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Amnesty International to launch report exposing plights of indigenous people in Bangladesh

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Amnesty International will launch a new report, *Pushed to the Edge*, documenting how Pahari indigenous people are trapped in landlessness and a cycle of violent clashes with Bengali settlers in Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong Hill Tracts.

The Bangladeshi authorities' failure to address land rights in the region has left tens of thousands of Pahari without access to their traditional lands. A government policy of moving Bengali settlers into the region, who have gradually encroached on Pahari land, has fuelled tensions and led to frequent clashes.

Pahari tend to suffer disproportionately in the violence, which have over recent years left hundreds of Pahari families homeless as their houses have been burned down in mob violence triggered by land disputes.

Spokespeople will be available in London.

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