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Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission

Press Statement

Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission demands justice for killing of school student in Bandarban

14 November 2018, Dhaka: Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission (CHTC) is concerned over the reported 12 November shooting of school student Kyasing Aung Marma (14) at Gherau Bhetorpara in Rowangchhari upazila of Bandarban hill district. The CHTC calls for a prompt and impartial investigation and to bring the perpetrators to justice.

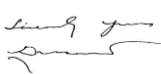
The CHTC observes with deep concern that, while raids are conducted in the hills in the name of “nabbing terrorists”, people face harassment, injury and killing. Despite the repetition of such incidents, we have not seen that any independent investigation to identify the causes, or why these incidents recur. We have no information on whether any legal action been taken against those involved in such incidents. On 5th April 2017, college student Romel Chakma AGE died on 19 April reportedly following arrest and torture in custody by the members of law enforcement agencies . After more than a year, there is no information is on whether anyone has been identified or brought to book for this killing.

The CHTC is concerned that this year at least 40 killings took place in Chittagong Hill Tracts. There seems to be no progress in any of those investigations. And now the killing of Kyasing Aung Marma has been added to the list. Besides killing, abduction of women, rape, murder after rape are also frequent in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Recently Bangladesh has been elected as the member of the UN Human Rights Council, which adds value to the reputation of Bangladesh already earned as a leading contributor to the international peacekeeping efforts under the banner of the UN. It is in this context that CHTC is furthermore concerned that a section of the members of same armed forces and law enforcement agencies that are bringing laurels for their international contributions continue to be allegedly involved with impunity in crimes including killings and other forms of repression and violation of fundamental rights of their own fellow citizens of the indigenous community.

The CHTC expresses condemns the killing of Kyasing Aung Marma as and other killings, abductions, rapes and the failure to ensure justice for victims. We express our solidarity and deep condolences to the victims’ family. We demand that the perpetrators are immediately identified and brought to justice. We also demand the government to ensure the safety of the family and ensure due reparations for them.

On behalf of the CHT Commission,



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