



**PROTECT PAHARI  
LAND RIGHTS IN THE  
CHITTAGONG HILL  
TRACTS**

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Dear Prime Minister,

Fourteen years ago your government signed a Peace Accord promising to return traditional lands to the Pahari Indigenous Peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh.

Thousands of Pahari families have been displaced as a result of the government's counter insurgency operations and policies encouraging Bengali settlers to migrate to and occupy Pahari lands. Huge tracts of Pahari lands have been acquired by the Forest Department and the military.

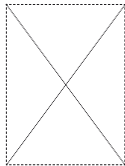
Displaced Pahari families remain landless while they wait for the Land Commission, established to resolve the land disputes, to act. To date, the Commission has failed to initiate a single inquiry into these disputes.

I urge you to take concrete steps to ensure that the Land Commission fulfils its obligations, including seeking full and effective participation of the Pahari in all its work.

Yours sincerely,

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*Image:* A member of the Pahari Indigenous community in Rangamati district, Bangladesh, June 2011.

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