

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

BANGLADESH Kalpana Chakma



18 YEARS, NO JUSTICE

Kalpana Chakma was the organising secretary of the Hill Women's Federation, which campaigns for the rights of Indigenous peoples in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh.

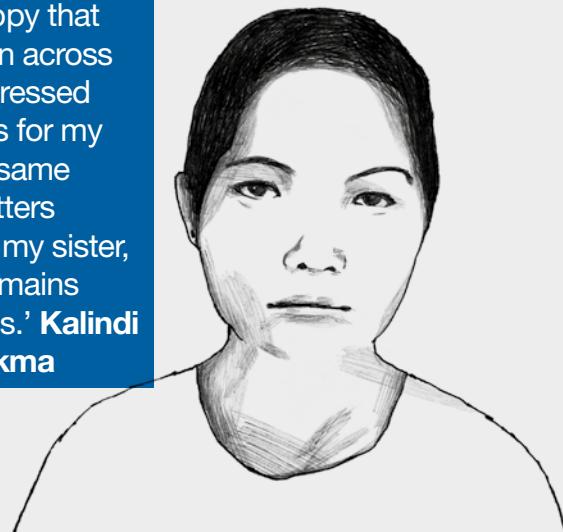
In the early hours of 12 June 1996, she and two of her brothers were abducted from their home by plain-clothed security officers. Her brothers Kalindi and Lal managed to escape and identified their three captors by name. However, the police failed to investigate. Kalpana Chakma, 23 at the time, has never been seen since.

Despite an agreement signed 15 years ago, the Pahari Indigenous peoples are still waiting for the Bangladeshi government to restore traditional lands in the eastern Chittagong Hill Tracts. Tens of thousands are still landless and trapped in violent clashes with Bengali settlers.

In January 2013 a Bangladeshi court demanded a new investigation into the case but the police have yet to submit a report.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/kalpana

'I am very happy that young children across the world expressed their concerns for my family; at the same time, these letters remind me of my sister, whose fate remains unknown to us.' **Kalindi Kurmar Chakma**



SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Kalicharan Chakma
c/o International CHT Commission
Bangladesh Secretariat
House # 1/3, Block-F Lalmatia
Dhaka-1207
Bangladesh

- Preferred language English or Bangla
- Salutation Dear Kalicharan
- Suggested message We stand with you in your struggle for justice.
- Additional information Kalicharan Chakma is Kalpana's brother.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?
- Download the message in another language?

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Minister of Home Affairs Sheikh Hasina Wajed to ensure Kalpana Chakma's case is properly investigated and those responsible for her 'disappearance' brought to justice.

Write to: Sheikh Hasina Wajed
Minister of Home Affairs
Prime Minister's Office
Old Sangsad Bhaban
Tejgaon
Dhaka-1215
Bangladesh

Email: info@pmo.gov.bd

Salutation: Dear Home Minister

In your letter:

- Urge the Home Minister to give the Rangamati District police the resources needed to re-investigate Kaplana Chakma's 'disappearance' as demanded by the court order.
- Ask him to protect investigators and witnesses from the risk of reprisals.
- Call on him to ensure a thorough, independent re-investigation of the case, including interrogation of the three main suspects, and to bring the perpetrators to justice.