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Sub: An appeal to save the Chakma and other tribes of the  
Chittagong Hill Tracts from the total annihilation by  
the Bangladesh Government.

Dear Sir,

May I present to you the following evidence regarding the massacre of the unarmed tribal people of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) by the Bangladesh army and the outsider Muslim Bengali settlers:

1. a copy of the report, "The Bangladesh army's hellish tyranny at Bhushanchara of the Chittagong Hill Tracts", sent by the Chakma Rajguru, Ven. Aggavansa Mahathero, on 16 August 1984.

On 30 June, 1984, the Bangladesh army and the outsider Muslim Bengali settlers have carried out massacres of the unarmed tribal people of Chota Harina, Bara Harina, Chedoa, Garjangtali, Soguri Para and Maudong near the border of Mizoram. Over three hundred tribal men, women and children have been brutally murdered and 18 thousand Chakmas fled to the Indian State of Mizoram. Thousands of Chakmas have taken refuge in the adjoining forests. They could not return to their villages because their villages and farming lands have already been occupied by the outsider Muslim Bengali settlers. More over the tribal people have no police and official protection in the CHT. By adopting every unfair means the military regime of Bangladesh has got rid of the tribal farmers and acquired almost all the valleys of the CHT for the outsider Muslim Bengalis. Now very few tribal people are in possession of farming lands and they too will lose their farming lands very soon.

The extremely hostile Bangladesh Government is relentlessly exterminating the indigenous nationalities of the CHT with a view to Islamising the tribal homeland. I shall be most grateful to you if you would kindly persuade the United Nations Organization to look after the tribal refugees in India and to protect the people of the CHT from the violent Muslim invasion.

Yours sincerely

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The Bangladesh Army's Hellish Tyranny At Bhushanchara  
Of The Chittagong Hill Tracts

On 30 June 1984, the Bengali new settlers came to forcibly reap the rice crop from the ripe paddy fields of the Chakma inhabitants at Bhushanchara. This was instigated by the Bangladesh army troops who, then, hid themselves behind. When reaping was started, the Chakma inhabitants tried to stop it. Then and there the Bangladeshi soldiers emerged from behind aggressively and fired directly on the Chakmas and attacked the vast areas of Chota Harina, Bara Harina, Chedoa, Garjangtali, Soguri Para and Maudong. About more than three hundred unarmed innocent Chakmas were murdered. The captured tribals were divided into three groups - old and young men, elderly women, and young women. Men and old women were shot dead. The young women were raped freely, some of them were killed and some were converted to Islam.

In fear of them (Bengali soldiers) about 18 thousand Chakma men and women fled to Mizoram. Their farming lands, ripe paddy crop and all other properties were plundered and handed over to the new imported Bengali Muslims. When the Indian defense forces wanted to send them back to Bangladesh, they did not want to return even now for fear of insecurity to their lives. Because they have completely lost their faith in the army and also the people of Bangladesh. The rulers of Bangladesh and the President are always disseminating self-motivated propaganda to mislead the world community. They are hoodwinking the international community by falsifying the truth and also justifying the falsehood. For this reason they have no wish to return to Bangladesh.

They think that their only hope is that the United Nations Organization would take immediate measures. Because they have received information from public sources that the issue of the Chittagong Hill Tracts has been raised in the United Nations Organization in order to bring back peace and order. I present this report, based on information from special sources, to the international community.

Sd/ Aggavansa Mahathero

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