

## **Dalits in Chittagong march to demand enactment of anti discrimination law**

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On 13 March 2011, dalits people at Chittagong Division have been urges their access to rights to the Prime Minister of Govt. of the Peoples republic of Bangladesh through observance of international day for the elimination of racial discrimination. During the procession they have demanded to enact law for anti discrimination as consider the article 27, 28 of Bangladesh Constitution. There are 600 more dalits people like Cobblers, Shoe maker, Robidas, Jaladas (Fishermen), Cleaner were demonstrated in main road and then they submitted 12 point demand by Chittagong District Commissioner. On behalf of Bangladesh dalit Parishad Convenner of Chittagong Dalit Parishad Mr. Krishna Das, General Secreatary Mr. Ashok Das, Coordinator Bikash Das, Dalit leaders Ratan Das, Anarkali Jaladas, Shokuntala Jaladas, Horilal Jaladas, Jagodish Das spoke in gathering after rally in front of DC office. They said that, higher caste peoples discriminating us due to our marginalized & hereditary profession even we have no accessibility in govt. resources and services. We are sufferings at every sphere of our life. They have demand their basic and human rights as well as urges for involvement of dalit issue in policy. Mr. Johorlal Hajari and Engineer Mr. Rashed Chowdhury, Freedom Fighter Commander Dhilon Kanti was present as special guest. They have told with solidarity that, the policy makers should include dalits issue. Dalit peoples also demand for count specially them during current population census of Bangladesh .