

## Year Report 2003

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Form of atrocity ↓	Perpetrator →	Security Forces	Bengali Settlers	SF+BS	UPDF	Total
No. of person killed		-	-	2	3	<b>5</b>
No. of person tortured		13	12	50	20	<b>95</b>
No. of person arrested		26	1	-	-	<b>27</b>
No. of person harassed		12	1	-	1	<b>14</b>
No. of person against whom case lodged		7	6	-	61	<b>74</b>
No. of house set fire		3	9	359	21	<b>392</b>
No. of house looted & destructed		2	29	105	-	<b>136</b>
No. of house searched		4	-	-	-	<b>4</b>
No. of woman raped		-	-	10	1	<b>11</b>
No. of woman sexually harassed		2	2	-	-	<b>4</b>
No. of person kidnapped		-	1	-	53	<b>54</b>
No. of person whose land grabbed		-	2	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>818</b>

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 9 June 2003: Falsle case lodged by UPDF against PCJSS members in Khagrachari  
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 20 June 2003: Jumma trader beaten up by UPDF in Sajek  
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 UNDP started development activities in CHT

### **July 2003**

7 July 2003: 8 Innocent villagers abducted by UPDF in Baghaichari  
 13 July 2003: Ex-PCJSS abducted by UPDF in Kutukchari  
 15 July 2003: Returnee PCJSS member abducted by UPDF in Naniarchar  
 23-24 July 2003: Army searched Jumma houses at Mahajan Para in Khagrachari  
 25 July 2003: House of local PCP leader searched by the army in Dighinala

### **August 2003**

Attitude of the present coalition government to CHT  
 2 August 2003: Jum farm destroyed by the army in Longadu  
 9 August 2003: The International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples Observed  
 15 August 2003: Three Jumma youths arrested by the army at Ghagra  
 16 August 2003: PCP leader arrested by the police in Ranagmati  
 23 August 2003: Innocent villagers attacked by UPDF in Naniarchar  
 23 August 2003: Returnee PCJSS member shot dead by UPDF in Kaukhali

26 August 2003: Massive communal attack at 14 villages in Mahalchari  
 27 August 2003: GOC of Chittagong Division visited Mahalchari  
 28 August 2003: Mr. Shantu Larma asked to be united to form National Government  
 31 August 2003: Headmen were noticed for sending account of Khas land

### September 2003

1 September 2003: Special meeting on law and order of Khagrachari held  
 8 September 2003: PCJSS & PCP leader arrested by the police in Chittagong  
 12 September 2003: Central committee meeting of Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Kristan Aikkyo Parishad held  
 15 September 2003: Mr. J B Larma inaugurated 'the project on enhancing and comprehension of traditional and local government institutions in CHT'  
 16 September 2003: UPDF issued letters for toll in Kaukhali  
 16 September 2003: UPDF torched a house  
 17 September 2003: Two Jummas arrested by the army in Rajasthali  
 17 September 2003: UPDF raped a Jumma Woman in Naniarchar  
 17 September 2003: 15 members committee of Rangamati Sadar Thana Mahila Samiti formed  
 18 September 2003: PCP organised a procession and submitted a memorandum  
 20 Murang (Mro) families of Cheony Para in Alikadam Upazilla are going to be evicted  
 20-21 September 2003: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of PCP, Rangamati district committee held  
 24 September 2003: There is no need to form any judiciary committee on Mahalchari incident - Mr. Syed Mushtaq, the Secretary of the CHTAM  
 26-28 September 2003: JRWA observed a 3-days long road blockade programme in Khagrachari  
 In September 2003: New Military Camp extended in Matiranga  
 In September 2003: Land Grabbing in Bandarban for Ruma Cantonment

### October 2003

17 October 2003: Armed Police Battalion Camp replaced with Army personnel in Bilaichari  
 In October 2003: New Ration Cards for Settlers of Cluster Villages  
 23 October 2003: Jumma villagers harassed by the army in Longadu

### November 2003

5 November 2003: Jumma villagers harassed by the army in Longadu  
 An urgent appeal to help develop the CHT situation and implement the CHT Accord

### December 2003

2nd December of 6th Annivesary of CHT Accord observed  
 24 December 2003: Three houses set fire by the army in Longadu

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### January 2003

#### **Report on communal activities and corruption of the Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan:**

After illegally appointment as Chairman of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Development Board, Mr. Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan is transferring one after another projects of the Board from Jumma-inhabited area to Bengali settler-inhabited area.

A series of projects to make illegal settlers permanent residents tactfully in CHT has been taking by the settlers' leader, illegally appointed as Chairman of the CHT Development Board Mr. Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan in CHT Textile Vocational Institute is in particular. Earlier the Institute was decided to establish in near place of Chengi Bridge unanimously but the immense pressure of newly MP Wadud Bhuiyan compelled present Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari Mr. Humayan Kabir

without public opinion to cancel previous decision and to decide to establish the Institute at Shalban, completely dominated by settlers in place of Chengi Bridge.

The activities of Textile Vocational Institute under the Ministry of Textile started at unused Tribal Hostel in Khagrachari long time ago. Later, the government decided to establish a permanent building for the Institute. A committee named "District Site Selection and Land Sanction Committee" headed by the then Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari district Mr. Mujibur Rahman Hawlader was formed for that purposes. The Project Director of the Institute firstly submitted a proposal for acquisition of 2.00 acres land near the non-gazetted dormitory at Shalban on 9 March 2002. The committee decided not to establish the Institute at Shalban for following reasons -

- 1) 1.50 acres of up lands to be drawn if the project for the Textile Vocational Institute is established at Shalban which is against the government Ordinance and land laws.
- 2) There shall be a natural imbalance if the soil is drawn from that area.
- 3) Shalban area is the densely populated area.

The committee also visited the place near Chengi Bridge adjacent to Khagrachari-Rangamati road and selected it as suitable place for the Institute on the following reasons that -

- 1) The surrounding environment is open and widen.
- 2) The location is convenience for communication.
- 3) The place is safety as it is near the Arms Police Battalion Camp and Tourism Motel.
- 4) The site selection is in conformity with the decentralization and environment principles of the government.
- 5) The amount of compensation is comparatively small.
- 6) No need of drawing soil.

But Wadud Bhuiyan forced the present Khagrachari Deputy Commissioner Mr. Humayan Kabir Khan to establish Textile vocational Institute at Shalbagan cancelling the previous decision to establish the Institute at Chengi Bridge. In a meeting of with regard to transfer of Institute organized by the Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari, the Municipal Chairman Mr. Mongkyew Ching Chowdhury strongly opposed and reiterates the reasons of previous committee headed by then Deputy Commissioner Mujibur Rahman Hawalader.

It is also learnt that the owners of the lands at Shalbagan, Amulya Ranjan Chakma and Hemada Ranjan Tripura submitted applications for disagree to release lands to the D.C. Khagrachari,

Not only that the decision of Deputy Commissioner was opposed by the students of Vocational Institute, guardians, local people and even the CHT. Regional Council opposed the decision to transfer the Vocational Institute from Chengi Bridge to Shalbagan. In spite of opposition from various corners specially Wadud Bhuiyan did not cancel the decision for the interest of the settlers.

From the very beginning of appointment as the Chairman of CHT Development Board, the planned activities of Abdul Wadud Bhuiya are against the interest of Jumma people as well as against the spirit of the CHT accord. The trends of his planned activities and initiatives make easily a conscious Jumma sure that Abdul Wadud Bhuiya transforms as if the CHT.Development Board into settlers Development Board or BNP development Board.

The UNICEF included 88 para centers (villages) from 8 upazilas in Khagrachari, 63 para centers (villages) from 10 upazilas in Rangamati and 84 para centers (villages) from 7 upazilas in Bandarban under its social development project but Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan cancelled all 235 para centers by various pleas and instructed to implement the projects in the areas dominated by settlers. Even it was instructed that the para workers would be selected by party men and appointed by the board only.

The Orange orchard project suitable in Sajek and Barkal in Rangamati district and Roangchari and Thanshi in Bandarban district waiting for implementation is also now under process to transfer to Bengali settlers-dominated Ramgarh and Manikchari upazila by conspiracy of Abdul Wadud Bhuiya.

Recently it is known that the tribal hostel at Khagrachari is in process to transform in to Orphanage by instruction of Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan. That a few hostels were built for poor tribal students in three

hill districts during the regime of Ersad in 1984. Advertisement is also published for appointment of staff for the Orphanage.

The then jail building at Ramgar is also under process for Orphanage by instruction of Abdul Wadud Bhuiya.

UNDP primarily selected Matiranga. Upazilla totally dominated by settlers for development under Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the CHT. Project in CHT by suggestion of Abdul Wadud Bhuiya.

The development activities in CHT is instake. All development plans and projects activities are for the ruling partymen. It is alleged that Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan instructed to the concern officers of the Development Board to grant projects submitted by ruling party men.

Most of the projects under Development Board are granted either for relatives of Abdul Wadud Bhuiya or for ruling party men or settlers.

#### **Extension of duration of HDCs:**

Duration of three Hill District Councils (HDCs) of CHT was extended till 13 March 2003. In an order issued by High Court on 31 December 2002 that election of three HDCs should be held soon. The High Court ordered to the government to hold election of HDC by 13 March. It was 13th times to extend the HDCs' term. The last extended term was finished on 31 December 2002. It is mentionable that the first election of the HDCs was conducted 14 years ago in 1989.

#### **(1) 1 January 2003: innocent villagers attacked by UPDF cadres in Kaukhali**

On 01/01/2003 at 2.00 p.m. an armed group of UPDF led by Ananda Prakash Chakma and Sachib Chakma made attack upon the villagers of Rajkhali under Kaukhali upazila in Rangamati district as the villagers did not pay the amount of tolls demanded by UPDF cadres. In this attack, the villagers were brutally tortured. Among them, the following villagers were wounded:

- 1) Mr. Sanjit Chakma (18) s/o Kalamuni Chakma;
- 2) Mr. Dharamuni Chakma (34) s/o Nishi Mohan Chakma;
- 3) Mr. Chhabidhan Chakma (38) s/o Rehati Mohan Chakma;
- 4) Mr. Shanti Kumar Chakma (45) s/o Ajabujya Chakma;
- 5) Mr. Dhana Kumar Chakma (36) s/o Brindaban Chakma;
- 6) Mr. Nishi Mohan Chakma (55) s/o Putulya Chakma.

#### **(2) 2 January 2003: Jummas tortured and looted by the army in Bilaichari**

On 02/01/2003 the army of S-ban camp of 14 EBR led by camp commander Nayeb Subedar Md. Hafij tortured innocent Jumma villagers who were going to Bilaichari Bazar by trawler. Of them, the following persons were wounded:

- 1) Mr. Kaladhan Chakma (28) s/o Jama Chakma of village Joutakhamar of Magaban UP;
- 2) Mr. Sadhu Chakma (26) s/o Lokadhan Chakma of village Tarenge Para of Magban UP;
- 3) Mr. Amal Kanti Chakma (25) s/o Bhoirabananda Chakma of village Dhanpada of Jibtali UP.

Besides, Subedar Nayeb Md. Hafij seized money from them who have more than 10,000 Taka. The traders engaged businesses with small capital have been compelled to close their business. Consequently, on 08/01/2003 the dwellers of Magban union and Jibtali union organized a protest meeting in front of Rangamati Shilpakala Academy in Rangamati town. Mr. Surendra Lal Karbari presided over the meeting and Mr. Swapan Datta Chakma, Tushar Pintu Chakma, Padma Lochan Chakma and PCP general secretary Mr. Sudirdha Chakma delivered speech. After the meeting, procession was brought out from Shilpakala Academy and ended at premises of office of the Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati district. They submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh government through Deputy Commissioner. They put following demands in the memorandum:

- 1) To withdraw S-ban army camp from the area soon;
- 2) To withdraw and punish Subedar Nayeb Md. Hafij;
- 3) To provide proper treatment and compensation to the victims;

- 4) To give security for life and property of the villagers.  
But no action has been taken against this military atrocity.

### **(3) 2 January 2003: Govt deployed more army for security on in CHT**

On 02/01/2003 in a circulation issued an order by Home Ministry of the Government of Bangladesh that the overall security measures in CHT during the Union Parishad (lowest level of local government system) election would be controlled by the GOC of 24th Infantry Division of Chittagong cantonment as the responsibilities of command and control related to security and overall law and order of three hill districts was already entrusted to the GOC. It was worth mentioning that the Election Commission (EC) asked to the government to deploy military during the Union Parishad (UP) election in all polling boots of the country. However, the government denied it. But it is very astonishing that the government took decision to deploy army during UP election only in three hill districts of CHT.

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### **(5) Fake voter list made by Wadood gang in Dighinala**

Amazingly the Returning Officer of Dighinala upazila under Khagrachari district declared winning of a settler candidate named Md. Shahidullah Gazi s/o Nari Mian for membership of ward no. 9 of Boalkhali UP under Dighinala upazila without contest. It is learnt that in fact there was no single inhabitant of Bengali settler in ward no. 9. But there were 300 Bengali settler voters. These all were fake voters. Even Md. Shahidullah Gazi himself is in a fake voter in ward no. 9. These fake voters have been enlisted by Md. Shahidullah Gazi offering heavy amount of bribe to win in the election. The local people put objection while he submitted nomination paper for membership candidate on 25/12/2002 as he was not a voter of ward no. 9. But the election office of Dighinala did not cancel his nomination. Moreover, election officials enlisted his name as voter of ward no. 9 within very short time.

On the other, at a stage Md. Shahidullah Gazi declared that he won as a member of ward no. 9 of Boalkhali UP without contest as his rival candidate Mr. Dhurjadhan Tripura withdrew his candidature for membership of ward no 9. At first, the people did not believe it. But they become astonished finding the withdrawal letter of Dhurjadhan Tripura at election office of Dighinala upazila. In fact, Mr. Dhurjadhan Tripura did not withdraw his candidature but Md. Shahidullah Gazi submitted withdrawal letter giving his false signature of Dhurjadhan Tripura. It was proved later that false signature of Dhurjadhan Tripura was given by Md. Shahidullah Gazi and the officials and staff of election office helped him to make this forgery.

With this regard, the local people became angry. They called road blockade in Dighinala upazila on 12/01/2003. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Khagrachari hill district rushed there. DC and UNO (Upazila Nirbahi Officer) of Dighinala upazila gave assurance to take necessary action against it. But till to-date, no action has been taken by the administration. The declaration of winning of Md. Shahidullah Gazi is yet to cancel. On the other, Dhurjadhan Tripura has been advised to lodge case against it. But legal procedure in Bangladesh is very lengthy and expensive. So, it is not possible to go to the court for poor Dhurjadhan Tripura.

### **(6) 9 January 2003: Two villagers tried to kidnap by the UPDF in Kaukhali**

On 09/01/2003 the UPDF activists tried to kidnap two villagers who support the CHT Accord namely Mr. Sulav Chakma (25) and Mr. Lalendra Chakma (55) of village Chhoto Dulu under Kaukhali upazila in Rangamati district. The villagers prevented the UPDF cadres while kidnapping them. At a stage under tremendous pressure by the villagers, the UPDF activists were compelled to release the victims. But the victims were beaten.

**(7) 15 January 2003: 7 brickfield labours hidnapped by UPDF from Gabtali area under Ranguani upazila**

On 15/01/2003 an armed group of UPDF with the help of Bengali terrorists Jasim and his gang kidnapped following 7 brickfield labours from Gabtali area under Ranguani upazila in Chittagong district. The UPDF and Jasim gang jointly demanded heavy amount of tolls from the brickfield owners. The labours were kidnapped while the owners of brickfield disagreed to pay that heavy amount of toll. It is mentionable that local terrorist of Rangunia Mr. Jasim and his gang could not survive if there a real operation clean heart is conducted. That is why they made compromise with UPDF for security and extortion of money jointly.

**(8) 18 January 2003: Communal tension spreads in Rangamati**

On 15/01/2003 at 10.00 a.m. a group of extortionists with gunpoint rounded up two fishermen named L A Kader and Nur Kader at abandoned office of Balukhali UP under Rangamati sadar upazila for illegal tolls. The fishermen who were also two brothers had only 300 taka, but the extortionist demanded 1000 taka. As a result, the extortionists attacked them. Nur Kader could narrowly escape from the attack and took shelter at Jumma inhabited Jarulchari of Balukhali UP. The Jumma villager helped Nur Kader to go to Reserve Bazar. But L A Kader could not escape. He is still missing. On the other, regarding with this incident, the Bengali people of Reserve Bazar tried to make communal attack upon the Jumma people. In a press release of Parbatya Gana Parishad signed by its chairman Chowdhury Jalal Uddin Ahammed Alamgir threatened on 18/01/2003 that they would take action against Jumma people including PCJSS if the kidnapped persons were not released within three days. On the other, Police arrested two innocent Jumma youths Mr. Rahul Chakma and his friend from the area.

**(9) 19 January 2003: UPDF fired upon the army at Tripurachara area under Naniarchar upazila**

On 19/01/2003 an armed group of UPDF fired upon the army at Tripurachara area under Kengalchari of Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati district. That day, the UPDF cadres ambushed for pro-accord group at Tripurachara. But a group of army led Major Anis suddenly reached there. The UPDF member thought that they were pro-accord group and then and there fired upon them. In this incident, Major Anis was seriously wounded. He was taken into combine military hospital of Chittagong cantonment. But it was very astonishing that the UPDF issued a press release denying clash with the army.

**(10) 24 January 2003: Army did not allow Govt officials to stay remote village of Rajasthali**

On 24 January 2003 Camp Commander Lt. Akram of 53 EBR of Pukur Para army camp under Rajsthali upazila opposed following government officials to hold night at Pukur Para under Rajasthali upazila in Rangamati district. The victims went there to see government development project. Even the Commander physically harassed villagers namely Mr. Bigli Tripura (30), SSC candidate; Mr. Mohan Tripura (18) and UP member candidate Mr. Jakosh Tripura (38) s/o Mayaha Tripura while they went to discuss with the Commander at the camp. The Commander threatened them that they would be shot if they kept government official at Pukur Para village. As a result, the government officials were compelled to leave village at mid-night for Ruma upazila under Bandarban district. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Jiban Roaza, Assistant Engineer of Rangamati LGED Office;
- 2) Mr. Kya Hla Khoi Marma, Assistant Engineer of Bandarban LGED Office;
- 3) Ms. Sanjita Begum, General Manager of Sonali Bank of Rangamati branch;

4) Mr. Shoi Nue Mong Marma, Bandarban Tribal Cultural Institute.

#### **Demand for cancellation of pacification project in CHT:**

Recently Ministry for CHT Affairs took decision to grant following projects and it has been sent to President of PCJSS and Chairman of CHT Regional Council, Chairmen of three HDCs, GOC of 24th infantry division of Chittagong cantonment and DCs of three hill districts to sending opinion about ministry's decision. The grants are as follows:

#### Food green:

Sl.	Programmes	Rice (in metric tone)	Wheat (in metric tone)	Total (in metric tone)
1.	Pacification programme	4,000	6,000	10,000
2.	Relief programme	8,771	476	9,347
3.	Ration for 26 thousand families of settlers	19,868	8,524	28,392
4.	Ration for PCJSS listed members	2,362	--	2,361
5.	Ration for 12,222 families of Jumma referees	15,513	--	15,513
	Total	50,513	15,000	65,513

#### Money:

Sl.	Programme	Amount of money
1.	Relief programme	115,00,000
2.	Ration for PCJSS listed members	5,00,000
3.	Expenditure for Task Force on Rehabilitation of Returnee Refugees and Internally Displace Persons	20,00,000
4.	Identification and Rehabilitation of Internally Displace Persons	5,00,000
5.	Expenditure for Advisory Committee for CHT Ministry	3,00,000
6.	Expenditure for CHT Accord Implementation Committee	2,00,000
	Total	150,00,000

It is mentionable that as counter insurgency programme during armed conflict, government undertook a project named 'Pacification Project' in CHT. Military authority was the conducting agency of that project. Under this project, more than 400 thousands Bengali outsiders have been settled in CHT in order to make minority the indigenous Jumma people and to use as human shield against armed activities of PCJSS. Road construction for easy movement of army is one of important components under the project. Though insurgency activities are ended following the signing of CHT Accord but this project is still continuing. PCJSS sent opinion to cancel the pacification programme and to stop supply ration to the settlers. PCJSS also put proposal to the government that the settlers should be reallocated outside CHT with ration to be supply to the settlers.

### **March 2003**

#### **(11) 1 March 2003: Former PCJSS member abducted in Manikchari**

On 1 March 2003 the UPDF terrorist abducted Mr. Badal Kanti Tripura (35) from his house of Manikchari Upazilla under Khagrachari District. Long ago he was the Office Secretary of Manikchari JSS branch. He was not rescued until writing this report.

#### **(12) 8 March 2003: UPDF attacked on Milan Tripura**

On 8 March 2003 the terrorist of UPDF attacked Mr. Milan Bikash Tripura, Vice-President of PCP Khagrachari District Branch. A group of UPDF terrorists attacked him on the way to Khagrachari from his house at 5.00 p.m. in Matiranga on that day. The PCP of Khagrachari District Branch

condemned the said attacking and demanded government to arrest the terrorist for exemplary punishment.

### **8 March 2003: World Women's Day Observed**

With the slogane of 'Stop all kinds of torture including torture against women in CHT', the Parbatya Chattgram Mahila Samiti and Hill Women's Federation jointly observed the world women's day demanding 'Stop all kinds of torture including torture against women in CHT'. They also published a little mgazine on the occassion named 'Jagaran'.

A meeting was held on the occasion of this day at Rangamati Town Hall on March 8, 2003. Mrs. Madhabi Lata Chakma, the president of the Parbatya Chattgram Mahila Samiti was the chairperson and Mrs. Bashundhara Dewan, the Headmen of Chaikuri Bill Mouza of Naniarchar Upazilla was the chief guest of the said meeting. Mrs. Arati Chakma, retired social welfare officer of Rangamati, Mrs. Manjulika Khisa, the Proprietor of Bain Textile, Umey Mong, the General Secretary of the Parbatya Chattgram Mahila Samiti, Mr. Nirmalendu Tripura, distinguished social worker, Mr. Satyabir Deawan, the Finance Secretary of the Parbatya Chattgram Jana Samhati Samiti, Bengali women's leader Mrs. Noor Zahan, Mrs. Tuimranu Marma, the General Secretary of Hill women's Federation and Mr. Sudhirgha Chakma, the General Secretary of PCP were also attended as special guests and addressed in the meeting. Mrs. Suprabha Chakma was the moderator of the meeting.

They stated their concern for continuing harassment, torture, killing, and abduction on Jumma women by the Armed forces of Bangladesh Army and the Settlers Bengalis after signing the CHT Peace Accord. They also demanded to implement properly the CHT Peace Accord.

A colourful rally and meeting was also held in Khagrachari on the said occasion.

The rally was launched at 10.00 a.m. from Battala of Rankaiya Para. Mr. Mongkya Ching Marma, the chairmn of Khagrachari Pourashova, inaugurated the rally. The rally was halted at the Surja Shika Club premies of Mahajan Para after rounding the hospital road, the court road.

A meeting was held at the club premises along with the rally. The main theme of the meeting was 'Stop all kinds of torture including torture against women in CHT'. Mrs. Jyoti Prabha Larma, the vice president of Parbatya Chattagram Mahila Samiti was the Chairperson and Mr. Sudhasindhu Khisa, the member of the CHT regional Council and PCJSS was the chief guest in the meeting.

Mrs. Jarita Chakma, the Women Affairs secretary of PCJSS, Mr. Shaktipada Tripura, the president of Khagrachari Headman Association, Mrs. Choitali Tripura, the president of Hill Women's Federation, Mrs. Indira Chakma, the president of Milanpur Mahilla Samiti, Mr. Gafur Ahmed Taluder, the leader of the Permamanent Bengalis, Mr. Santosita Chakma, the General Secretary of the Jumma Refugee Welfare Samiti and Mr. Khageshwar Tripura, the president of Khagrachari UP Chairman Samiti were delivered as the special guest.

'The women's are deprived from their democratic rights yet in the era of democracy'. Mr. Sudhasindu Khisa said. 'The factual community development is not possible if we will not able to enact equality in every aspect of our society'. He also added.

The Girisur Shilpi Ghosti also performed a musical programme before the meeting.

In Bandarban the day also observed with public meeting at Rajbari Math. Mrs. Unu Prue Marma, the president of Mahila Samiti in Bandarban and the member of CHT Regional Council was the chief guest in the meeting. The Hill Women's Federation leader Mrs. MeyonChing Marma was the moderator in the meeting. Mr. Dendoha Jalai Tripura, the General Secretary of Bandarban JSS, Mrs. Urmi Chowdhury and Hlajai Prue Marma were addressed in the as the special guests.

'The proper implementation of CHT Peace Accord including All kinds of torture against women should be stopped to build social stability and peace.' She said as the chief guest. She demanded three reserved seats for CHT women's in the Parliament.

### **11 March 2003: Statement of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on CHT Accord**

On 11 March 2003 the Prime Minister, Khaleda Zia in her closing speech on the lecture of hon'ble president of Bangladesh said that the "Awami league government very secretly signed on CHT Accord. There are subjects in the accord contradicts the Constitution .For the reason the BNP lead government does not know what would be the result of the accord".

The present alliance government entitled the CHT Accord as black accord and declared to cancel the accord if they are in power but the BNP lead government very carefully remains silence on the Accord. The allance party government sitting in power takes series of steps in contravention with the CHT Accord such as appointment of a Deputy Minister amongst tribals instead of Cabinet Minister and the power of CHT.Ministry took prime minister in her own control, appointment of a settler as Chairman of the CHT Development Board instead of a tribal man amongst the tribal.

A delegation led by Gautom Kumar Chakma, on the part of PCJSS met with the Law Minister, Maudud Ahmedwith regard to implementation of the accord. The Minister informs and assures that the alliance government accepted the accord virtuously.

On 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003 a dialogue held between the the Prime Minister and the Chairman of the CHT.Regional Council.The prime Minister verbally assures the Chairman saying that her government would take all necessary steps and measures to implement the accord but no step was taken in that connection so far. At this situation a diologue on implementation of accord was held between Abdul Mannan Bhuiya, minister, LGED, Village Development and Cooperative Ministry and the delegation of CHT.Regonal Council.

As result a series of dialogues on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 8th February, 26th February and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2003 held between the government and Regional Council. Amendment of Land Commission, 2001 and to make effective of Land Commission, Committee for CHT.implementation and reform of Task Force for rehabilitation of repatriated refugees and internally displaced peoples, to transfer transferable subjects to three hill districts, and to finalise the by laws of CHT Regional Council were the themes in the discussion but the discussion and assurances of implementation of accord on the part of government remain on the table and the assurances are nothing else but to show to the international community only.

#### **(13) 12 March 2003: Seven Jummas beat up by the army in Rangamati**

Mr. Hafez, the camp commander of Baradam Army camp under Kaptai Region has been harrasing innocent people without showing any reason. On March 12, 2003 the said commander punished Mr.Tuhin Chakma, a small trader of Awlad Bazar through sit and down catching his own ears. Moreover, Hafez insulted following Jummas with unmannerly words:

- 1) Mr. Suman Chakma,
- 2) Mr. Shanti Moy Chakma,
- 3) Mr. Nicobar Chakma,
- 4) Mr. Sukha Moy Chakma,
- 5) Mr. Suresh Chakma and
- 6) Mr. Mintu Chakma.

On the said day the sky was cloudy and supposed to rain. So Mr. Tuhin Chakma hired few labours for carrying his rice bags. Consequently, the said commmander was talking with the labours that Tuhin hired. So Tuhin called on the labours leader. For that reason Hafez became heavily furious on Tuhin Chakma. That's why he punished Tuhin Chakma inhumanly.

#### **(14) 12 March 2003: 7 villagers abducted and 4 houses burnt down by the UPDF in Barkal**

On 12 March 2003 at about 11am 7 innocent villagers of Baghachola village under Subolong Union of Barkal Thana were abducted and 4 houses were burnt down by the UPDF armed cadres.

It is reported that UPDF cadres came from near village engine boats. At first they raid Mr. Kanchan's house and beat him with stick. Within few minutes they raid the vilage and wake up people from bed and following 7 persons were abducted from different houses of the village.

- 1) Kanchan Talukder (55), S/O- Khitendra Nath Talukder
- 2) Dudumoni Talukder (50), S/O – Sudhir Chandra Talukder

- 3) Kala Chan Chakma (55), S/O- Harish Chandra Chakma
- 4) Madhumoy Chakma (30), S/O- Kalachan Chakma
- 5) Tarit Chakma (25), S/O-Kalachan Chakma
- 6) Khokan Chakma (28), S/O Kalachan Chakma
- 7) Ratna Samkar Chakma (32) S/O Hema Ranjan Chakma.

The incident was reported to the local army camp instant but after a long time the army visited the area name shake. Before departure the UPDF cadres set fire 4 houses of the following villagers.

- 1) Dudumoni Chakma
- 2) Satendra Talukder
- 3) Jugendra Chakma
- 4) Kalabi Chakma

#### **(15) 14 March 2003: PCP worker tried to kidnap by UPDF cadres in Chittagong**

On 14 March 2003 the UPDF terrorist attempted to abduct forcibly Vabatosh Chakma, the Finance Secretary of Ctg Polytechnic Unit of PCP. Fortunately, he was escaped. On that day he was going back to his hostel after joining at the PCP Branch Council of Ctg Metro and Ctg University Branch in the evening. It is known that a group of terrorist lead by the marked terrorist leader Prabhu Ranjan Chakma and Sawrup Chakma attacked on him. Fortunately, the general students and teachers of the institution attempted to rescue Vabatosh Chakma and the terrorists obliged to withdraw away. Sibali Chakma, one of the terrorists also caught by the student when he was trying to run away.

#### **14 March 2003: Chittagong Metro & University Council of PCP held**

On 14 March 2003 a gathering was held at Shahid Minar of Chittagong Town for the purpose of the council of PCP Ctg Metro and University units. Mr. Reboti Ranjan Chakma was the chairperson of the gathering and Mr. Ushaton Talukder, the Political and Students Affairs Secretary of PCJSS took place of chief guest. Mr. Shah Alam, General Secretary of CPB CTg district, Comrade Rajekuzzaman of BASAD, Mr. Tapas Tripura, Ctg coordinator of PCJSS and Mr. Ujjal Chakma, the President of PCP also attended in the gathering as special guests.

As the chief guest Mr. Usaton Talukder addressed, 'The four party allies government moves country into an extreme crisis. Peoples can not lived happily due to collapse of law and order situation. The harassment on Minority and Indigenous peoples raises than before.'

On the CHT Peace Accord, he said, 'this government also not implements the CHT Peace Accord as well as the Awami League government. We have to make compel the government to implement the CHT Peace Accord through movement.'

He also addressed on the anti accord group, UPDF. In his speech, he said, a special interest group of the government has been supporting the activities of UPDF. So they are able to free to conduct their terrorist activities. We have to fight against them making unite of the peoples.'

A 21 members executive committee of Ctg metro branch was formed and Mr. Reboti Ranjan Chakma and Mr. Kya kiaw Mong Marma were selected as the president and general secretary. Moreover, Mr. Ananda Jyoti Chakma and Mr. Priya Darshi Chakma also elected as the president and general secretary of Ctg University branch of 21 members based PCP committee. The polytechnic unit also formed including Mr. Shyamal Chakma and Mr. Supreme Chakma as the president and the general Secretary.

#### **15 March 2003: Ashubha Shakti Prathirod (Evil Force Resistance) Day Observed in Bandarban**

On 15 March 2003 the Ashubha Shakti Prathirod Dibash observed at the Circle Chief Field in Bandarban by the Bandarban PCP branch. The Bandarban District PCP organised a procession and gathering on that occasion. Mr. Ujjal Chakma, central president, Hill Students Council (PCP) was the chief guest in the gathering and PuShowi Towai Marma was in the chair. Mr. Ushow Mong Marma of Jana Samhati Samiti, Mrs. Yching Prue Marma, former President of Hill Women's Federation, Mrs. Tui Mranu Marma, general Secretary of Hill Women's Federation, Mr. Binotamoy Dhamai, Organising Secretary of PCP addressed in the said gathering. It is notable that, a communal tension

was created due to very little incident in Bandarban District Conference of PCP in March 15, 1995. The district administration enforced the act 144 on the meeting and procession of PCP on that day. But the PCP denied the rule of the administration and brought out a procession. At the moment the army personnel and the settlers Bengalis attacked on the procession and set fire more than three hundred Jumma houses. Some dozen of PCP members were injured and police arrested so many students and their leaders. From this cause the Bandarban PCP observed this day as Asuba Shakti Pratirod Dibash to protest against one-sided communal attacking in every year.

**(16) 17 March 2003: Meeting between army and UPDF cadres held in Naniarchar**

On 17 March 2003 a dialogue was held at Naniarchar Zone Office between Naniarchar Zone Commander (18 E Bengal) Mr. Elahi Shafique and local UPDF commander of Naniarchar unit Mr. Shantidev Chakma alias Tarit. They discussed for setting up an accessible office for UPDF in Naniarchar as UPDF already set up an office at Kutukchari under Rangamati Sadar Upazilla.

**(17) 20 March 2003: Communal Tension in Longadu**

A communal tension occurred in Longadu once more by the Bengali settlers. They caught two innocent Jummas and handed over to the Longadu Police. They also tortured others Jummas eminently. For this reason, Jumma peoples have been obliged to live in jungle.

On 20 March 2003 a group of Bengali settlers went to Gulsakhali village under Longadu upazila for wood. At that time they were affected and tortured by some unknown persons. The said village is Jumma majority area so the Bengali settlers target Jummas as terrorist and a group of them attacked the villagers with arms at 2.00 p.m. They tortured those who were in the village. Even they destroyed rices and rice machines. They caught five persons who were staying at the Buddhist temple. Later they released three persons and handed over other two persons to the police. They are-

- 1) Alo Jyoti Chakma, s/o Gatokya Chakma, village of Longadu Baradam and
- 2) Bizu Ram Chakma, s/o Judha Moni Chakma, village of Guichari.

The administration of Longadu took step to solve the terrible situation after interfering of the PCJSS of Longadu upazila branch. But, the Vice President of Rangamati district BNP and local leader Md. Nasir demanded condition that Jummas should give arrange security for the settlers if they would go to cut wood. 'We have to give them escort to cut our wood. Alas! What a bad luck!' - they said.

Now Jummas are taking preparation to protect their own property. However they are obliged to live in jungle and not getting boldness to return at home. On the hand the respective officers of the local administration have not visited the spot yet to calm down the tension. Tension is still going on and the situation may turn into terrible condition.

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**(18) 19 April 2003: Communal attack by Bengali Muslim settlers at Bhuyachari**

On 19 April 2003 the Bengali settlers of Bhuiyachara under Kamalchari union in Khagrachari district with the direct cooperation of military personnel made communal attack on Jumma villagers of Bhuiyachara Mukh Chakma Para under Khagrachari sadar upazila. Firstly the Bengali settlers looted and set fire on the houses. Nine houses were completely burnt to ashes and 29 houses looted. Twelve Jumma people were wounded in this incident and Mr. Dhira Sen Chakma (55) s/o Indra Mohan Chakma was serious.

Bengali settlers are all inhabitants of adjacent village of Bhuyachara Mukh Chakma Para under Ward no. 6 of Kamalchari union. The Bengali settlers burned down the houses of the following Jumma inhabitants:

- 1) Mr. Anil Prasad Chakma s/o Bimal Chakma
- 2) Mr. Jyoti Chakma s/o Chikya Chakma
- 3) Mr. Sajib Chakma s/o Suranatha Chakma
- 4) Mr. Dipak Chakma s/o Lalanya Chakma

- 5) Mr. Rupantar Chakma s/o Shefali Ranjan Chakma
- 6) Mr. Priti Bindu Chakma s/o Ashkay Mani Chakma
- 7) Mr. Purna Bikash Chakma s/o Ashkay Mani Chakma
- 8) Mr. Jatin Bikash Chakma s/o Oiya Mani Chakma
- 9) Mr. Krishnakar Chakma s/o Dhruba Kumar Chakma

Firstly the settlers looted and set fire on the houses. The culprits were: 1. Habibur Rahma S/O Razzaq Ali 2. Abul Qasem 3. Alim Uddin 4. Md. Gudu Miyan 5. Motaleb Miyan 6. Iddris 7. Mostafa 8. Hanif 9. Qasem 10. Gami Miyan 11. Badsha Miyan 12. Ishaq 13. Yusuf 14. Samsul 15. Qader 16. Koka Miyan and 17. Kuddus. led the incidents. Settlers are all inhabitants of adjacent village of Bhuyachara Mukh Chakma Para. The settlers burned down the houses of the following tribal inhabitants.

The settlers looted the houses of the following inhabitants.

- 1) Sadan Mani Chakma
- 2) Rabinndra Lal Chakma
- 3) Ali Chakma and others.

Twelve Jumma people were wounded in this incident and Mr. Dirasen Chakma (55), S/O Indra Mohan Chakma was serious

The PCJSS submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on the following points.

- 1) To arrest and punish the persons involved in the communal incident after a neutral investigation.
- 2) To properly compensate the tribal victims.
- 3) To take necessary step to determine land disputes and to amend the land commission law as per CHT Accord.
- 4) To rehabilitate the settlers properly out side of CHT.
- 5) To implement the CHT Accord immediately.

It is reported that the settlers have erected more than 15 houses over the land of Jumma people in the area.

[\[Please see Major Communal Attack for details and Photo Gallery for photo\]](#)

#### **(19) 21 April 2003: PCJSS member fired by UPDF cadres in Kaukhali**

On 21 April 2003 a 20/25 armed group of UPDF cadres led by Dipendu Bikash Chakma, Rabi Chandra Chakma and Milan Chakma attacked on Mr. Sundarban Chakma (55) S/O late Kanyaram Chakma's residence at Chowsalabill in Kaukhali Upazilla under Rangamati District They raid his house first and open fire desperately. Mr.Sundarban Chakma died in the spot by the bullet injuries. They also kidnapped Mr. Nil Chandra Chakma (25), S/OAnanda Chakma, of village Mitingyachari and Mr. Kaijya Chakma (27), S/O late Dharmamuni Chakma, of village Betchari.

Mr. Nilachandra Chakma was released from Labourpar with serious injuries. Few days later, Kaijya Chakma was also released on condition of taka 50,000 as ransom money. Mr. Sundarban Chakma was a supporter of CHT Accord in the area.

Again on 29 April 2003 at 4.00 p.m. Mr. Usha Alo Chakma (20), s/o Satyabrata Chakma of village Betchari under Barkal upazila was beaten up by same UPDF group. He got serious injuries. Now he is under treatment of doctor in paralysed condition.

#### **(20) 25 April 2003: Jumma Woman abducted by Bengali settler in Baghaichari**

On 25/04/02 a Jumma woman named Jyotika Chakma w/o Rahmanya Chakma of village Pablakhali under Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati district was abducted by a settler named Md. Mojammel of village Bhangamura of the upazila. She is not traced yet.

#### **(21) 27 April 2003: PCJSS member and a Bengali abducted by UPDF cadres in Barkal**

On 27 April 2003 Mr, Nitimoy Chakma (45) an UP member of Subalong UP under Barkal uazilain Rangamati District and Mr. Jatileshwar Chakma (40), a PCJSS supporter were abducted from Unduramachara of Subalong UP by an armed group of UPDF. Now they are demanding huge money as ransom for their release from their respective relatives. Moreover, the said terrorist group also

abducted Mr. Md. Hanif (25) a Launch Driver from Betchari of Subalong Union in Barkal Upazilla on the way to Rangamati from Jurachari on 26 April 2003. It is reported that a terrorist group of UPDF has been conducting anti accord and terrorist activities in this area in association with the support of Betchari Army Camp Commander of Barkal.

**(22) 29 April 2003: House of PCJSS member raided by UPDF cadres in Kaukhali**

On 29 April, 2003 a group of 10/12-armed cadres of UPDF raided the house of Dharmabrata Chakam a local PCJSS leader of Betchari under Kaukhali thana of Rangamati District In absense of Dharmabrata Chakma the UPDF cadres abducted Mr. Nibaran Chakma (26) and Mr. Sumangal Chakma (27) from their houses houses.. Mr. Dharmabrata Chakma is a local leader of PCJSS.

It is remarkable that the said UPDF terrorist group shot his brother Mr. Sundarban Chakma death on April 21. So he filed a case in the Kaukhali police station. That's why the UPDF cadres tried to kill him.

**(23) Rohingya Muslim Infiltration in Bandarban continued**

Land grabbing is still continuing in Bandarban District in the name of integrated fishery project, social afforestation and infiltration of Rohingya Muslim from Myanmar. Alikadam Upazill of Bandarban district is facing terrible situation for that intention. The demography of this area is changing rapidly.

The Rohingya's captured areas are-1. Alikadam Upazilla Para (Sukkur Para) 2. Saber Miyan Para 3. Thanda Miyan Para 4. Danu Sowdagar Para 5. Moqbul Para 6. Azizur Rahman Para 7. Kabir Hazi Para 8. North Palong Para 9. East Palong Para 10. Gura Miyan Para (Amir Hamza) 11. Amtali Dudhu Sawdagar Para 12. Mongkul Para 13. Noapara 14. Babu Mro Para 15. Refar Fari 16. Kalaziri Lama and Harinziri area.

In these areas more than 4-5 thousands Rohingya Muslim has infiltrated and Jumma people are losing their land. Terrorist activities, collecting tolls and firearm business are increasing besides the social problems. The Rohingya's are infiltrated here in association with 4 party alliance leaders' support. The fundamentalist political party particularly the Jamat-e- Islam is very much active with the Rohingya. They are not only encouraging in religion but also for Islamic rule.

**(24) Land grabbing continues in Longadu**

1. Mr. Rangabu Chakma, s/o Rabi Mohan Chakma, viill- Khagrachari, 16 No. Khagrachari Mouza, 5 No. Bhasanya Adam UP, Longadu Upazilla Mr. Rangabu Chakma cleared a hillside for Jhum cultivation. He managed everything to sow seeds in the Jhum. Suddenly Mr. Abdur Rashid from Faksha Para of Khagrachari Mouza under Longadu upazilla started to sow on Rangabua's ready field. So Rangabu Chakma protested but the settler Abdur Rashid paid no attention. So, Rangabua reported to Mr. Toffazzal Hossain, the chairman of the union but Mr. Toffazzal Hossain took no step in this regard.

Now, Mr. Rangabu Chakma is neither able to sow seed to a new Jum due to off-season nor able to sow his Jum that captured by Abdur Rashid.

2. Mr. Tilakjoy Chakma, s/o Punya Charan Chakma, village of Machchari Para, 17 No. Ganamore Mouza, 5 No. Bhasanya Adam UP, Longadu Upazilla. Mr. Tilakjoy Chakma owned 1 acre recorded paddy land. Mr. Ganakya Mannan, village of Machchari under Longadu upazila grabbed about 0.7/0.8-acre land forcibly from the said land. He ploughed the land last year.

On the other hand absence of Tilakjoy Chakma, his wife has started to sow in the Jum. At that time the said settler asked her, 'Why are you ploughing my land?' 'Yes. You can plough this land for this year but I will plough all of the land in the next year.' The settler said to him. In this way they solved the tension locally. But later, Ganakya Mannan filed a case in the Rangamati court against Tilakjoy Chakma, Karuna Mohan Chakma, s/o Dharma Charan Chakma, Priti Bindu Dewan, s/o Gagendra Lal Dewan, Bikya Chakma, s/o Prem Ranjan Chakma, Barun Chakma, s/o Jatra Charan Chakma, the village of all is Machchari. In this connection, local Army camp

commander advised to withdraw the case by bearing Tk. 600 per side. But the contestants denied the decision. Now the case is sent to Longadu police station for investigation.

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#### **(25) 3 May 2003: Two Jumma youths arrested by the army in Baghaichari**

On 3 May 2003 at 12.30 p.m. a group of army led Subedar Md. Habib of Commander of Khagrachari camp and Amtali camp of 16 EBR in Banghaichari conducted operation at South Hirachar and Noa Para of Khedarmara mouza under Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati district. During the operation, the army arrested and tortured two villagers namely Mr. Rabidhan Chakma (22) s/o Purna Chandra Chakma and Pratul Bikash Chakma (22) s/o Ashok Kumar Chakma of Pablakhali village under Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati district. Even the army tortured Ms. Ujjala Chakma (18) d/o Ugra Muni Chakma. Later, the army handed over Rabidhan Chakma and Pratul Bikash Chakma to Baghaichari police station. Md. Motaher, second officer of Baghaichari police station lodged case against them.

#### **(26) 5 May 2003: Juba Samiti leader abducted by UPDF in Panchari**

On 5 May 2003 a terrorist group of UPDF abducted Mr. Kanak Baran Chakma, the vice president of Juba Samiti of Panchari Upazilla from T&T area. They abducted him at gunpoint. It is remarkable that the Juba Samiti is a part of PCJSS, which is organised by youths.

#### **(27) 10 May 2003: Initiative to set up new BDR camp at Sajek**

On 10 May 2003 a BDR camp was expanded at East Bhaibachara of Sajek union under Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati district. In this connection, the BDR Zone Commander of Baghaihat zone Lt. Colonel Kamrul (20 EBR) and the Sajek Zone Commander (32 EBR) jointly visited the said area. At first they searched the Karbari of the village and then visited the whole surrounding area of the village. More than 32 families would be affected due to setting up new BDR camp.

#### **(28) 12 May 2003: Two Jumma youths arrested by the army in Bandarban**

On 12 May 2003 the army personnel of Bandarban brigade arrested two Jummas from Ghungru Para of Dalu Para under Bandarban sadar upazila. The army personnel arrested them on suspicion as terrorist. However, they went there to meet their relatives. The local people claimed that army personnel almost harassed them in the name of searching terrorist. The victims were-

- 1) Mr. Aongsla Pru Marma (25), village of Raikhali of Kaptai.
- 2) Mr. Uchawmong Marma (26), village of Roangchari.

#### **(29) 12 May 2003: False case lodged by UPDF against PCJSS members in Khagrachari**

Recently the UPDF has taken new policy to harass the PCJSS leaders and workers using the government machinery. They are lodging false criminal cases frequently against the PCJSS leaders and members while any incident, even any clash made among them as internal conflict is occurred. It is nothing but to insult and harass the PCJSS members. It is notable that recently almost all the UPDF workers have become frustrated as they are losing public support. In everywhere, they are facing questions from public side for their continuous terrorist activities, such as, abduction, arsoning, kidnapping, extortion, killing committed even upon the innocent public also. Besides, they have no clear political program to achieve their so-called full autonomy. On the other, they are facing strong resistance from Resistance Forces that were formed locally in several places where UPDF armed cadres are committing such inhuman activities. Already some leaders like Abhilash Chakma, Dipti Shankar Chakma, Champanan Chakma, Dipayan Khisa, Dilip Chakma, Pulak Chakma etc have been inactive. Some self styled commanders of armed group of UPDF also revolted against local commanders at some places. Consequently, several internal clashes have been occurred among them. Side by side, they are setting fire their own offices to divert incident to another and to destroy

financial docents in order to concealing their corruption. Moreover, they can lodge case easily to show the arsoning cause against the PCJSS members. For instance-

On 12/05/03 an internal armed clash among UPDF workers that held at Swanirvar area in Khagrachari sadar. They fired each other in such a way so that no body was injured or killed, as in fact they did not want to kill member of opponent faction but to threaten them only. They committed it in front of BDR sentry post. It is 50 yards far from the BDR post only. There were also police forces patrolling nearby on the day of incident. Police personnel clearly saw the clash but kept themselves silent. At a stage, the armed cadres of UPDF intentionally set fire their own office at Swanirvar area to divert actual fact to another and to burn its financial documents for concealing their corruption. Soon after the incident, they propagated that PCJSS has committed this incident and lodged case with Khagrachari police station against the PCJSS members. They lodged cases against the PCJSS leaders who cannot do such terrorist activities, even no body like villagers of Swanirvar and Khabangpajya villages, BDR and police personnel who were only witness of the incident, did not believe it. They filed case against the 19 PCJSS members including following leaders:

- 1) Mr. Rasamoy Chakma (Nimai), General Secretary of PCJSS Khagrachari district committee
- 2) Mr. Pranati Bikash Chakma (Victor), President of PCJSS Khagrachari district committee
- 3) Mr. Subal Chandra Chakma (Ashish), Secretary for Youth Affairs of central committee of PCJSS
- 4) Mr. Brajendu Shekhar Chakma, Vice President of PCJSS Khagrachari district committee
- 5) Mr. Ujjal Chakma, President of PCP central committee
- 6) Mr. Braja Kishore Tripura, Ex-president of PCP central committee
- 7) Mr. Biplab Tripura, Secretary for Youth Affairs of PCJSS Khagrachari district committee
- 8) Mr. Prajnan Khisa Aki
- 9) Mr. Kakan Chakma

**(30) 12 May 2003: Three PCJSS supporter kidnapped by UPDF in Kaukhali**

On 12/05/03 following three PCJSS supporters were abducted by the UPDF from Amchari under Kaukhali upazila in Rangamati district. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Umong Gri Marma (37) s/o Pome Marma
- 2) Mr. Chaihls Prue Marma (35) s/o Kyacha Marma
- 3) Mr. Saja Mong Marma (22) s/o Chingchau Marma.

**(31) 22 May 2003: Jumma woman abducted by the Bengali settlers in Dighinala**

On 22/05/03 one Jumma girl named Ms. Manjuri Chakma (17) (candidate of HSC) d/o Hemabrata Karbari of village Betchari of Merung under Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district was kidnapped by the Bengali Muslim settlers led by Post Commander of VDP (Village Defence Party) Md. Kasem s/o Dulal Mian of Betchari of Merung. Till to-date, she is not traced. Hemabrata Karbari submitted a complaint to Zone Commander of Dighinala army zone demanding to trace out his daughter. But no action has been taken by the army. On the other, on 12/06/03 a deputation was paid to Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari district by Mr. Shaktipada Tripura, Santoshita Chakma Bakul, Jyotiprava Larma, Jarita Chakma and Choitali Tripura. But the DC took no action. It is learnt that the settlers led by Md. Kasem, Md. Dulal (Platoon Commander of VDP), Md. Rabi, Md. Iqbal and Md. Taju of Betchari under Merung have been trying to harass Jumma people of the village with an aim to grab their (Jumma) lands.

**(32) 22 May 2003: Innocent people beaten up by UPDF in Panchari**

Torturing innocent people for collecting illegal tolls are daily routine work for UPDF cadres. They used it to collect illegal toll from traders and contractors. In this connection on 22 May of 2003 a group of UPDF armed cadres led by Pahel Chakma of Harinath Para and Sirajmoy Tripura of Chelachara beaten up some innocent villagers of Dewan Para in Panchari under Khagrachari District. The victims are-

- 1) Krisna Kishore Tripura (56), s/o Parti Kumar Tripura
- 2) Dhana Mohan Tripura (48), s/o Fulendra Tripura
- 3) Chikansa Tripura (35), s/o Chukailya Tripura

- 4) Suchen Mani Tripura (17) s/o late Chandra Kishore Tripura
- 5) Ranjan Kumar Tripura (22), s/o Dhana Bali Tripura
- 6) Digendra Tripura (28), s/o Dhana Bali Tripura
- 7) Nipan Babu Tripura (18) s/o Purna Mohan Tripura

They also looted about 100 kgs rice from poor villagers.

**(33) 25 May 2003: A Jumma minor girl tried to rape by Bengali settler in Panchari**

On 25 May 2003 a settler named Riaz Mahmud Hira, s/o Aziz attempted to rape a minor girl named Sima Chakma (10) d/o Ananda Chakma, of village Patachari in Rupakari Union under Baghaichari upazila while she was on the way to market for buying Kerosene. The victim's father Mr. Annanda Chakma filed a case against the culprit at the Upazilla Mahila Officer on 1 June 2003. But, finally he was forced to withdraw the case for the tremendous pressure of police administration of Baghaichari. The police of Baghaichari is still denying to file any case against the culprit. While Sima Chakma was going to market for buying Kerosene the culprit attempted to rape her. Fortunately, her immediate young sister Ruma Chakma was with her.

**(34) 26 May 2003: Two PCP members arrested by the police at Chittagong**

On 26/05/03 the UPDF members attacked upon some PCP members at nearby place of Barrister Sultan Ahmad College in Chittagong town. In this attack, two PCP members were seriously wounded. They got admission at Chittagong Medical College hospital. But, very astonishingly, one Charan Sing Tanchangya of Rajanagar under Rangunia upazila in Chittagong district, on behalf of UPDF lodged a case with Bandar thana under Chittagong town against 8 PCP members on 12/06/03. Among them, Samar Bijoy Chakma (30) s/o Gangadhar Chakma of Sonai Karbari Para under Longadu upazila and Ajoy Chakma (26) s/o Pritimoy Chakma of Ugalchari under Baghaichari upazila of Rangamati district were arrested on 14/06/03 at night of 3.00 a.m. from Bandar area. They were produced at the court on same day and Ajoy Chakma was released on bail. But Samar Chakma is still in jail. It is an interesting that during the case lodging, Ms. Samari Chakma (UPDF member) along with the complainant Mr. Charan Sing Tanchangya introduced themselves to Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Bandar thana as relatives of Bishwajit Chakma (APS to Chairman of CHT Regional Council). The OC and Bishwajit Chakma are closed friends. Consequently, the OC rapidly took action.

**(35) 27 May 2003: BDR camp set up destroying Buddhist temple at Falittangya Chug**

Human rights violation by way of beating, arresting, detaining, arsoning or compelling the people to agree with by the military personnel or land grabbing by the Muslim Bengali settlers in collaboration with the army personnel in CHT is a matter of daily plan activities of Bangladesh Military Forces. During the movement the military personnel destroyed the images of Lord Buddha and many temples in CHT but now the military personnel changed their strategies to destroy the temple and the image of Lord Buddha in Barkal. Rejecting all request of the local leaders the 34 Battalion BDR Zone commander Major Rashid decided to erect T&T Tower in place of evicting the established Buddhist temple in Fali Tangya Chug of Barkal thana under Rangamati Hill District where thousands of people gather in their religious festivals.

On 27 May of 2003 a group of BDR led by Major Rashid evicted the Signboard and Buddhist Flag of Falittangya Chug Buddhist Temple under Barkal upazila in Ranagmati district denying the objection of local people. They also torched the residence of Buddhist monks on 29 May 2003. Next day they have threatened the people who have gathered for religious function. They also announced prohibition and restriction on moving people at night in the area for so-called security reason. The BDR personnel tied Mr. Sneha Moy Chakma and Mr. Kitta Mohan Chakma with a pillar and dragged and pulled women outside of the temple.

Moreover a group of BDR led by Habilder Fazlu have been started to construct a camp for staying there. It was mentionable that the Falittangya Chug is the highest peak of the mountains in Barkal. Some Jummas have been living in this area. Some months before they built a Buddhist temple in this peak. The temple called Falitangya Chug Bidharshan Bhabana Kendra and Mandir. Recently the Zone

Commander of BDR (34 Battalion) Major Rashid has initiated to evict the said Buddhist temple in the name of set up a T&T Wireless Tower. He has been motivating the people and local leaders about the tower. But if the Buddhist temple was evicted the Buddhist devotees would deprive from their religious functions. So they were strongly opposing the set up of the T&T Wireless Tower.

In addition, on 31 May of 2003 the said commander of BDR attempted to destroy the temple's structures but at last he failed due to protest and demonstration of local people at Barkal upazila. On 7 June of 2003 the local people of Barkal submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh through the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Barkal upazila demanding followings-

- 1) To stop the setting up BDR camp at the same of the Buddhist temple and withdraw the BDR camp immediately.
- 2) To take legal step and punish the culprits who torched and corrupted the holy temple in the name of setting up BDR camp led by Major Md. Rashid (34 Battalion).
- 3) To ensure free from torch in future time by BDR.

It is mentionable that the Fali Tangya Chug is the highest peak of the mountains in Barkal. Some Jumias have been living in this backward peak area for the lack of cultivable land. So their financial condition is very low and they are deprived from basic human rights. Many days ago they have built a Buddhist temple in this area. The temple- Fali Tangya Chug Bidharsan Bhabna kendra and Mandir is a branch of Raj Bana Bihar, the most important Buddhist temple in CHT headed by honorable Bana Bhante.

Recently the Zone Commander of BDR (34 Battalion) Major Rashid has initiated to evict the said Buddhist temple in the name of set up a T&T Wireless Tower. He has been motivating the people and local leaders about the tower and tower based development activities. So he wants to set up the T&T Tower and evicts the Buddhist temple. But if the Buddhist temple is evicted the poor will deprive from their religious functions. So they are strongly opposing the set up of the T&T Wireless Tower.

[\[Please see Important Reports for details and Photo Gallery for photo\]](#)

#### **(36) 30 May 2003: Four houses were burnt down by UPDF in Kaukhali**

On 30/05/03 at 1.30 a.m. four houses of the following villagers of Betchari village of Ghagra Union under Kaukhali in Rangamati district were burnt down by UPDF armed cadres. At that day, a group of UPDF rounded up the village and set fire the houses. Valuables worth Taka 8 lakhs were destroyed. The victims were:

- 1) Mr. Harish Chakma s/o late Mahendra Chakma
- 2) Mr. Chikanya Chakma
- 3) Mr. Dharmabrata Chakma s/o late Nandi Kumar Chakma
- 4) Mr. Krishna Joy Chakma s/o Chikanya Chakma.

#### **(37) 30 May 2003: Two Jummas arrested by the army in Baghaichari**

On 30 May of 2003 at 12.30 p.m. army personnel of Khagrachari camp under Baghaichari upazila led by Subedar Md. Habib (16 EBR) arrested two innocent people from the house of Mr. Ugra Moni Chakma of south Khirachar village of Kedharmara union under Bhagaichari upazila in Rangamati district. The The victims are-

- 1) Rabi Dhan Chakma (22), S/O Purna Chandra Chakma, village of Middle Pabla Khali;
- 2) Mr. Putul Bikash Chakma (22), S/O Ashok Kumar Chakma, village of Middle Pabla Khali.

The military personnel beaten up them brutally and then handed over to Baghaichar police station. They were sent to jail in Rangamati. Moreover the police of Baghaichari filed a case against the said victims on 30 May of 2003. The case no. GR No- 155/03 dated 30/05/03.

It is reported that a group of Bengali Muslim settlers named Kalilur, Mokhlesh and Aziz used to buy cash seasonal fruits from the surrounded Jumma village. Usually, they used to buy the goods without payment. Few days ago, they also bought some goods from the said victims. But at last they denied paying for their goods. So the victims asked their money from them. The Chairman of the Union Parishad Mr. Suchitra Chakma and other conscious people mean that the military made a plan in favour of the Bengali settlers for denying to pay. That's why they arrested the people.

### **(38) In May 2003: Extortion by UPDF in Ghilachari under Naniarchar**

A group of armed terrorists of UPDF abducted Mr. Anilmoy Chakma (22) from Ghilachari Bazar under Naniarchar Upazilla in Rangamati District. They searched the bus that was going to Khagrachari and compelled him to get down from bus. The passengers of the bus were astonished at this sudden event where army personnel were also looking at. It is notable, that the UPDF cadres have been staying besides the Ghilachari Army camp after signing the CHT Peace Accord.

### **50% allotment reduced from Development Budget of CHT**

The government has cancelled 11 development projects from Annual Development Programme (ADP) in CHT. It is due to insufficient fund of government according to government sources. Whereas, 50% allotted fund (more than Tk. 51 Crore) has reduced from the annual development budget of CHT. This curtailment has also cut from the allotment of the CHT Regional Council and three Hill District Councils, which are the government development institutions in CHT. The CHT as the backward and deprived area will face more terrible situation for this initiative of government. For this regard, the implementation of more than hundred projects is now in uncertain condition.

Under the CHT Development Board, twelve small and large projects on social advancement of this area stopped working due to the said resolution. So, more than 1 lakh beneficiaries and four hundreds staffs of CHT Development Board will be affected directly.

It is notable that the government took this decision in the ECNEC meeting on May 15 in Dhaka, presided by the honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

### **Friendly relation between HDC's Member and UPDF**

Mr. Kyachala Marma, a member of the Rangamati District Council is continuing his support to the UPDF activities. Recently, he has visited Kaukhali remote area and paid huge money to UPDF armed cadres as donation and good will. He is also a member of BNP, the ruling party of Bangladesh. The amount of his gift was about Tk. one lakh, many sources said.

The conscious perspectives think that giving such a big amount to the UPDF cadres in the night is not a good motive of the said member. It may be a part of conspiracy against PCJSS and the Peace Accord so that the UPDF can promote their attacks on JSS members. Many people think that Mr. Manik Lal Dewan, the chairman of Rangamati District Council may be involved in this plan. (Source: The Daily Purbakone, May 23, 2003). The Daily Purbokone also published news that the UPDF terrorist group increased their terrorist activities in association with illegal toll.

## **June 2003**

### **Repatriated Jumma Refuges living in inhuman condition**

The Repatriated Jumma Refuges has been living in inhuman condition since repatriation from India. Several times they have tried to get favour from government for improving their inhuman condition. But unfortunately they have not got it. They aspect that the newly elected four party alliance led by BNP will consider their problems. So they submitted a memorandum to the honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh on June 3, 2003. In this memorandum, the demands from government 1) To proper rehabilitation of repatriated refuges according to the 20 Points Package Agreement and the CHT Peace Accord. 2) Allot ration regularly until proper rehabilitation of refuges. 3) To issue allotment for submitted 323 projects on self-reliance project and etc.

It is notable that 64,609 refuges of 12, 222 families were repatriated from India according to the government assurance, 16 points and 20 points package conveniences and CHT Peace Accord. They also submitted another memorandum to the honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 20 May of 2003. In this memorandum, they demanded 1) To appoint the educated refuges in the vacant posts according to the article 18 of part 'Gha' of CHT Peace Accord, 2) To concern only the Circle Chief certified certificate foe appointing in the job, 3) To reserve 80% quota for Jumma and 20% quota for permanent Bengalis, 4) To relax one step educational qualification and 10 years for Jumma etc.

**(39) 6 June 2003: Two drivers abducted by UPDF in Ramgarh**

The UPDF armed cadres abducted two Bengali bus drivers, namely from Ramgarh of Feni-Ramgarh road on 06/06/03 at 4.00 p.m. Till to date the drivers were not released. The UPDF demanded Taka 300 thousands as ransom. On the other hand, the Bengali settlers are trying to commit communal attack upon the Jumma people. The settlers gave ultimatum that they would take serious action including strike throughout three hill districts if the drivers were not release within 5 days. The leader of the settlers and Chairman of CHT Development Board MP Abdul Wadood Bhuiyan demanded to deploy more armed force including setting up new camp in the areas. He accused Jumma people for terrorist activities. It is notable that the UPDF, settlers and army are doing work together. UPDF kidnaps people both Jumma and Bengali. Settlers make communal tension and attack upon the Jumma people with regard to the abduction. Finally the army get legitimacy to stay in CHT in name of instability of CHT situation.

**(40) 6 June 2003: A Jumma girl tried to rape by police in Panchari**

On 6 June, 2003 in the evening two police personnel attempted to rape a Jumma girl in Panchari upazila of Khagrachar iDistrict. The curlprits are Nayek Pradip Chandra (32) and Constable Abul Kashem (30) of Kalanal Police camp. The villagers rescued the girl while she was shouting for help. Later the victim filed a case in the Panchari Police Station. The activist of PCP organised a procession to arrest and punish the said police personnel. It is reported that the culprits were closed.

**(41) 7 June 2003: PCJSS office burnt down by UPDF in Panchari**

On 7 June 2003 a group of UPDF armed cadres led by Arun Kumar Chakma burnt the PCJSS office ashes of Panchari Branch in Panchari Upazilla under Khagrachari district at 11.00 p.m. They also looted the shops at the gunpoint beside the PCJSS office.

**(42) 9 June 2003: Fasl case lodged by UPDF against PCJSS members in Khagrachari**

On 09/06/03 the Rangamati district office of UPDF at Kutukchari bazar under Rangamati sadar upazila was burnt to ashes. It is nothing but due to internal clashes. The local leader Mr. Abhilash Chakma who was main base at Kutukchari area left UPDF after corruption of thousands of money. Some lower level workers of UPDF blamed some local commanders for this incident. As a result, an internal conflict developed within the underground group of UPDF. The local people of Kukutchari believe that they set fire their district office in order to destroy the financial documents to hide corruption. But to divert the actual fact to another, they filed case with Kotwali thana against the PCJSS members in connection with this incident. They filed cases against 34 PCJSS members of Naniarchar upazila including the following leaders who are actively working for the implementation of the Peace Accord.

- 1) Mr. Satyabir Dewan, Finance Secretary of central committee of PCJSS
- 2) Mr. Mangal Kumar Chakma, Secretary for Information and Publicity of central committee of PCJSS
- 3) Mr. Nanadhan Chakma Hitoshi, President of Naniarchar thana PCJSS
- 4) Mr. Gyana Ranjan Chakma Nalen, Secretary of Naniarchar PCJSS
- 5) Mr. Shaktiman Chakma, Assistant Secretary for Land and Law affairs of central committee of PCJSS
- 6) Mr. Dulal Chandra Chakma Kanan, member of PCJSS Rangamati district committee.

**(43) 14 June 2003: Two Jumma youths arrested by the police in Chittagong**

On 14/06/03 at night around 3.00 a.m. Mr. Samar Bijoy Chakma (30) s/o Gangadhar Chakma of Sonai Karbari Para under Longadu upazila and Mr. Ajoy Chakma (26) s/o Pritimoy Chakma of Ugalchari under Baghaichari upazila of Rangamati district were arrested from Bandar area of Chittagong by the police of Bandar police station. They were produced at the court on same day and Ajoy Chakma was released on bail. But Samar Chakma was not given bail.

It is worth mentioning that on 26/05/03 the UPDF members attacked upon some PCP members at nearby place of Barrister Sultan Ahmad College in Chittagong town. In this attack, two PCP members were seriously wounded. They got admission at Chittagong Medical College hospital. But, very

astonishingly, one Charan Sing Tanchangya of Rajanagar under Rangunia upazila in Chittagong district, on 12/06/03 on behalf of UPDF lodged a case with Bandar police station in Chittagong town against 8 PCP members. It was an interesting that during the case lodging, Ms. Samari Chakma (UPDF member) along with the complainant Mr. Charan Sing Tanchangya falsely introduced themselves to Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Bandar police station as relatives of Bishwajit Chakma (APS to Chairman of CHT Regional Council). The OC and Bishwajit Chakma were closed friends. Consequently, the OC rapidly took action.

**(44) 20 June 2003: Innocent villager abducted by UPDF in Matiranga**

On 20 June 2003 an armed group of UPDF led by Bisal Chakma abducted Mr. Pancha Kumar Karbari (48), s/o Gagan Chandra Tripura from his farmhouse at gunpoint at noon. Mr. Tripura was a former member of Matiranga Union Parishad. He was well known as a pro-peace accord activist. He is not rescued yet.

**(45) 20 June 2003: Jumma trader beaten up by UPDF in Sajek**

On 20 June 2003 the UPDF armed cadres beaten up Mr. Shahi Bhusan Chakma, a small traders in Ghangaram area of Sajek union in Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati District.

**(46) 27 June 2003: Innocent villager beaten up by UPDF in Massalong**

On 27 June 2003 Mr. Chijikala Chakma s/o Krishna Chakma of Bhuyachari under Baghaichari upazila were beaten by the UPDF at Massalong Bazer in front of the police. Chijikala Chakma has been admitted to the Khagrachari hospital in serious condition.

**UNDP started development activities in CHT:**

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) officially launched development activities in the CHT. It undertook a pilot project named 'Promotion of Development and Confidence-building in the CHT'. For implementation of the project, the UNDP launched an office named 'CHT Development Facility' (CHTDF) on 14/06/03 in Rangamati town. In the launching ceremony of the CHTDF, CHT Regional Council Chairman Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma was present as Chief Guest. Chakma Circle Chief Barrister Raja Devashis Roy, Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs Mr. Mani Swapan Dewan, Rangamati HDC Chairman Dr. Manik Lal Dewan, Bandarban HDC Chairman Ms. Mya Mya Ching were also present in the ceremony as Special Guests. UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Jorgen Lissner presided over the ceremony.

In his speech as Chief Guest, J. B. Larma criticized the UNDP's development activities. He said that the development work for CHT must be initiated in accordance with and in support for CHT Accord. The permanent residents of CHT including Jumma people must be included in all process of the development activities. But UNDP was not doing so. It identified PCJSS, the only political party of Jumma who has been struggling for CHT people for decades long as terrorist. It did not mention single word about negative policy of the government on implementation of CHT Accord. Rather, it highlighted CHT problem as regional political conflict among Jumma people. The CHT Regional Council and Hill District Councils (HDCs) were not directly involved in the development project. He also criticized for inclusion of Matiranga upazila as project area. He opined that there were many upazilas where have arguments to be given priority for development. He also criticized the UNDP for generalizing the CHT people irrespective of ethnic origin and residence status in selecting the beneficiaries (including the settlers). He argued that according to the CHT Accord, the outsiders could not be included as beneficiary for the project. This provision will go against the Jumma people as well as permanent residents of CHT. He also raised question why the CHTDF has arranged own Security Unit in CHT where the police force and administration are working. He expressed his grief for not to supply even its full and detailed project to CHTRC. He also mentioned that the UNDP project was not consistent with the UNDP policy on indigenous peoples.

On 16/06/03 Mr. Jorgen Lissner, Resident Representative of UNDP along with Mr. Michel Heyn, Director of CHTDF and Mr. Prasenjit Chakma, Consultant of CHTDF called on to CHTRC Chairman

Mr. J. B. Larma at CHTRC office. Mr. Lissner informed to CHTRC Chairman that the selection of Matiranga Upazila cannot be cancelled. In clarification regarding Security Management Unit of UNDP, he said that the UN had own Security Management Unit all over the world where it is working. So arranging Risk Management Unit and hiring Security Personnel for CHTDF is very much consistent with UN system. Lastly Mr. Lissner said that if Mr Larma and CHTRC will talk any more about this Joint Risk Assessment Report he will treat it as CHTRC's confrontation with UNDP. In that case UNDP would take necessary steps to manage it in different way.

In the meeting, J. B. Larma said that he was always for development and similarly for the CHTDF. He thought the UNDP and other international agencies as best friends of the CHT people and even they had a relationship of heartfelt loving with each other. However, the CHTDF had taken initiative for development in CHT in a way which the CHT people and himself had not been expected. Because, the CHTDF ignored the power and function of CHTRC and HDCs. It was to be analyzed whether the initiative undertaken by CHTDF was consistent with the UNDP Indigenous Peoples Policy. He also argued that CHTDF was also going to ignore the indigenous people as well as permanent resident of CHT whereas it had been showing much more interest in the benefit of settlers. For that reason, CHTDF was very firm in undertaking project at Matiranga Upazila. But UNDP should have remembered that the indigenous people of CHT were on the way to extinction because of the Islamization Policy of the Government. He said that they had signed the CHT Accord with the Government after more than two-decade struggle. The Government was very much reluctant to implement the Accord and showing no interest in this regard at all. The indigenous people and the permanent residents of CHT had been deprived of their right and due share of development for a long time ago. Therefore, it was their duty to say for the rights and development of indigenous people and permanent residents. He also said that UNDP should work only for the development of the indigenous people and the permanent residents of the CHT because the settlers were outsiders and their issue was still to be resolved. But it was very unfortunate that it seemed UNDP to be working as the agent of the Government to implement the Government's policy of Islamization in order to exterminate indigenous people of CHT.

[\[Please see Relevant Article and Statement for details\]](#)

### July 2003

#### **(47) 7 July 2003: 8 Innocent villagers abducted by UPDF in Baghaichari**

On 7 July 2003 the UPDF armed cadres led by Nila Baran Chakma and Subal Kanti Chakma abducted 8 innocent villagers from Dozor Sijak area of Baghaichari upazila under Rangamati district. The UPDF armed cadres demanded TK 2 hundred thousand as ransom from the Dazor Bazar Association and the traders. The victims were-

- 1) Ratna Kumar Chakma (42), s/o Hema Ranjan Chakma, of village New Lalyaghona;
- 2) Bana Bihari Chakma (35), s/o Sundhar Mohan Chakma, of village Muraghona Chara;
- 3) Bijoy Chakma (35), s/o Bira Pakka Chakma, of village Talukder Para;
- 4) Shanti Priya Chakma (26), s/o Bujdhan Chakma, of village Sijak Dozar;
- 5) Debajit Chakma (22), s/o Birendra Chakma, of village Chotto Kachuchari;
- 6) Biswajit Chakma (19), s/o Do;
- 7) Bangalya Chakma (42), of village Bhagaichari;
- 8) Madhu Bikash Chakma (28), of village Bhagaichari.

On the next day, the UPDF released Mr. Bana Bihari Chakma with a letter to the traders demanding Tk 2 lakh as ransom money. On 9 July 2003 Mr. Babul Chakma and Mr. Ashok Chakma submitted an application to the Bhagaichari UNO to rescue the said abducted people. But no clue as yet been found whether the abducted were alive or dead.

#### **(48) 13 July 2003: Ex-PCJSS abducted by UPDF in Kutukchhari**

On 13 July 2003 an armed group of UPDF led by Dipayan Chakma, Sachib Chakma and Annanda Prakash Chakma abducted and then killed a Ex-PCJSS member from Kutukchhari Bazar at 11 a.m. namely Sattangya Chakma (Diganta) (32) son of Bhuda Chakma, village of Jurachari, Kalakpara, Ghilachari union of Naniarchar upazila under Rangamati Hill district.

The relatives and villagers of Sattangya Chakma appealed for mercy to UPDF terrorist but they did not consider any appeal. He was well known as a CHT Accord pro worker in his village and the surroundings area.

**(49) 15 July 2003: Returnee PCJSS member abducted by UPDF in Naniarchar**

On 15 July 2003 a group of UPDF terrorists led by Royal Marma raided the house of Pradip Chakma (28) of village Ramsupari Para in Naniarchar upazila under Rangamati Hill District. At that time Mr. Pradip Chakma was having his dinner. He was an armed deposited member of PCJSS. It is assume that he is supposed to be killed.

**(50) 23-24 July 2003: Army searched Jumma houses at Mahajan Para in Khagrachari**

On 23 July 2003 a group of army led by Captain Shams of Khagrachari army zone along with police conducted searching operation at some Jumma houses including Mr. Upendra Lal Chakma and Prabin Chandra Chakma at Mohajan Para in Khagrachari town. The army tried to arrest some innocent student leaders of PCP. But they failed while the women of the village opposed it.

On 24 July 2003 same group of army led by Captain Shams again conducted searching operation at Mohajan Para in Khagrachari town. During the operation they rounded up and searched the house of Mr. Dhira Kumar Chakma, ex-President of PCJSS Khagrachari district branch. But they got nothing.

**(51) 25 July 2003: House of local PCP leader searched by the army in Dighinala**

On 25 July 2003 a group of army of Dighinala zone conducted operation in Dighinala sadar area of Dighinala upazila in Khagrachari district. During the operation, the army rounded up and searched the house of Mr. Dharmabir Chakma, local student leader of PCP. They destroyed valuables of house. Protesting the army operation, the PCP of Dighinala branch brought out procession in Dighinala upazila and submitted memorandum to the Prime Minister of Peoples' Republic of Banglaesh Government demanding withdrawal military as per CHT Accord.

**August 2003**

**Attitude of the present coalition government to CHT:**

After assuming power in 2001, some ministers of present government of Bangladesh declared in several meetings that BNP-led 4-party coalition government accepted the CHT Accord on principle. The government would not cancel the Accord. But the Accord is not being implemented; rather several important provisions have been violated. Such as, appointment of a Bengali settler MP as the Chairman of CHT Development Board, no tribal minister in the CHT Ministry, it is kept under the Prime Minister, no sign of temporary camps withdrawal rather involvement of military in civil administration etc.

As an attempt of eyewash, this year the coalition government formed a committee which was named Committee for the Implementation of the CHT Accord headed by Mr. Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development. So far, four meeting took place between the government representatives and CHT Regional Council representatives aiming to deal with various issues of implementation of the CHT Accord. In these meeting followings persons attended as representatives of the government and the CHT Regional Council.

Government representatives:

1. Mr. Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Minister, Local Government and Rural Development Ministry;
2. Barrister Moudud Ahmmed, Minister, Law, Parliament and Justice Ministry;
3. Mr., M. Shamul Islam, Minister, Land Ministry;
4. Syed Wahidul Alam, Whip, Bangladesh Parliament;
5. Mr. Moni Swapan Dewan, Deputy Minister, CHT Affairs Ministry;

CHT Regional Council Representative:

1. Mr. Goutam Kumar Chakma, Member, CHTRC;
2. Mr. Sudhasindhu Khisa, Member, CHT RC;

### 3. Mr. K S Mong Marma, Member, CHT RC

Although, the government termed this committee as the Committee for the CHT Accord Implementation, but it neither a follow up of the previous committee nor formed according to the CHT Accord of 1997. According to the Accord this committee was supposed to be formed consisting three members i.e. a person appointed by the Prime minister; president of PCJSS and Chairman of Task Force on Rehabilitation of Returnee Jumma Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons.

Although several crucial decisions, such as, amendment of CHT Land Dispute Settlement Commission Act 2001, formation of Task Force, Transfer of Subjects to the Hill District Councils, etc. have been taken to discuss in the meetings of the committee. However, all these discussions are without any decisions or tangible results. On the other, there is no sign of any workable steps for the implementation of accord. So, all these meetings seem nothing but killing the time and delay dealing tactics.

Recently, two separate meetings were held between Mr. J B Larma, Chairman of the CHTRC and Mr. Maudud Ahmed, Minister for Law, Parliament and Justice, and Mr. Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development on 27-28 July 2003 respectively. In the meetings, discussions took place on amendment of Land Disputes Settlement Commission Act and the overall development of CHT again without concrete decision.

The present attitude of the government is also understood from the recent statements of Mr. Moni Swapan Dewan, the Deputy Minister of CHT Affairs Ministry (MP, BNP). He stated in a meeting in Rangamati that if necessary military operation "Operation Clean Heart" will be imposed in the CHT, while the withdrawal of the military camps is one of the major demands of the CHT people and one of the major provisions of the CHT Accord. He also supported the AusAid funded micro credit programme of one national NGO called Integrated Development Foundation in CHT that is involved in Bengali settlers rehabilitation programme.

#### **Activities of the Bengali settlers:**

The Bengali settlers are still receiving rations from the government. On the other hand the Jumma people are not getting any benefits of this kind. It is also notable that the entire ration distribution system is plagued by corruption and malpractice. They are also being exploited and manipulated by some opportunist settler leaders and political elements with direct involvement of some government officials.

These settlers have been continuing to occupy the lands of the Jumma people with the help of the military. They are also involved in activities of communal attacks and robbery. Recently on 3/8/2003 some Bengali settlers looted one Chakma family and snatched valuable ornaments of his wife while the victims were on their way to Rangamati from remote village.

Hundreds of acres of Jumma land are also being grabbed by the Bengali settlers as before. Recently, the Bengali settlers have occupied the lands of Jumma people in Billachara of Shuvalong union under Barkal Upazila in Rangamati district, Bhuachari area of Kamalchhari union under Khagrachari sadar upazila, Lemuchari area under Mahalchhari upazila and Choto Panchari under Panchari Upazila in Khagrachari district.

Influx of new settlers is also taking place in the CHT. The old settlers are bringing their relatives to the CHT. There is a strong network of bringing new settlers and Mr. Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, the Bengali settlers MP is providing assistance to these new settlers. To facilitate the influx, there are direct bus services from northern districts of Bangladesh, such as, Bagura, Sirajganj etc. to Khagrachari.

The Bengali settlers are also helping for settling the Rohingya refugees who flew from Myanmar in Bandarban district of CHT, particularly Nakkyangchhari, Ruma and Lama upazilas through providing lands and other facilities.

#### **Activities of the military forces:**

The military rule is still involved in influencing the activities of civil administration. Military operation is continuing in the name of “Operation Uttaran”. Under the Operation Uttaran the military forces are conducting raids on Jumma villages, vehicles checking etc. Military check posts are found on Rangamati-Chittagong road, Khagrachari–Chittagong road, Bandarban–Chittagong road, Khagrachari-Ramgarh road as before. The military personnel who were proved to be involved in crime and human rights violation never brought under trial and there is no tribunal for their punishment. Even in cases of killing civilians. Since the signing of the CHT Accord more than 400 Jumma were arrested and tortured, 15 women raped by the military. Religious persecution is still continuing and the social activities of the Jumma people are intervened and controlled by the military authority.

The pacification program of the military is being run unabated, under which the military receives thousands of tons of food grains from the government. These food grains are used for activities of Jumma annihilation programme. Most of the food grains are supplied to the Bengali settlers that helps them settlement through grabbing Jumma lands, construction of houses on newly occupied lands, providing health and sanitation facilities etc. Some recent instances are the construction of houses in Billachara of Shuvalong union under Barkal Upazila in Rangamati district and Lemuchari under Mohalchari Upazila in Khagrachari district.

Under this pacification program, the military undertakes step to destroy Jumma youths morally. They are providing money to some loyal vested quarter in the name of establishing clubs and organizations. This money is being used in buying drugs and consequently getting involved in anti-social activities. The military authority is fully aware of the activities of drug traffickers but no step has been taken against it. Consequently, entrance of drug takes place without any obstacles in the CHT and addiction of drug among the Jumma youth, particularly in Khagrachari and Rangamati is increasingly become a threat to the indigenous society.

The anti-accord elements (UPDF) are receiving shelters and other necessary assistance from the military in carrying out their anti-peace activities such as extortion, kidnapping, killing etc. For instance, UPDF activists receive shelter from the military camps in Kutukchari under Rangamati sadar upazila, Betchari under Barkal upazila, Ghilachari under Naniarchar upazila in Rangamati district and Babuchar under Dighinala upazila, Giriphoool under Khagrachari upazila in Khagrachari district and they have toll collection posts nearby these military camps.

Although, according to the CHT Accord, all temporary military camps are to be withdrawn, but only 31 camps have been withdrawn so far. The present government has withdrawn not a single camp. Further initiatives have been taken to establish new camps and military training centers. Moreover, recently some Armed Police Battalion (APB), for instance, in Khagrachari sadar and Bilaichari upazila in Rangamati have been replaced by the military.

#### **Activities of the anti-accord armed group:**

The anti-accord UPDF activists are under tremendous pressure from the all sectors of society due to their terrorist activities. The mass people and the resistance forces (formed by local people in several places e.g. in Naniarchar, Khagrachari sadar, Panchari for example) have put them under pressure to quit their anti-peace and anti-social activities. As a result, some top-level activists such as Abhilash Chakma, Dipti Shankar Chakma, Dipayan Khisa and Champanan Chakma etc. have already become inactive. Given this circumstance, the UPDF activists have become desperate to overcome the situation. They increase attack on the villagers who opposing them.

#### **Development activities:**

In fact, developments of the Jumma people in the CHT have been stopped. Recently the government has reduced ADP (Annual Development Plan) budget for development in CHT. Both governmental and non-governmental including national NGOs development activities are being implemented violating the CHT Accord and against the interest of the Jumma people. For example, the activities of one national NGO named Integrated Development Foundation (IDF) is mainly micro credit program and the beneficiaries are mostly Bengali settlers. This programme helps the Bengali settlers to make self-reliance and permanent settlement in CHT. Bengali settlers are also included in WFP’s program as beneficiaries. Recently UNDP has started its project in the CHT. The indigenous Jumma people

and permanent Bengali residents also criticize this project strongly, as the project is not participatory and its policy on Indigenous Peoples is not followed.

However, the permanent residents of CHT, particularly Jumma people initiate development activities establishing NGOs, but they are facing financial constraints. Donor agencies give priority to national NGOs in providing fund for development activities in CHT. But it is a good sign that recently Danida granted some small projects for CHT local NGOs. 10 local NGOs on good governance and human rights and 11 local NGOs on water and sanitation have been given projects by the Danida. Care-Bangladesh is also one of organizations whose development programme is in accordance with the CHT Accord.

As part of the government policy there are no development activities in CHT by the three Hill District Councils (HDCs) as the chairmen and members are nominated by the ruling party. They have no liabilities to the masses. They are simply obeying the ruling party. They used to corrupt all the funds of development activities they receive. Consequently, the Jumma people as well as permanent Bengali residents have been deprived of benefit from HDCs' development interventions. On the other, the CHT Development Board has been turned into Bengali settlers development board as the Chairman of the CHTDB Mr. Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, a settler leader, undertakes all development programme only for settler-inhabited area. Furthermore, the projects, such as, UNICEF project for example, which were implementing in Jumma-inhabited areas, have been transferred to the settler-inhabited areas.

#### **(52) 2 August 2003: Jum farm destroyed by the army in Longadu**

On 2 August 2003 a group army of 16 EBR from Longadu army zone conducted operation at Dadi Para area under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. They stayed one night digging soil on the Jum farm of Mr. Dhana Muni Chakma (25). As a result, lots of crops were destroyed. But the army took singature forcibly from Dhana Muni Chakma in presence of UP member Mr. Barendra Chakma (40) s/o Tejendra Lal Chakma and Headman of the village Mr. Priya Lal Chakma (32) Kriti Lal Chakma.

#### **9 August 2003: The International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples Observed**

On 9 August 2003 Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, CHT Branch, observed the international day of world's indigenous peoples for the first time in Rangamati. On the occasion of the day a colourful Rally was the main attraction to the people of CHT. Before starting the Rally Mr. Sudha Sindhu Khisa, convener of the committee addressed to the people and Mr. Nirmalendu Tripura, a distinguished social worker in Rangamati inaugurated the Rally. More than five thousand people were joined n the rally. The main theme of the day was 'Ensure the constitutional recognition of indigenous people and the security of indigenous women.'

The Rally was finalised at the premise of Rangamati Town Hall. Following the programmes a discussion programme was also held at the Town Hall where Mr. Shudha Sindhu Khisa was in the chair and Mr. Moinul Islam hold the chair of chief guest. Mr Goutam Kumar Chakma, hon' CHT RC Member was also attended as the special guest. Mr Mrinal Kanti Tripura, UN Fellow, Mrs. Arati Chakma, ex- govt. officer, Mrs. Madhabi Lata Chakma, President of CHT Mahila Samiti, Mr. Mangal Kumar Chakma, Information and Publicity Secretary of PCJSS and Mr. Bira Kumar Tanchangya, distinguished writer were delivered their speeches.

Moreover the indigenous artists also performed an indigenous cultural programme in the evening of the day.

Bangladesh Adivasi Forum instant also observed this day at the premise of National Shahid Minar in Dhaka. Mrs. Shadeka Halim, Professor of Sociology, University of Dhaka inaugurated the day and Mr. Jyotinrindra Bodhi Priya Larma, President of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum was in the Chair.

In the evening a discussion programme was also held at the Teacher-Students' Center of Dhaka University where A.F. Hassan Arif, the Atorny General of Bangadesh Government was present as the chief guest.

#### **(53) 15 August 2003: Three Jumma youths arrested by the army at Ghagra**

On 15 August 2003 at 10 a.m. the army of Ghagra zone arrested three innocents Jumma with licensed gun at Ghagra check post who were going by auto-rickshaw Jum farm to catch bore. Later the army handed over them to the Kaukhali police station. The police were compelled to file a false case against the arrested people under tremendous pressure of military authority. The victims are following:

- (1) Prasanta Kumar Chakm, 47, son of Chitra Mohan Chakma, village of Chowdhury Para. Ghagra;
- (2) Tapan Chakma, 28, son of Joybo Chakma, village of Kalabanya, Kaukhali;
- (3) Subash Chakma, 27, son of Joysen Chakma, village of Chowdhury Para, Kaukhali.

At first the military personnel searched the auto-rickshaw that was hired by the victims. They arrested Prasanta Chakma and Tapan Chakma who were carrying the licensed 0.22 rifle of Shanti Moni Chakma. It is notable that Mr. Shanti Mani Chakma, a member of Ghagra union was also a passenger of the autorickshaw and authorised the gun for carrying to Tapan Chakma. While the military personnel arresting them they also showed the documents of the rifle to the army. Later Mr. Subash Chakma went there to understand the cause for delaying of Tapan and Prasanta Chakma. But he was also arrested and handed over to the police.

#### **(54) 16 August 2003: PCP leader arrested by the police in Ranagmati**

On 16 August 2003 the police of Kotowali police station arrested an innocent PCP leader from New Market Area of Rangamati Town namely Nico Chakma. He was a student leader and holding the post of Secretary of Rangamati District Branch of Hill Students' Council (PCP). The police accused that Mr. Nico Chakma was a warranted criminal. But it was a fully false case and he took bail against this case. Later the police were compelled to release him.

#### **(55) 23 August 2003: Innocent villagers attacked by UPDF in Naniarchar**

On 23 August 2003 at 6.00 a.m. an armed group of UPDF led by Kanaungo Chakma attacked on innocent villagers of Krisnamachara and Ramhari Para of Ghilachari union under Naniarchar Upazila in Rangamati District. A group of armed cadres of UPDF putted on combatant dress were involved in this attack. At first, they torched five houses of Krisnama Chara village. The houses of the following villagers of Krishnamachara village were burnt down:

- 1) Mr. Kali Mohan Chakma, 45, s/o Bharmuaw Chakma
- 2) Mr. Karmafal Chakma, 60, s/o Amabashya Chakma
- 3) Mr. Subrata Chakma Sapy, 35, s/o Khagendra Master
- 4) Mr. Bhagyafal Chakma, 45, s/o Bizudhan Chakma
- 5) Mr. Shantipurna Chakma, 50, s/o Pabitra Karbari.

While the UPDF armed cadres were setting up fire in the houses the women, owner of the houses tried to rescue valuables of the houses. But the UPDF cadres did not allow them to take any goods from the houses. After completing the torch, the UPDF cadres departed from the village and kidnapped an innocent villager namely Bira Ranjan Chakma, 35, s/o Nikunja Bihari Chakma. The UPDF cadres were beating Bira Ranjan Chakma while kidnapping.

At the same time, the UPDF armed cadres also attacked on Ramhari Para village. They also torched five houses of the village. The houses of the following villagers of Ramhari Para village were burnt down:

- 1) Kanika Kumar Chakma, 28, s/o Buddha Moni Chakma;
- 2) Mania Chakma, 30, s/o Rajendra Chakma;
- 3) Shanti Ranjan Chakma, 26, s/o Lochan Kumar Chakma;
- 4) Rebati Mohan Chakma, 45, s/o Mathura Nath Chakma;
- 5) Karan Chandra Chakma, 62, Brazendralal Chakma.

The UPDF cadres also kidnapped following thirteen innocent villagers of Ramhari Para village:

- 1) Ambika Charan Chakma, 36, s/o Lalan Chandra Chakma;
- 2) Debendra Lal Chakma, 35, s/o Tarachan Chakma;
- 3) Priya Kumar Chakma, 45, s/o Umesh Chandra Chakma;
- 4) Bira Kumar Chakma, 65, s/o Rabi Kanta Chakma;

- 5) Tapash Chakma 25, s/o Karan Chandra Chakma;
- 6) Rebati Chakma, 45, s/o Mathura Nath Chakma;
- 7) Anupam Khisa, 18, s/o Hari Kamal Khisa;
- 8) Ananda Bihari Chakma, 55, s/o Charu Dhan Chakma;
- 9) Latip Chakma, 23, s/o Natun Chandra Chakma;
- 10) Natun Chandra Chakma, 57, s/o Chandra Kumar Chakma;
- 11) Prati Pada Chakma, 57, s/o Indra Kumar Chakma;
- 12) Subash Basu Chakma, 30, s/o Anada Kumaer Chakma;
- 13) Mura Ching Chakma, 61, s/o Shyama Kanta Chakma.

Among them Mr. Pratipada Chakma is a member of Ghilachari Union Council and Tapash Chakma is a student and obtained Bachelor degree.

It is mentionable that the UPDF demanded following amount of tolls from the villages under Ghilachari Union mentioned below. The demanded tolls are as follows:

Sl.	Name of the village	Amount (Taka)
1.	Ramhari Para	150,000
2.	Krisnama Chara	130,000
3.	Maischhari	70,000
4.	Shiawlya Para	70,000
5.	Sayantara Para	50,000
6.	Toichangma Para	50,000

The villagers were disagreed to pay any tolls to the UPDF cadres. For that reason the UPDF cadres attacked on the villages. The rest of the villagers of Maischhari, Shiawlya Para, Sayantar Para and Toichangma Para villages took shelter in Rangamati town.

#### **(56) 25 August 2003: Returnee PCJSS member shot dead by UPDF in Kaukhali**

On 25 August 2003 at 9.00 a.m. an armed group of UPDF shot death a PCJSS member named Mr. Krisna Shankar Chakma s/o Chikanya Chakma, village of Betchari under Kaukhali Upazilla in Rangamati district. It was reported that that day was market day. As usually, he went to Kaukhali bazar. He was shot death while he returning from bazar. The UPDF armed cadres fired him while he crossed the Kaukhali Bridge and he received bullet at his head. As a result, he died at spot. The victim was returnee member of PCJSS who returned to normal life according to the CHT Accord of 1997. He was 5th person in Kaukhali upazila who was shot death by the UPDF armed cadres.

#### **(57) 26 August 2003: Massive communal attack at 14 villages in Mahalchhari**

On 26 August 2003 Bengali Muslim settlers with the support of the army from Mahalchhari zone led by Lt. Colonel Abdul Awal launched a horrendous communal attack on the indigenous Jumma people of Mahalchhari Upazila under Khagrachari district. More than 359 indigenous Jumma households of 14 villages under five Moujas have been looted and burnt to ashes. Moreover, more than 100 Jumma houses including four Buddhist temples, one UNICEF run primary school, a good number of shops and statues of Lord Buddha have been destroyed, ransacked and looted. Valuables worth over Taka 30 millions have been destroyed. Two Jummas namely Mr. Binod Bihari Khisha (57 Years) Son Of Surendra Lal Khisha Village Babu Para, Mahalchhari Sadar and Master Chijikko Chakma (8 Months) daughter of Samiran Chakma Village Paharthali, Mahalchhari Sadar have been murdered. The following ten Jumma women have been raped by the Bengali settlers. Furthermore, in this incident more than fifty innocents Jumma people have been injured, of them nine are serious. The following women were raped:

- 1) Shanti Bala Chakma alias Mita (38), wife of Swaswadhar Chakma from Paharthali Village
- 2) Khuki Chakma (12), Daughter of Swaswadhar Chakma from Paharthali Village
- 3) Bonita Chakma (15) Daughter of Swaswadhar Chakma from Paharthali Village
- 4) Amiti Chakma (16), daughter of Sudatta Chakma from Paharthali Village
- 5) Ghitanjali Chakma (14), Daughter of Sudatta Chakma from Paharthali Village

- 6) Bina Rani Chakma (20), Daughter of Kalo Baran Chakma from Kerengya Nal Village
- 7) Kalasona Chakma (35), wife of Batya Chakma from Kerengya Nal Village
- 8) Maya Laskmi Chakma (22), wife of Nibaran Chakma from Kerengya Nal Village
- 9) Chikkala Chakma (20), Daughter of Kala Udha Chakma from Kerengya nal Village
- 10) Badhimila Chakma (30), wife of Bimol Chakma from Kerengya Nal Village

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[\[Please see Major Communal Attack for details and Photo Gallery for photo\]](#)

#### **27 August 2003: GOC of Chittagong Division visited Mahalchari**

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#### **28 August 2003: Mr. Shantu Larma asked to be united to form National Government**

On 28 August 2003 Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipria Larma, president of PCJSS and chairman of CHT RC attended at the 10<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of Bangladesh Gona Forum in Dhaka. On the occasion a meeting was arranged at Natya Mancha chaired by Dr. Kamal Hossain, president of Gona Forum. Mr. Rashed Kkhan Menon, president of the Workers' Party, Mr. Muzahidul Islam Selim, General Secretary of CPB and Mr. Kader Siddique, Leader of Jatiya Krishak League were also present in the meeting.

Mr. Shantu Larma asked to be united to form National Government based on the constitution of 1972. He also added that the indigenous peoples of Bangladesh sacrificed and performed a glorious role in the war of independence. So they can play a great role for setting up the National Government. He also expressed his distraction on remarkable terrorist activities, collecting illegal toll and corruption of government all over the country and asked to be united against such misdeeds of government.

#### **(58) 31 August 2003: Headmen were noticed for sending account of Khas land**

On 31 August 2003 Mr. Arabina Mazumdar, the Upazilla Revenue Officer (Land) of Dhiginala Upazilla issued notice to the headmen of his area to submit the account of Khas Land with the name of occupiers, quantity and condition of land within 25 September of 2003. He issued the notice to these Mouzas Headmen.

- (1) 34 No. Chatarachara
- (2) 36 No. Dhukichara
- (3) 37 No. Sarddengchara
- (4) 46 No. Dhanpata
- (5) 47 No. Madya Dhanpata
- (6) 48 No. Dane Dhanpata

In the notice, the officer mentioned that in these Mouzas have got much more Khas land where as collected revenues are very insignificant indeed.

The Headmen of these Mouzas are suspecting that the govt. may take initiative of rehabilitation of Bengali in their ancestral areas in the name of settling khas land.

### September 2003

#### **1 September 2003: Special meeting on law and order of Khagrachari held**

On 1 September 2003 a special meeting on law and order of Khagrachari was held at the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari. The UPDF representatives who are the responsible for kidnapping Rupan Mahajan were also invited in the meeting. So the representatives of CHT RC and PCJSS boycotted the meeting and the meeting was dismissed without taking any decision. Later the administration informed to the participants that 21 members of Peace Keeping Committee led by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (total) was formed in the meeting. In this committee they also added Mr. Raktopol Tripura, member of CHT RC without his consent. Primarily the administration has been forming such type of peacekeeping committees to turn the real matter into different aim and to decrease people's pressure in the name of peaceful situation.

#### **(59) 8 September 2003: PCJSS & PCP leader arrested by the police in Chittagong**

On 8 September 2003 one PCJSS activist and four students leaders were arrested by police in Chittagong Port police station accused in a false case lodged by the UPDF. The victims were as follows-

- 1) Tapas Tripura, 32, s/o Nagendra Tripura, vill.- Babupara, Matiranga Upazilla of Khagrachari;
- 2) Bimal Kanti Chakma, s/o Suresh Kumar Chakma, vill.- Thegamukh, Barkal Upazila of Rangamati;
- 3) Rano Bikash Chakma, 20, s/o Gokul Chandra Chakma, vill.- Sandabi Ghat, Barkal Upazila of Rangamati;
- 4) Kalomoy Chakma, s/o Badi Mohan Chakma, vill.- Bame Attarakchara, Longdu Upazila of Rangamati and
- 5) Susamoy Chakma, s/o Jaradhan Chakma, vill.- Bengichara, Langdu of Rngamati.

No. of the case is- 8(9) 2003, GR, No-22/03, Section- 2 (Kha) A(1) and 4 of Speedy Tribunal Act 2003

The PCP workers went to Chittagong Port area for preparation of forthcoming council conference of Port branch of PCP. But the UPDF cadres prohibited them and ordered not to organise council conference at Port area. So there was an exchange of hot words between the PCP activists and UPDF cadres. At a stage the UPDF cadres brutally beaten up PCP worker Mr. Bimal Chakma and handed over him to the police at Port police station branding him as a terrorist.

After getting this information, a group of PCP activists led by Tapas Tripura, PCJSS representative in Chittagong, visited the spot and there was a scuffle with UPDF. Then Tapas Tripura and his four colleagues went to police station to cognise the situation. But in the meantime one Rintu Chakma, an armed cadre of UPDF filed a false case against Bimal Chakma with the conspiracy of OC of Port police station. Moreover when Tapas Tripura and his comrades arrived at the police station, Rintu Chakma also had accused them as terrorists. Then the police arrested Tapas Tripura and his four colleagues without hearing any arguments from Tapas Tripura and PCP workers.

Mr. Rintu Chakma was a member "Mukhosh Bahini" (Marked Group), a group created by the army against the PCJSS before signing of the CHT Accord and more than three cases have been filed against him in Rangamati. Moreover he used other two names to conceal his real name. After signing the CHT Accord, he joined UPDF and was posted at Port area to work against the CHT Accord as well as PCJSS.

UPDF's armed cadres filed the false case against Tapas Tripura and his other four colleagues with Speedy Trial Court in Chittagong. The court gave verdict for 4-year jail against Tapas Tripura and his four colleagues. But they were granted bail later from judge court in Chittagong.

The Culprit Rintu Chakma is a marked terrorist and more than three cases have been filed against him in Rangamati. Moreover he uses other two names to conceal his real name. Now he is working in Port Area as Gems.

**12 September 2003: Central committee meeting of Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Kristan Aikkyo Parishad held**

On 12 September 2003 the central committee meeting of Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Kristan Aikkyo Parishad was held at the Christian Community Church in Dhaka chaired by Ven. Bodhipal Mahatero. Mr. Ushaton Talukder, Political Secretary of PCJSS had joined in the meeting. In the meeting the leaders of Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Kristan Aikkyo Parishad condemn the atrocious attack on Jumma people in Mahalchari. They blamed that the Army and local administration launched this attack to distinct the very existence of Jumma people and chaos the CHT Peace Accord.

**15 September 2003: Mr. J B Larma inaugurated ‘the project on enhancing and comprehension of traditional and local government institutions in CHT’**

On 15 September 2003 Mr. Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, Chairman of CHTRC inaugurated ‘the project on enhancing and comprehension of traditional and local government institutions in CHT’ of Zabarang Kalyan Samiti in a meeting at Khagrapur Community Hall, Khagrapur in Khagrachari. Ms Sucharita Roaza, the president of Zabarang Kalyan Samiti was in the chair of the inaugural meeting. Mr. Mathura Tripura, the Executive Director of Zabarang kalyan Samiti presented the main theme of the project.

Mr. Larma said that this project is very complicated but important indeed. Those who will be engaged in the project must kept proper ideas of the constitutional mechanism of CHT and country. He also quoted that the CHT Peace Accord increased the power and responsibilities of traditional institutions. So they should forward to achieve their rights to enhance the institutions.

This project is funded by AUSAID and will be implement through arranging 22 workshops in five different upzilas of Khagrachari.

**(60) 16 September 2003: UPDF issued letters for toll in Kaukhali**

On 16 September 2003 the UPDF issued a letter to the Karbari of Kaukhali area under Rangamati district to pay money. They also ordered to stop cutting trees and bamboo until paying money, as they demanded.

**(61) 16 September 2003: UPDF torched a house**

On 16 September 2003 at 8.00 a.m. the UPDF set fire on the house of Vangabhadr Chakma (50 years). They did not allow the members of family bringing out any belongings from house. They also blamed that his two sons are working in the pro-peace accord group. That’s why they set fire on his house.

**(62) 17 September 2003: Two Jummas arrested by the army in Rajasthali**

On 17 September 2003 Rajasthali sub-zone commander Captain Noman (1 EBR) brutally beat the following victims at Rajasthali bazar under Rajasthali upazila in Rangamati district. Among them, Uttolan Tanchangya was sent to Rangamati court arresting him with section 54 of Bangladesh penal court.

- 1) Mr. Uttolan Tanchangya of Magain Para of Ghilachari union in Rajasthali upazila
- 2) Mr. Bipu Kumar Tanchangya, employee of Karnaphuli Paper Mills, Chandraghona, Kaptai

**(63) 17 September 2003: UPDF raped a Jumma Woman in Naniarchar**

On 17 September 2003 the UPDF cadre Anupam Chakma, s/o Hakkua Chakma, village- Ramsupari Para of Naniarchar Upazilla raped a pregnant Jumma woman at her house of Hazachara Para. The name of victim is Bimal Shasi Chakma, w/o Suvash Chakma. While the gangster of UPDF was

abusing her the helpless parent of victim became speechless. The doctor of Rangamati hospital assumed that the fetus of Bimal Shasi Chakma might die.

**17 September 2003: 15 members committee of Rangamati Sadar Thana Mahila Samiti formed**

On 17 September 2003 a 15 members committee of Rangamati Sadar Thana Mahila Samiti was formed in a meeting preside by Jutika Chakma. Mr Chandra Sekhar Chakma, General Secretary of PCJSS was present in the council as the chief guest.

**18 September 2003: PCP organised a procession and submitted a memorandum**

On 18 September 2003 the Hill Students' Council (PCP) organised a procession and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh government over the CHT including Dhaka and Chittagong on the occasion of Shikka Dibash (Education Day). In the memorandum they appealed to introduce primary education at school through mother language in CHT and recognise 5% quota for Jumma students in higher educational institution.

Mr. Ujjal Chakma, the president of PCP was the chief guest in the procession at Dhaka by the Dhaka Mahanagar (Metropolitan) branch. They also organised a gathering at the ground of Aparajeya Bangla in Dhaka University.

In Chittagong, the procession was organised at the Shahid Buddhijibi Chattar. Mr Ananda Jyoti Chakma chaired in the meeting and Mr. Chanchu Chakma, the cultural Secretary of PCP and Mr. Rebati Chakma, the president of Mahanagar branch also delivered speech in the meeting.

In Rangamati a procession was also brought out from PCP office at North Kalindipur to DC office premise of Rangamati. Then Mr. Aasin Chakma presided in the meeting where Binotamoy Dhamai, general Secretary of PCP delivered speech.

A meeting was also held at Battala near Rajbari field in Bandarban. In this meeting Mr. Kokan Tripura, Assistant General Secretary was the chief guest.

A meeting was also held in Khagrachari where Mr. Kakon Chakma was in the chair and central leaders of PCP delivered speech.

**(64) 20 Murang (Mro) families of Cheony Para in Alikadam Upazilla are going to be evicted**

20 Murang (Mro) families of Cheony Para in Alikadam Upazilla are going to be evicted in the name of fish cultivation through construction a dam by the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Board in financial support from the CHTDB.

**20-21 September 2003: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of PCP, Rangamati district committee held**

On 20 to 21 September 2003 the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of PCP, Rangamati district committee was held at Poura Hall in Rangamati demanding withdrawn of all temporary military camps including military rule Operation Uttaron'. Mr Ushaton Talukder, Political Secretary of PCJSS inaugurated the conference at Shilpakala Academy premise, where the inauguration ceremony was held. A 21 members new committee was formed in the conference where Mr. Aasin Chakma and Mr. Tulu Marma were respectively elected as President and General Secretary.

**24 September 2003: There is no need to form any judiciary committee on Mahalchhari incident - Mr. Syed Mushtaq, the Secretary of the CHTAM**

The government of Bangladesh is not taking any initiative to conduct judicial inquiry into this communal attack and take speedy and statutory action against the perpetrators of crime. Moreover on 24 September 2003 Mr. Syed Mushtaq, the Secretary of the ministry on CHT Affairs says- there is no need to form any judiciary committee on Mahalchhari incident. The respective corner of CHT condemns his speech and raised the demand to conduct judicial inquiry into the communal attack in Mahalchhari again.

**26-28 September 2003: JRWA observed a 3-days long road blockade programme in Khagrachari**

On 26 to 28 September 2003 the Jumma Refugee Welfare Association observed a 3 days long road blockade programme in Khagrachari to protest against the government decision of canceling the ration of Jumma Refugees. The PCJSS, PCP, HWF, Mahila Samiti and Juba Samiti also expressed active solidarity to their programme. On the last day of the road blockade programme they submitted a memorandum to honourable Prime Minister through the Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachari to continue their ration and rehabilitate them properly in their ancestral land. They also warned the government that they would be compelled to declare hard programme if the government did not fulfill their demands within 7 October.

**(65) In September 2003: New Military Camp extended in Matiranga**

A new military camp has established at Goukul Moni Para of 192 Makum Toisa Mouza of Matiranga in Khagrachari. The camp commander is compelling Headman and Karbari to send labours without any wages.

Moreover the Zone Commander of Khedachara Zone (14 Field Artillery) has been supporting such activities of military personnel in the area. They are also harassing innocent people in the name of searching terrorists. It is notable that this newly established camp was withdrawn in 1999 after a tremendous movement against a adolescent Jumma woman raped by military personnel of this camp.

**(66) In September 2003: Land Grabbing in Bandarban for Ruma Cantonment**

For extension of the cantonment, the authority of the Ruma Cantonment of Bangladesh Military in Bandarban hill district is going to be grabbed more than 9 thousand 500 hundred Acres land from 3 different Mouzas of Bandarban district. The Mouzas are: (1) No. 364 Ghalenga Mouza (2480 acres of land); (2) No. 365 Pantola Mouza (3800 acres of land) and No. 366 Sengum Mouza (3280 acres of land). The Upazila Nirbahi (Executive) Officer reports that more than 655 Jumma families will be affected in the extension of Ruma Cantonment.

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**(67) 17 October 2003: Armed Police Battalion Camp replaced with Army personnel in Bilaichari**

On 17/10/2003 the Army Personnel has taken post instead of Armed Police Battalion (APB) at Bilaichari Battalion Camp in Rangamati. In the mean time, the Armed Police Battalion has begun to withdraw and Army Personnels are preparing to take post. It is reported that the army personnel would not take post only Bilaichari Battalion Camp but also at Sakrachari and Gashkatha Chara Camp. It is mentioned that, both Army and APB were deployed so long time in Bilaichari.

The army personnels are also planning an Operation in Bilaichari after taking post in the APB post, the local people said. So fear is still growing up in the general people mind and they become distress to watch extension of army camp recently instead of withdrawing army camp after signing the CHT Peace Accord. Since, it is clearly mentioned in the CHT Peace Accord that all nonpermanent APB, VDP and Army Camp should be withdrawn from CHT. The situation of Bilaichari should be chaos due to take post of army, the local people considered. So they demanded to withdraw the army camps in addition the APB camps. It is reported that army personnel are also deployed instead of APB in Khagrachari.

**(68) In October 2003: New Ration Cards for Settlers of Cluster Villages**

The District Administration of Khagrachari issued new ration card to the Bengali settlers of cluster villages. These settlers have been taking ration from government since 1979. It is assumed that the government issued these cards to enroll the newly settled Bengali in CHT.

**(69) 23 October 2003: Jumma villagers harassed by the army in Longadu**

On 23 October 2003 a group of army led by Major Md. Alim of Longadu sub-zone under Longadu upazila conducted operation at Baradam village under Longadu upazila in Rangamati. In this operation, the army harassed the Jumma villagers of Baradam village.

## November 2003

### **(70) 5 November 2003: Jumma villagers harassed by the army in Longadu**

On 5 November 2003 at 3.00 p.m. a group of army led by Major Md. Alim of Longadu sub-zone in Longadu upazila rounded up the house of Mr. Rabi Chandra (68) s/o late Shashi Kumar Chakma of Baradam village under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. The army harassed the member of Rabi Chandra's family and searched the house and destroyed valuables of the house.

### **An urgent appeal to help develop the CHT situation and implement the CHT Accord**

Now the CHT is passing through a serious crisis, as the situation has deteriorated significantly because of government's complete negative policy towards the CHT Accord of 1997 and the indigenous peoples of the CHT region, further land occupation by the Bengali settlers and intensification of the 'Operation Uttoron', the Military rule against the Jumma people and the PCJSS. No body can say which area is going to be the second Mahalchari where 14 Jumma villages were completely destroyed by the Military and the Bengali settlers on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2003. Concerned people are aware that the Awami League government of Bangladesh lead by Sheikh Hasina signed the CHT Accord in 1997. She even bagged UNESCO Houpet-Felix Boigny peace award in 1999 for signing the accord. Unfortunately, only a little of the accord was implemented by her government during her three year and eight months tenure. This extent was not enough at all to develop the post accord situation. The BNP led present four-party alliance government took over the state power but during its two years rule it violated vital clauses of the accord. The Bengali settlers of cluster villages have already started occupying lands of Jumma peoples and silent infiltration of Bengali settlers is on with the blessing of the civil and military administrations. The Bengali settlers conducted some large-scale attacks on the Jumma villages with direct support from the Military for making rooms for them even after signing the CHT Accord. The Military could not hide and sterilize their crime done in Mahalchari, which got national and international attention. A recent report of the joint Government-UN Needs Assessment Mission for Humanitarian Relief and Rehabilitation establishes the gravity of destruction.

The signing of the CHT Accord completes its 6<sup>th</sup> year on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2003. At this juncture the PCJSS, Jumma peoples and the permanent residents of the CHT are convinced that the present Government will not implement the CHT Accord at all and finding no alterative the PCJSS decided to start a democratic movement for the implementation of the accord during its Workers Conference-2003 held at Baghaichari High School Ground under Baghaichari Upazilla in Rangamati Hill District from 14 – 16 November 2003. More than 500 delegates of PCJSS and its front organizations such as, Parbatya Chattagram Mahila Samiti (CHT Women's Association), Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP/Hill Students' Council), Hill Women's Federation and Parbatya Chattagram Juba Samiti (CHT Youths' Association) attended the conference from different parts of three Hill Districts of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Region. The overall global, national and local situation, present status of the CHT Accord and process of its implementation, organizational activities, future programme and activities for strengthening the CHT Accord implementation movement were discussed in the conference. The programme adopted by the Workers Conference-2003 is as follows:

#### **1. To accelerate the movement based on the following issues:**

- 1) To implement the CHT Accord properly;
- 2) To remove communal, corrupt, plot maker of the Mahalchari attack and opponent of the CHT Accord Abdul Wadud Bhuian, M.P. from the post of the Chairman, the CHT Development Board and appoint a competent tribal as per the CHT Accord;
- 3) To immediately withdraw all temporary camps of Army, Ansar, APB and VDP including the 'Operation Uttoron';

- 4) To appoint a full Minister from the tribals in the CHT Affairs Ministry as per the CHT Accord .

**2. To undertake following measures for proper execution of the above issues:**

- 1) To observe a dawn to dusk road blocked programme in three hill districts on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2003 in demand of the implementation of the CHT Accord;
- 2) To remove Abdul Wadud Bhuian from the post of Chairman, CHT Development Board by 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 and observe dawn to dusk *Hartal* (general strike) in three hill districts on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 if he is not removed by the given time frame;
- 3) To undertake greater programme if ‘*Operation Uttoron*’ and all temporary camps of Army, Ansar, APB and VDP are not withdrawn by 31<sup>st</sup> December;
- 4) To undertake greater programme if a full Minister from among the tribals is not appointed in the CHT Affairs Ministry as per the CHT Accord by 31<sup>st</sup> December. 2003.

**3. To undertake following programme with a view to implement the above programme:**

- 1) To undertake necessary steps for strengthening public support from all strata of the Jumma people as well as the permanent residents;
- 2) To strengthen mass awareness and mass contact programmes;
- 3) To build more strength and activate all party organs;
- 4) To accelerate campaign works for getting more support from the civil society of the country and the international community;
- 5) To activate organizational activities of all tiers of the party;
- 6) To activate movement against all anti-accord plot makers and reactionaries;
- 7) To activate unity and solidarity of the Jumma and permanent Bengali residents for strengthening communal amity for the implementation of the CHT Accord;
- 8) To play more active role for strengthening land rights and fundamental rights of the toiling mass, religious minorities and indigenous peoples of the country;
- 9) To get involved with democratic, progressive and non-fundamentalist forces in issue based movement.

The PCJSS makes fervent appeal to the civil society of the country, the international community, human rights groups and the media to side with the Jumma and permanent residents of the CHT so that the Government:

- 1) Implements the CHT Accord;
- 2) Removes Abdul Wadud Bhuian, M.P. from the post of the CHT Development Board and appoints a tribal candidate;
- 3) Withdraws ‘*Operation Uttoron*’, the Military rule and temporary camps of the Army, VDP, APB and Ansar and
- 4) Appoints a full Minister from the tribals in the CHT Affairs Ministry as per the CHT Accord.

**December 2003**

**2nd December of 6th Anniversary of CHT Accord observed**

The 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CHT Accord have been observed

**(71) 24 December 2003: Three houses set fire by the army in Longadu**

On 24 December 2003 at around 6.40 a.m. a group of army from Maini Mukh army zone under Longadu upazila conducted operation at Kattali Baradam village under Longadu upazila in Rangamati district. During the operation, the army fired on the village discriminately and set fire to house of the following villagers:

- 1) Mr. Adi Chandra Chakma (46) s/o Tarani Mohan Chakma
- 2) Mr. Amar Jyoti Chakma (35) s/o Ashkay Mani Chakma
- 3) Ms. Arati Chakma (33) w/o late Bhuda Chakma.

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