Full implementation of CHT accord demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday underscored need for full implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord to ensure rights of the vulnerable segment of people, especially women.

It becomes very tough for a woman to cope with the adversities in society where she often becomes a victim of repression, deprivation and oppression, they added.

The speakers further said that indigenous women are facing the denial of their basic human rights from the mainstream society years after years.

The discussion on 'Implementation of CHT Peace Accord and Rights of Adivasi Jumma Women' was organised by Hill Women's Federation in association with ActionAid Bangladesh at Natmandal auditorium on the Dhaka University campus.

Presenting a keynote paper,

Saroj Sangskritik Britta organised the event.

following positions:

Age Limit: within 36 years.

Age Limit: within 35 years.

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Age Limit: within 30 years.

Chanchana Chakma, organising secretary of the federation, described the position of indigenous women in the country, especially the Jumma women.

She also placed a set of recommendations to protect the rights of Jumma Jumma women. women.

The recommendations include immediate implementation of the peace accord along with the implementation of ILO-107 Convention on Indigenous and Tribal Community, constitutional recognition to the ethnic community and ratification of ILO-169 Convention on Indigenous and Tribal Community.

Parliament and local government parishad should introduce reserved seats for indigenous women ensuring their political participation and to ensure security of women to reduce violation against them.

National women development policy should include an individual section on the rights and development of indige-

nous women, the recommendation added.

Ayesha Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, expressed her solidarity with the demands of the

She said every individual indigenous group should share a common platform to reach their voices to the policy mak-

Mangal Kumar Chakma, information and publicity secretary of Jana Sanghati Samity, urged the government to withdraw all temporary military camps from the CHT area to give the hilly people scope for living peacefully.

Rokeya Kabir, director of Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangha, Jarita Chakma, general secretary of Chittagong Hill Tracts Mahila Samity, and Rakhee Mrong, organising secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Odhikar Andolon, also spoke at the discussion with Meyoching Chakma in the chair.



French Ambassador Charley Causeret visits a site where France and Bangladesh are carrying out joint archeological activities a Mahasthangarh in Bogra yesterday.

Take steps to contain bird flu

Poultry farm protection body urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bangladesh Poultry Farm **Protection National Committee** (BPFPNC) demanded the government to take immediate and effective measures to contain outbreak of avian influenza (bird flu) to save the poultry sector from being ruined.

They made the demand at a press conference at Khulna Press Club yesterday.

The general secretary of the national committee Khandaker Muhammad Mohsin accused the minister for fisheries and livestock for his wrong decision as reasons for sudden spread of avian influenza in some districts in the country.

The minister is not well aware of real problems being faced by the country's poultry industry, he said in his written statement at the press confer-

He also accused a group of owners of hatcheries and feed mills for rise in prices of broiler and layer chicks.

The BPFPNC general secretary while advising poultry farm owners to strengthen bio security of their farms stressed the need for implementation of training programmes across the country in this respect and creating awareness against infection of avian influenza.

Housewife stabbed to death in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur

A housewife was stabbed to death by her brother-in-law at Ghilagachha village at Sribardi in Sherpur yesterday.

The victim was identified as Saleha Begum, 35, wife of Firoz Shah.

The police said Firoz's brother Nazrul hit Saleha with a 'dao' (curved knife) at about 12:00 noon following a quarrel between their sons over a game, leaving her dead on the spot.

Later, local people caught Nazrul and handed him over to police.

The law-enforcers also recovered the body and sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed in this

1,000 Phensidyl bottles seized in Feni, one held

UNB, Feni

connection.

Police arrested a drug peddler and seized 1,000 bottles of Phensidyl syrup in Feni on Thursday night.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Model thana police intercepted a luxurious jeep at zero point at about 10:00pm and found the contraband Indian syrup and three cans of beer inside the vehicle.

They arrested jeep passenger Azizul Haque Chhotan, 23, of Viewla village in Chokoria upazila of Cox's Bazar.

However, other smugglers managed to flee.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, SETTLERS CLASH

Tension mounts in Rangamati

JASIM MAJUMDER, back from Rangamati

Tension is mounting in Gangaram Mukh area under Baghaichhari upazila in the hill district over a clash between settlers and indigenous people on January 21 that left 12 people injured.

Following the incident, indigenous people have boycotted the only bazar Bagaihat while blockade on Bagaihat-Sajek road has been continuing, causing suffering to some 40,000 people of the remote area.

Sources said the district administration is yet to take an initiative to resolve the problem.

Gyanendu Bikash Chakma, an indigenous leader of Gangaram, said the incident took place in the area when the World Food Programme (WFP) team came to distribute food grains among the people.

A section of settlers looted some 20 sacs of WFP rice and beat up some 12 indigenous people, he alleged. Sajek Nari Samaj (SNS) then put up a

blockade on the road and boycotted Bagaihat bazar, demanding return of the indigenous lands allegedly grabbed by the settlers. The movement has been continuing, he added.

Mohammad Nazim Uddin, a leader

Boycott of Bagaihat Bazar, road blockade continue

of the settlers, denied the allegations of looting rice and beating up any indigenous people.

Moreover, they (Indigenous) have made the lives of the settlers miserable. They have been passing days without food, water and medicine. Even they cannot move freely for fear of indigenous cadres, he alleged.

"For the last two years, they killed our six men, including Rashel, Aman, Mojibor, Alakesh, Rahman and Nurunnabi, but we are deprived of getting any legal aid from the administration." Chiko Chakma told The Daily Star

lands and orchards. We informed the local administration of the matter several times, but it didn't take any action." L Thanga Pankhuya, chairman of Sajek Union Parishad, said the disputed

that, "The settlers wanted to grab their

forest. So none can claim that it is their Baghaichhari Upazila Nirbahi Officer Humayun Kabir said local people have been suffering for road block-

land belongs to the government reserve

ade and boycott of the bazar. The district administration has been

holding talks with both sides to settle the matter, he added.

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