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Hurt not healed at hills

13 years of peace accord gone, lands not returned to most families

PINAKI ROY and SHANTIMOY CHAKMA

The indigenous people in Chittagong Hill Tracts are dismayed as the much-hyped peace accord not established their rights 13 years into inking the agreement.

The CHT accord that was signed between the then Awami League government and Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) on December 2, 1997, however, stopped two decades of bush wars between the indigenous guerrillas and law enforcers.

Meanwhile, the hill people remained violently divided over the accord. Over a thousand indigenous people have died in clashes either supporting or opposing the

accord so far.

The irony is majority of the hill people are still waiting to get back their land, a separate voter list for the permanent hill dwellers, election to district councils, an end to new settlement of the Bangalees people, and more importantly, security of their lives and property.

Though the present Awami League government has already run the office for 23 months, the hill people have seen little progress in their expectations.

According to the indigenous leaders and the civil society, implementation of the accord still remains a verbal pledge of the government's policymakers as they only see some recasting of committees

and appointments to some important posts. They say it was not in the priority list of the present government and they did very little to fully execute it.

The accord brought peace in the hills as 1,947 PCJSS members, who were previously fighting with the law enforcers, surrendered their weapons.

"We still have miles to go before full implementation of the accord," commented Jotirindrya Bodhipriya Larma, popularly known as Santu Larma.

So far the government has just recast some committees. "But we did not see any real step to implement the accord," said Santu Larma, president of PCJSS and

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Minister's motorcade attacked

15 hurt in clash

UNB, Sherpur

The motorcade of State Minister for Water Resources Mahbubur Rahman came under attack by a group of people in sadar upazila yesterday after he addressed a rally there.

The supporters of local Upazila Chairman Ilias Uddin allegedly made the attack and damaged two vehicles, including the minister's one, for "not inviting them to the rally."

Later, a clash between the

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Double blow for 'mutineer'

BDR sepoy jailed, also loses service benefits for contempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A BDR special court yesterday for the first time sentenced an accused mutineer to six months in prison and dismissed him from his services on charges of contempt of court.

The Special Court-7 brought contempt charges against sepoy Abdul Baset of 24 Rifle Battalion of Pilkhana after he made some arrogant remarks during yesterday's proceedings.

"This supreme power [court] will not exist. Allah will do the justice," said Abdul as the court resumed the trial proceedings of 667 accused mutineers of the battalion at the Darbar Hall of Pilkhana.

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OnlinePoll

Do you support BNP's decision not to join the seventh session of the parliament?

- Yes (46.4%)
- No (53.3%)
- No Comments (0.4%)

Total votes: 2846

TODAY'S POLL

Do you support the just signed transit deal that allows India to use Ashuganj river port and roads without any fees or service charges?

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina met yesterday with Japanese Emperor Akihito at Tokyo's Imperial Palace.

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PM meets Akihito

UNB, Tokyo

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday met with Japanese Emperor Akihito at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo yesterday.

"We are happy for your visit to Japan," Emperor Akihito said during the meeting.

He praised the progresses being achieved in the industrial and agricultural fields under the present government of Bangladesh.

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| Prayer Timing | | |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| December 2 | | |
| | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr | 5-15 | 5-50 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 3-45 | 4-00 |
| Maghrib | 5-19 | 5-22 |
| Esha | 7-00 | 7-30 |

Source: Islamic Foundation



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