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## Rehabilitation of 40000 Bangalee families in CHT demanded

KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 12: LEADERS of the Bangalee Krishak Sramik Kalyan Parishad demanded of the government to rehabilitate nearly 40,000 Bangalee families permanently in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, reports UNB.

Thousands of Bangalees of "Guchchha Grams" (cluster villages) in the CHT, rehabilitated temporarily in the 80's, are now very much worried about their existence following peace accord, they said at a press conference at the local press club on Sunday.

Parishad general secretary Abdul Awal read out a written statement at the press conference. Its vice-president AKM Shahidul Islam, Mahabubur Rahman and Abdul Mazid were also present.

The Parishad leaders sought intervention of the ruling and opposition party leaders in protecting the fundamental rights of the Bangalees living in the "Guchchha Grams".

They also demanded of the government to meet their seven-point charter of demand, including rehabilitation with adequate compensation, exemption of loans and granting fresh long-term loans to the inhabitants of "Guchchha Grams".

## Poor show

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six before running himself out while chasing a non-existent second run.

After that disastrous start, the prospect of even reaching the 100-mark looked bleak when skipper Akram Khan, at 7, made a long trudge towards the dressing room, leaving Bangladesh at a precarious 76 for five in 28.2 overs.

Previous match hero Khaled Mahmud and Mohammed Rafique, who top-scored with 29, offered some sort of resilience, but once they made their exit, Bangladesh were skittled out for a paltry 134 in 39.3 overs.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who did most of the damage in the Bangladesh innings, returned as the most successful Pakistani bowler with three for 33 in his eight overs. Considered as the best finger spinner in contemporary cricket, Saqlain also captured the player of the match award for his eight mesmerising overs. He was ably supported by the leggie duo of Shahid Afridi and Mushtaq Ahmed, who evenly shared four wickets among them.

After the good work of their tweakers, Pakistan raced on to score 136 in only 24.2 overs, only the wicket of their dashing opener Shahid Afridi. While Afridi was out for 11, his opening partner Saeed Anwar smashed a brilliant unbeaten 73. The left-handed batsman, who took the toothless Bangladeshi attack to the sword right from the start, completed his 21st half-century off only 44 balls with a four off Anwar. Anwar smashed 13 boundaries in his fluent 69-ball innings.

With Saeed Anwar on song, Pakistan reached their 50 in only 7.5 overs and hundred in 17 overs.

He shared 43 runs for the first wicket with Afridi before the latter fell in the 6th over, misuing a Safiuddin delivery to Sanwar at mid-off.

After the departure of Afridi, Saeed Anwar, who holds the world record for the highest score of 194 in one-day cricket, steered Pakistan home without further damage, putting on 93 runs for the undefeated second wicket with Aamer Sohail.

Sohail scored 37 with the help of half a dozen fours.

## PID statement

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Ministry yesterday evening, Principal Information Officer (PIO) Moqbul Ahmed, said that he was not in a position to say anything about the issue right at that moment.

"The PID only releases things, under different titles, coming from different offices of the government. I cannot say anything about your contention before I check it with competent authorities," the PIO said. "On top of all, the PID release which was carried by almost all the major dailies was not an official handout. It was an official release by the PID."

Meanwhile, Finance Minister SAMS Kibria, while talking to a convener of the BCS (admin) Action Committee Dr. Mujibur Rahman yesterday claimed that the issue had been sent to the JS Committee on Establishment Ministry. UNB news agency reported.



BCS (Administration) cadre officials held a meeting at the conference room of the Finance Ministry yesterday.— Star photo

## Shafaat Jamil discloses in court

## Col Farooq had hinted about contact with Indian army

Col Farooq, after the assassination of country's independence leader Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, had hinted at the senior officers about their contact with Eastern Command Headquarters of the Indian army, reports UNB.

"Don't worry. Sir. We have round the clock communication with the Fort William," Farooq assured Brigadier Khaled Mosharraf when the senior army officer expressed his apprehension about Indian intervention following the killing of Bangabandhu.

This was revealed during cross examination yesterday by Col (retd) Shafaat Jamil, the 44th prosecution witness in the Bangabandhu Murder Case, describing apprehension of the then CGS of Bangladesh Army and the assurance given by the principal accused.

"You formed an illegal government through killings. What will be the fate of the country if the Indian army intervenes in Bangladesh? Incidents as there is a 25-year friendship treaty," Khaled Mosharraf was quoted by the witness as saying to Farooq.

The reported talks between late Brig Khaled Mosharraf and Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farooq Rahman took place in the office room of the then 46 Brigade Commander Shafaat Jamil in the afternoon of August 15, 1975.

The then Awami League government had signed the friendship treaty with India... but the present government did not renew it," said PW-44 when cross examined by advocate Khan Saifur Rahman, the defence lawyer for Farooq.

Col Jamil came up with the elaborate description of Farooq's assurance when he was asked by the defence lawyer if after the August 15 bloody incidents they had thought of seek-

ing cooperation from the Indian army against the changeover.

"We neither thought about any help from Indian troops, nor ever tried for it," he said explaining the pressure of Indian helicopter in Bangladesh territory that crashed in Noakhali a day before the assassination of country's founding President.

"It should be clear that no Indian troops were in Bangladesh. But at that time an Indian helicopter with their own crew was engaged in assisting our army in counter-insurgency operation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts," the witness said.

Regarding the post-August 15 governments, Col Jamil, who was a key leader of the coup against Khandaker Mushtaque and arrested army chief Zia on November 3, 1975, said: "He (Zia) was not legal when he took over from Sayem. Ziaur Rahman was legalised later through elections.

"All officers, except those involved in the killing of Bangabandhu and staying at Bangabandhu, were united against the activities of Army Chief Ziaur Rahman. They supported my initiative and took part," the former 46 Brigade Commander said about the abortive coup.

Asked as to why they went on operation to topple the Mushtaque government, Col Jamil replied that he (Mushtaque) was an illegal President. "We went on operation tooust him on November 3 as we could not go for action in previous 81 days."

Replies to a question, he said the martial law was neither withdrawn nor enforced after Sayem took over. A status quo was maintained until November 7.

He also termed "totally illegal" the martial law, officially

proclaimed five days after the killing of Bangabandhu, under the leadership of Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed, a minister of Sheikh Mujib's cabinet.

"A martial law is legal when it is proclaimed under the chief of staff and followed through the chain of command. But a martial law enforced through killing and coup by retired officers and civilians is not legal," said the ex-army officer.

The then brigade commander said he or any other military officer was not confined after the August 15 bloody incidents. "But mentally, all were confined as the killers made them hostages by tanks and artillery guns."

In fact, the armed forces were loyal to the government in power before the August 15 incidents... After the assassination of Bangabandhu, all had to accept the situation to avert bloodshed and civil war."

Regarding the November 7, 'Sepoy Revolution', a sequel to November 3 attempt to bring back the chain of command in army, he said as far as he knew 13 officers, including a female, were killed by the disgruntled soldiers.

Some valiant freedom fighters, including Brig Khaled Mosharraf, were killed during the revolution mainly organised by Gano Bahini of Col Taher that freed General Zia from house arrest. Jamil was injured.

The cross examination of the PW-44, Col Jamil, began at the court of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Kazi Golam Rasul when it resumed at its special session at Nazimuddin Road yesterday morning after a five-day recess.

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## Akhtaruzzaman

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part to write such a letter. I withdraw the letter," he said in the written statement he was asked to sign by the standing committee. Copies of the letter was released to the press by the party last night.

Akhtaruzzaman, however, said he had withdrawn his letter after the standing committee agreed to convene a long-overdue meeting of the BNP national executive committee and a meeting of the party's parliamentary wing for full-length discussion on the JS boycott issue.

He told The Daily Star that he only reflected the feelings of many fellow party lawmakers but avoided involving others "for the sake of party discipline".

He also refused to admit that he was forced to withdraw but added: "I am not to violate the party hierarchy and the party stance."

## ADB loan

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will be implemented over three years under Finance Ministry, said an official handout.

The programme will create a policy environment conducive to the orderly growth of the domestic capital market and help establish the institutional infrastructure necessary to sustain its long-term development.

The ADB will also provide a technical assistance grant of 2.04 million US dollars for the governance and capacity building requirements of the key institutions involved in the programme.

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## 2 shot dead in Jhenidah

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rivers yesterday till 6 pm.

The official said two ferries, Raipura and Racy, hit hidden shoals while coming to Aricha and were now stranded in the Jamming and the Paddy with a total of about 100 vehicles. Raipura hit a shoal at 11-30 p.m. Sunday while coming from Natakhola and Racy hit a shoal at about 2-30 a.m. yesterday while from Daulatdia, he said.

"Two tug boats have been engaged and we hope the ferries will be salvaged by tonight."

The BWTC authorities sent flattened rice and molasses for the stranded passengers, he said.

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