

MODEL LETTER

To the Home Minister

Dear Home Minister,

It has been seventeen years since the disappearance of Pahari activist, Kalpana Chakma, from the Chittagong Hill Tracts. In 1996, at 23 years old, she was abducted from her home in Lallyagona village, Baghaichari, Rangamati district. Kalpana Chakma has never been found.

In January 2013, the court rejected the latest 'Final Report' into the investigation of Kalpana Chakma's disappearance. Subsequently, the Police Superintendent of Rangmati Hill District was instructed by the Court to further conduct an investigation into Kalpana Chakma's case and stated that every effort should be given to 'rescuing the victim Kalpana Chakma'.

A new investigation report was first supposed to be submitted on 20 March 2013, and then in May after administrative delays. The Police Superintendent has since stated that it is difficult for her to investigate the case 'uninterruptedly'. To date, a new investigation report following the instructions of the Court has not yet been submitted.

I urge you to:

- Provide the Rangmati District police the resources needed to carry out the re-investigation of Kalpana Chakma's disappearance as mandated by the court order.
- Provide protection to investigators and witnesses in accordance with their wishes so there is no risk of reprisal for people giving evidence.
- Ensure that a thorough and independent re-investigation of Kalpana Chakma's case is conducted, which includes the interrogation of the three main suspects, and that any perpetrators are brought to justice

Yours Sincerely,