



Banglar Manabadhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM) and Human Rights Watch (HRW)- New York jointly released an in-depth report, case studies with recommendations regarding ongoing atrocities by Border Security Force (BSF) at Indo- Bangladesh bordering districts of West Bengal on 9th of December 2010 at Kolkata Press Club in an well attended press meet. The report was named as “Trigger Happy’: Excessive Use of Force by Indian Troops at the Bangladesh Border”.



During the release Ms. Meenakshi Ganguly from Human Rights Watch and Mr. Kirity Roy of MASUM were present and satisfy the queries from media persons. The report has been released by Mr. Justice Malay Sengupta; ex- Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court. “Trigger Happy’: Excessive Use of Force by Indian Troops at the Bangladesh Border,” documents the situation on the border region, where both Bangladesh and India have deployed border guards to prevent infiltration, trafficking, and smuggling. The report found numerous cases of indiscriminate use of force, arbitrary detention, torture, and killings by the security force, without adequate investigation or punishment. The report is based on over 100 interviews with victims, witnesses, human rights defenders, journalists, law- enforcement officials, and Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles’ (BDR) personnel.

During the release couple of bereaved family members made their testimonies before the media persons. Visual clippings of bordering area with it’s grieves and sorrows were shown during the press meet by Human Right Watch.

This report documents grave abuses by Border Security Force (BSF) on Indian and Bangladeshi citizens in the border area along India’s nearly 2000 kilometers international border with Bangladesh in West Bengal.



MASUM (India), Odhikar (Bangladesh) and HRW- New York jointly prepared and concurrently published the report.

Please visit the following site for whole text of the report:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article941918.ece>

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