

# 'Cancel deal with Asia Energy'

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National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Minerals and Power-Port yesterday sent a letter to the prime minister to press their six-point charter of demand, says a

press release.

Their demands include cancellation of the agreements with Asia Energy, giving compensation to August 26 victims at Phulbari and ban on any sort of open-pit mining across the

country.

Convenor of the National Committee engineer Sheikh Muhammad Shahidulla and Member Secretary Anu Muhammad in a joint statement said, "Though one month has

gone, the government has not announced its specific position on cancellation of the agreements with the Asia Energy yet".

Question has been raised on the sincerity and pledges of the government in this connection, they observed.

The committee leaders, meanwhile, chalked out a strategy to launch a tougher movement in a meeting if their demands were not met by September 30.

Besides, 'Durbar Network', a platform of 550 women's organisation under the banner of Naripakkha, voiced concern over the inaction of the government and sent letters to the PM for immediate implementation of the agreement with the National Committee.