

BARAK HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Rongpur Part-iv (Near Uco Bank), Silchar - 9, Cachar (Assam)

A human rights organisation of the nature as is contemplated under Sec 12 (i) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

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Press Statement

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People fast for Jan Lokpal at Silchar, Assam

Sixty five persons did not take food for the whole day from 8am to 4pm on 8 June, 2011 and they along with others sat on protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office at Silchar, Assam to express solidarity with India Against Corruption movement and to denounce the unnecessary and excessive use of police force that led to injuries to about 70 protestors against corruption at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi in the early hours of 5 June, 2011.

These people represented Barak Human Rights Protection Committee (BHRPC) and other 20 mass organizations working in Assam, particularly the southern part of the state known as Barak valley, including 1. Asom Majuri Shramik Union, Silchar, Cachar; 2. Krishan Bikash Samiti, Banskandi, Cachar; 3. Sanmilito Sanskritik Mancha, Silchar; 4. Centre for Integrated Rural Development (CIRD), Srikona, Cachar; 5. Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti, Silchar, Cachar; 6. Ever Green Society, Silchar, 6. Nari Mukti Sangstha, Silchar; 7. SrikonaClub, Silchar; 8. Chorus, Drama Organisation, Silchar; 9. SC, ST Student Development Forum, Assam University, Silchar; 10. Tarapur G.P. Bachao Committee, Tarapur, Silchar; 12. Manipuri Diaspora, Silchar; 13. Mukta Sena (Club), Silchar; 14. COPE (NGO) Silchar; 15. Gono Bikash Sangstha, Assam, Silchar; Kalpotoru Club, Rongpur, Cachar.

Mr. Neharul Ahmed Mazumder, secretary general of BHRPC, spoke at length about corruption in India and ways of fighting it. He said, 'the Jan Lokpal Bill is a small but very significant and necessary step in the struggle against corruption. Corrupt elements in the government and corporate world are desperately trying to kill the bill, according him. Mr. Biswajit Das, secretary, CHORUS, and Mr. Nirmal Kumar Das from Asom Majuri Shramik Union condemned the police action at Ramlila terming it as violations of basic human rights of the people and urged the people to come out against such repressive actions of the government wherever and in whatever form may they happen.

In a statement issued by BHRPC on 7 June the organization said, "*The struggle against corruption can not be separated from the struggle for a democratic India that respects human rights and the rule of law. It is simultaneously a struggle against privatisation, against neo-liberal policies, against draconian laws like AFSPA and the sedition law, against state crackdowns on dissenting voices and against corporate dictation of government policies. It is simultaneously a struggle to defend the lives and livelihoods of millions of people across the country.*"

Neharul Ahmed Mazumder
Secretary General