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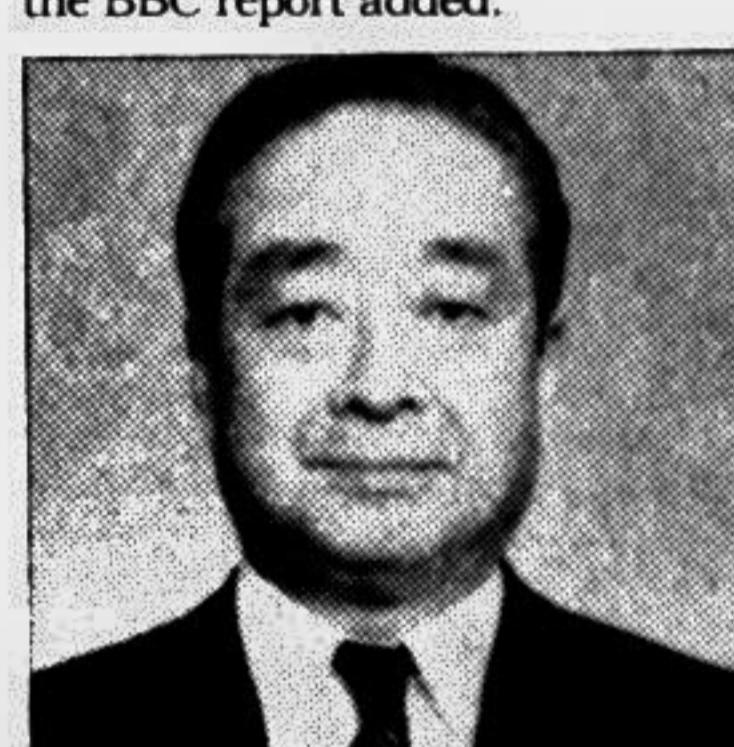
By Staff Correspondent

The Humanity Protection Forum (HPF), a human rights group in north-eastern India, has said no agreement on Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) will be successful if Bangladesh government fails to resolve the 'basic problems' there.

According to a BBC report monitored here last night, president of HPF Mrinal Kanti Chakma, known to have close links with the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), in a statement yesterday said PCJSS leaders want intervention of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to remove the complexities dogging its talks with the National Committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts (NCCHT).

Mrinal Kanti Chakma, based in Agartala, said PCJSS 'rebels' in CHT are 'very much annoyed' with the activities of the NCCHT. The NCCHT is trying to 'force the rebels to sign an agreement by-passing the most important issues like return of lands to tribals, resettlement of the settlers elsewhere and additional power for the proposed Regional Committee,' BBC quoted Mrinal Kanti as saying.

Mrinal said, 'not jugglery of words but sincerity' is required to bring permanent peace in the CHT. 'But the NCCHT lacks that', he claimed. 'His organisation has sent a letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina seeking her intervention to remove the logjam in CHT talks', he added.

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unknown when this plant would become operative.

Besides, a 150 MW unit at Ashuganj remains inoperative for over two months due to a technical problem.

'By December, this situation would slightly improve as the Ghorashal fifth unit and the Ashuganj unit are likely to be operative by then,' said a source.

But the demand for power will rise to 2400 MW in next summer, in the present 2100 MW, making power supply situation grim, the sources said.

Although gas supply to gas-hungry power units of the country will improve after the British company Cairn starts gas supply from Sangu well in April, the existing plants will not be able to produce more than 2000 MW power.

'This crisis would ease a little in June next when a new power plant in Ashuganj starts supplying 200 MW to the national grid,' said the source.

2 garments workers

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wards. Two others were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared Mazedia dead, police said.

Gulshan police said they sent the two bodies to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death case was lodged in this regard.

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