripura from upazila compound in Khagrachari town with gunpoint. Mr. Raktotpal Tripura was a central committee member of PCJSS and member of CHT Regional Council. Chandan Tripura was released after heavily beating. He is studying at Coda Science College in Dhaka. He has come home during Eid vacation.

(94) 22 December 2001: House wife raped by Bengali miscreants in Rangamati town

On 22/12/2001 around 12.30 a.m. Mrs. Hlamra Ching Marma wife of Monghla Ching Marma of Bhedbhedi area in Rangamati town was raped and looted the valuables by 5 Bengali settlers led by Md. Khokan s/o Motaleb Mistri. She was hit with sticks while trying to oppose them. Consequently, she got injuries at her hand. She got admitted to Rangamati hospital and lodged a case against the perpetrators with Rangamati police station. The Hill Women's Federation organized protest meeting in Rangamati and submitted memorandum to the Prime Minister through Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati on 31/12/2001 demanding to arrest and punish exemplary of culprits and to give compensation to Hlamra Ching Marma. But no culprits have been arrested till to-date.

(95) 23 December 2001: Subir ostad shot dead by UPDF cadres in Longadu

On 23/12/2001 around 9.00 p.m. a group of UPDF activists led by Krishna Chandra Chakma, Ananda Prakash Chakma and Tapan Jyoti Chakma gunned down Organizing Secretary of Longadu upazila PCJSS branch Mr. Deba Bikash Chakma (45) s/o Nilo Chandra Chakma of village Tintilla under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. The UPDF miscreants first targeted General secretary of Longadu upazila PCJSS branch Mr. Nirode Ranjan Chakma Raktim (58) s/o Nagendra Lal Chakma. The miscreants abducted Master Dibendu Chakma Bachhu (a high school student) s/o Nirode Ranjan Chakma while failure to nab him after surrounding his house.

The UPDF activists later gun shoots at Deba Bikash Chakma while he was fleeing home for rescue. Deba Bikash Chakma succumbed to his injuries as the killer bullets hit his head and arms. Later the miscreants abducted three Jumma youths including two police constables who were on leave during Eid vacation. The police constables were also the active members of PCJSS before they returned to normal life in 1997. The constables were identified as Bhuban Chakma and Gyana Jyoti Chakma. They were serving the police department in Barisal district. Police and army jointly rescued the two police constables soon after their abduction. But they failed to rescue Dibendu Chakma Bachhu.

(96) 25 December 2001: Jumma village attacked by UPDF in Rangamati town

On 25/12/2001 at 8.00 p.m. an armed group of anti-accord UPDF attacked at Am Bagan area near Chakra Para Rajdhip area under Rangamati sadar area. The UPDF cadres came there by trowler. Then and there, the villagers informed it to the police and army authorities. After that, two groups of army from Rangamati brigade went there. But the army did not arrest them and gave passage to escape.

(97) 27 December 2001: 5 innocent villagers tortured by UPDF in Bandukbhanga

On 27/12/2001 at 1.00 noon, an armed group of UPDF attacked at Bharboachap village in Bandukbhanga under Rangamati upazila. In this attack, the UPDF miscreants looted a house and then burnt down to ashes and the following innocent villagers beaten brutally. The UPDF cadres first rounded up the village and looked for PCJSS members. But they beaten the villagers while they did not catch PCJSS members and burnt down to ashes the house of Ujjal Chakma. The following villagers were beaten:

- 1) Mr. Ujjal Chakma Thela (30) s/o Dina Mohan Chakma
- 2) Mr. Sumedhu Bikash Chakma (45) s/o Dina Mohan Chakma
- 3) Mr. Akkhay Chakma (18) s/o Dayal Chakma
- 4) Mr. Madhu Chakma (18) s/o Biraj Mohan Chakma
- 5) Mr. Tukyia Chakma (22).

(98) 28 December 2001: Innocent Bengali kidnapped by UPDF in Rangamati town

On 28/12/2001 an armed group of anti-accord UPDF attacked at Rajdhip village under Rangamati sadar area. During the attack, the UPDF cadres abducted one innocent Bengali named Babul Chandra Dey (45) from the village.

28-29 December 2001: 10th representative conference of PCP held

On 28-29 December 2001 the Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) (Hill Students' Council) organized its 10th Representatives Conference at Rangamati. The PCJSS president Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alian Santu Larma inaugurated the conference. More than one thousand students attended the conference. In this conference, the PCP demanded full and proper implementation of CHT Accord soon including constitutional recognition of Jumma people.

In December 2001: PCJSS delegation called on to the new government

A 4-member PCJSS delegation led by Mr. Goutam Kumar Chakma, vice president of PCJSS went to Dhaka to call on concerned government authorities on second week of December 2001. The other members of the delegation were Mr. Sudhasindhu Khisa, Raktatpal Tripura and K. S. Mong Marma. The delegation met Barrister Moudud Ahmed, minister of law & parliamentary ministry on 11/12/2001, Mr. Mani Swapan Dewan, deputy minister of CHT affairs ministry, secretary of home ministry and other government official. Particularly, law and parliamentary minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed told that the government would take necessary initiative about the CHT Accord after looking into whether any provisions of the Accord contradict with the constitution. However, the government has taken no positive decision so far.
