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BANGLADESH

Kalpana Chakma

INDIGENOUS WOMAN 'DISAPPEARED'

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. In the early hours of 12 June 1996, Kalpana and two of her brothers were abducted from their home in Lallyagona village, Baghaichari, Rangamati district, by plain-clothed security officers.

Her brothers managed to escape and identified the three assailants. However, the police did not take note of the names of the assailants, and they were not investigated or added to the case files. Kalpana, 23 at the time of the incident, has never been found. It is believed that her abduction may have been linked to her support for a political candidate representing the interests of indigenous peoples.

A Bangladeshi court recently demanded a new investigation report into the case with vital information such as the names of the accused assailants included. However, the deadline has passed and no new report has been submitted.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/kalpana



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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 are thinking of you and your family. We and people around the world stand with you in your struggle for justice.
- **Additional information** Kalicharan Chakma is Kalpana's brother.

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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Minister of Home Affairs Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir to ensure Kalpana Chakma's case is properly investigated and those responsible for her 'disappearance' are brought to justice.

Write to: Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir
Ministry of Home Affairs
H-16, R-25, B-A, Banani
Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh

Fax: 00880 2 7164788
Email: mkalamgir@yahoo.com

Salutation: Dear Home Minister

In your letter:

- Urge the Home Minister to give the Rangmati District police the resources needed to re-investigate Kalpana 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.