

Bhuyachara Communal Attack
(19 April 2003)

On 19 April 2003 the Bengali settlers of Bhuyachara under Kamalchari union in Khagrachari district with the direct cooperation of military personnel made communal attack on Jumma villagers of Bhuyachara Mukh Chakma Para under Khagrachari sadar upazila. Firstly the Bengali settlers looted and set fire on the houses. Nine houses were completely burnt to ashes and 29 houses looted. Twelve Jumma people were wounded in this incident and Mr. Dhira Sen Chakma (55) s/o Indra Mohan Chakma was serious.

Bengali settlers are all inhabitants of adjacent village of Bhuyachara Mukh Chakma Para under Ward no. 6 of Kamalchari union. The Bengali settlers burned down the houses of the following Jumma inhabitants and damages are shown below (as per submitted by Mr. Saiu Prue Marma, Chairman of Kamalchari Union Council on 20 April 2003):

Sl	Name & father's name	Damages in Taka							Total
		House	TV	Utensils	Rice	Cloths	Gold	Others	
1.	Anil Prasad Chakma s/o Bimal Chakma	60,000	9,100	3,260	10,400	2,800	12,000	158,000	255,560
2.	Priti Bindu Chakma s/o Akshway Mani Chakma	60,000	9,100	2,850	9,800	2,500	15,260	27,000	126,510
3.	Krishnakar Chakma s/o Dhuraba Kumar Chakma	25,000	57,000	1,530	8,500	2,650	8,500	22,500	125,680
4.	Purna Bilash Chakma s/o Akshway Mani Chakma	40,000	-	2,550	10,800	2,560	8,500	15,000	79,410
5.	Jatin Bikash Chakma s/o Akshway Mani Chakma	35,000	-	2,200	9,500	2,400	13,500	10,000	72,600
6.	Rupantar Chakma s/o Sefali Ranjan Chakma	25,000	-	1,800	7,500	2,000	-	10,500	46,800
7.	Jyoti Chakma s/o Chikya Chakma	20,000	-	1,400	5,500	1,600	-	8,500	37,000
8.	Dipak Chakma s/o Lalonya Chakma	20,000	-	1,500	4,600	1,250	-	7,400	34,750
9.	Sajib Chakma s/o Suranath Chakma	35,000	-	2,000	5,700	1,850	-	7,500	52,050
Total									830,360

The Bengali settlers looted the houses of the following inhabitants of Bhuyachari Mukh of Ward no. 6 of Kamalchari union and damages are shown below (as per submitted by Mr. Saiu Prue Marma, Chairman of Kamalchari Union Council on 20 April 2003):

Sl	Name & father's name	Damages in Taka					Total
		House	Rice	Cloths	Utensils	Others	
1.	Sadan Mani Chakma s/o Budungya Chakma	10,500	3,500	500	360	3,000	17,860
2.	Rabinndra Lal Chakma s/o Indra Kumar Chakma	10,400	2,300	650	480	2,500	16,330
3.	Mangal Bikash Chakma s/o Purna Bilash Chakma	8,000	1,000	460	250	1,840	11,550
4.	Ali Chakma s/o Hali Shankar Chakma	-	1,080	670	500	2,250	4,500
5.	Bishu Mohan Chakma s/o Charani Kanta Chakma	-	1,500	740	800	2,850	5,890
6.	Padmarakkha Chakma s/o Felaram Chakma	-	-	550	1,500	-	2,050
7.	Rabi Chandra Chakma s/o Sura Mohan Chakma	9,300	1,500	390	250	2,250	13,690
8.	Kaladhan Chakma s/o Sabilal Chakma	-	1,250	2000	800	4,600	8,650
9.	Jiten Chakma s/o Kali Shankar Chakma	-	840	300	200	400	1,740
10.	Layendar Chakma s/o Patyaram Chakma	-	420	250	300	350	1,320
11.	Sandya Chakma s/o Patyaram Chakma	-	280	150	350	200	980
12.	Sunil Kanti Chakma s/o Bizu Mohan Chakma	-	340	300	150	250	1,040
13.	Anil Kanti Chakma s/o Bizu Mohan Chakma	-	280	-	250	150	680

14.	Shankar Chakma s/o Rabindra Chakma	-	210	150	400	250	1,010
15.	Natun Chakma s/o late Subilal Chakma		560	-	-	400	960
16.	Shibankar Chakma s/o Rabindra Chakma	-	420	-	200	380	1,000
17.	Jimat Bahan Chakma s/o late Indra Kumar Chakma	-	2,800	400	-	300	3,500
18.	Priyadarshi Chakma s/o Binoy Krishna Chakma	-	810	200	-	250	1,260
19.	Sukiran Chakma s/o late Indra Kumar Chakma	-	140	-	70	300	510
20.	Gurangajoy Chakma s/o late Indra Mohan Chakma	-	-	-	300	600	900
21.	Arjamitra Chakma s/o late Dhruba Kumar Chakma	-	710	300	250	400	1,660
22.	Palash Chakma s/o Lalan Chakma	-	-	-	400	300	700
23.	Sura Mohan Chakma s/o Surani Kanta Chakma	-	-	-	300	150	450
24.	Minankar Chakma s/o Rabindra Chakma	-	400	150	-	150	700
25.	Sanaka Chakma s/o late Shefali Chakma	-	540	-	200	200	940
26.	Mihiran Talukder s/o Ghritamuni Talukder	-	480	200	250	100	1,030
27.	Bharat Kumar Chakma s/o late Subilal Chakma	-	-	600	-	7,050	7,650
28.	Dhira Sen Chakma s/o late Indra Mohan Chakma	-	1,250	400	300	700	2,650
29.	Pulin Bihari Chakma s/o Dongya Chakma	-	-	150	80	300	530
Total							111,730

The following Bengali settlers led the incident:

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| 1) Habibur s/o Razzaq Ali | 2) Abul Qasem | 3) Alim Uddin |
| 4) Md. Gudu Miyan | 5) Motaleb Miyan | 6) Iddris |
| 7) Mostafa | 8) Hanif | 9) Qasem |
| 10) Gami Miyan | 11) Badsha Miyan | 12) Ishaq |
| 13) Yusuf | 14) Samsul | 15) Qader |
| 16) Koka Miyan and | 17) Quddus. | |

The PCJSS submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on the following points.

- 1) To arrest and punish the persons involved in the communal incident after a neutral investigation.
- 2) To properly compensate the tribal victims.
- 3) To take necessary step to determine land disputes and to amend the land commission law as per CHT Accord.
- 4) To rehabilitate the settlers properly out side of CHT.
- 5) To implement the CHT Accord immediately.

It is reported that the Bengali settlers have constructed more than 15 houses over the land of Jumma people in the area.