

International Press Release on Peace Mission to Garo-Rabha Ethnic clash in Assam Meghalaya boarder in North East India 09/01/2011



Top Leaders of Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples North East Zone (ICITP-NEZ), Dimasa Peoples' Council (DPC), United Peoples Federation of Assam (UPFA), All Dimasa Students' Union (ADSU) and Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) including Mr. Jebra Ram Muchahary, Mr. Sanmoni Kemprai, Mr. M.C Langthasa and Mr. Dilip Kumar Nunisa and others visited the inmates of Relief camps on 8th of January for Peace Mission in the Meghalaya - Assam boarder areas where Garo-Rabha ethnic clash broke out from 1st to 10th January 2011 in which several Rabha villages in Garo Hills were gutted to ashes, 10 persons killed and more than 40 thousands Rabha Indigenous Peoples fled their homes for safety of their lives crossing Meghalaya Assam boarder.

The team visited several camps and took stalk of their situations. They talked to the inmates in the relief camps and the camp leaders and assured them to intervene with the concerned governments for providing immediate adequate required relief materials for the inmates in the camps and appealed them not to be miscarried by wrong information or rumours and to indulge in violence but to maintain peace.

The visiting team also held discussions with the students and community leaders of both Garo and Rabha communities and appealed for maintaining peace and harmony by refraining from indulging violence on rumours and conspiracies hatched out by some miscreants to sabotage the aged-old emotional integration, peace and harmony between two tribal communities that has been existing since time immemorial. The Peace Mission team criticized the reportedly inactive and partial role played the Meghalaya Police during the eruption of the ethnic violence. The team also assured them that they will take up the matters with highest authority of Meghalaya and Assam for immediate appropriate relief and rehabilitation for the victims of the violence.

