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Most indigenous communities unrecognised

Only 27 on official list

RAKIB AHAMMED

As many as 29 indigenous communities have lost their "official" indigenous identities as a recent government gazette has not recognised them although they have been living on this land for centuries now.

Published on April 12 this year, the gazette has listed 27 indigenous communities while experts and leaders of indigenous communities say the number to be nearly 50.

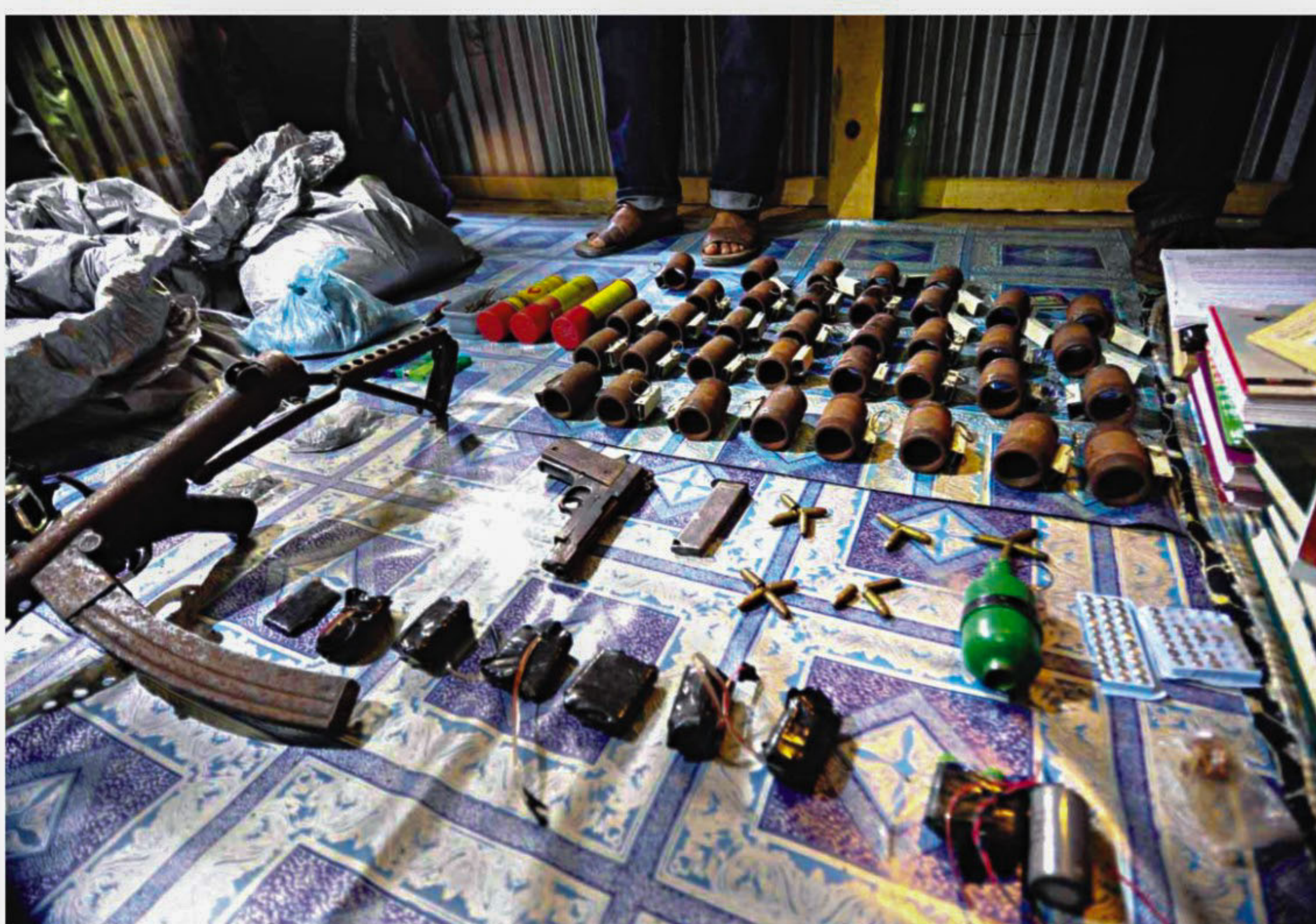
Bangladesh Adivasi Forum General Secretary Sanjeeb Drong said they had submitted a list of 45 indigenous communities to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs before preparing the list but it had no reflection on the gazette. Members of the excluded communities will be over five lakh, he said.

"We won't accept the gazette as it failed to preserve the rights of the indigenous communities," he told The Daily Star last Monday, adding that the government did not discuss the matter with any institutions or representatives of indigenous communities before preparing the list.

The gazette listed Mong as a unique indigenous community although they are usually identified as Marma, which is enrolled as a separate indigenous community in the gazette, experts say.

"I don't know who, on what basis, have made the list. A number of well-known indigenous communities were not enrolled in

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Govt to thwart any attempt to foil war trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CA

Law enforcement agencies must prevent activities which create anarchy in the country with the intention of sabotaging the trial of war criminals, said State Minister for Home Affairs Shamsul Haque yesterday.

He directed them to stay alert as attempts to create instability in the country by exploiting mosques and madrasas have already begun, in a bid to save the war criminals.

The process of war crimes

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BNP activist killed in bomb attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, KUSTIA

An alleged BNP activist was killed in a bomb attack at Gopalnagar in Gangni upazila in Meherpur Thursday night, nine hours after the killing of a BNP leader.

The deceased was identified as Abdull Bariq, 40, son of late Roice Uddin of the village. Local BNP leaders claimed Bariq was a BNP activist. Police recovered Bariq's body yesterday morning.

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PENALTY FOR DELAY IN RENTAL PROJECTS PDB realises Tk 17cr from 2 companies

SHARIER KHAN

The Power Development Board has realised around Tk 17 crore in penalty from two local rental power companies for failing to launch their power projects as per the deadline of June 4.

Quantum Power Systems of furniture giant Otobi was fined around Tk 11.55 crore for failure to launch its 110 megawatt diesel-fired power plant in Bheramara.

RZ Power Ltd of battery leader Rahimafrooz was fined Tk 5.25 crore for failing to launch its 50 MW diesel-fired power plant in Thakurgaon.

If both these power projects had begun operation in time, the present power crisis

would have eased slightly. The country is now having a load shedding of more than 2,000 MW power.

According to officials, the realisation of fine would also send strong signals to a dozen plus power companies which have bagged rental power deals mostly without having any prior experience of power projects, but by showing their financial strength and backup documents.

Although the two defaulting companies pleaded for relaxation of the penalty for their failure, the PDB realised the money in two instalments this month. Back in June, the PDB

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OnlinePoll

Do you think the new minimum wage of Tk 3,000 for ready made garment workers will help bring an end to the ongoing unrest in the industry?

Yes (51.8%)

No (46.8%)

No Comments (1.4%)

Total votes: 2272

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the rowdy protest by the RMG workers in the capital against the announced wage is justified?

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Prayer Timing

July 31

Fajr	4-20	4-55
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Ex-army officers rarely receive services from SKS

BBC documentary told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although Sena Kalyan Sangstha (SKS) is a philanthropic organisation whose only duty is to ensure welfare, former army officers and their family members rarely receive any advantages from SKS, reported the BBC radio documentary "Probaho" yesterday.

The documentary titled "Fouji Banijjo" (Military in Business) revealed that many former army officials complained they do not get benefit from SKS mainly due to bureaucratic tangles that rule the institution.

The welfare activities of SKS usually include education and training scholarships, medical treatment and financial assistance to widows of army personnel. How much money was spent in these sectors in last 38 years has never been made public, reported the weekly documentary in its third episode.

Some former army officers said 80 percent of their officials are not aware of SKS and its duty at all while only 2 percent might have got some benefit from it.

"I went to SKS to receive assistance for my liver diseases but

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