Tribal insurgency up anew in India state

By DILIP GANGULY

rensitudi-AUARTALA ROAD, Northeast India—
he executioners had fled But the limp body of the ictim, a 35-year-old Bengali immigrant settler was sen hanging in the woods.

A few hundred yards away, there was another russome sight. A headless and highly decomposed ody of a 12-year-old Bengali girl lay crumpled in a 168 Both was the interest. MANDAI-AGARTALA ROAD, Northeast India

itch.

Both were the victims of the Tripura tribes.

These are the fresh killings around the now afamous Mandai Valley, the scene of an precedented carnage, killing and arison early last onth, which left 421 dead and hundreds injured in ne single village.

After over one month of the Mandai Agartala Road mains a trail of devastations. Not a single soul was

smains a trail of devastations. Not a single soul was een throughout the journey — not even the therwise evident parish dogs. Fear and death seem — be stalking the valley.

Our taxi driver refused to go without an armed scort. We were warned by the state government, tens of thousands of tribals are entrenched in the ountains, preparing to mount another attack, be areful, take an escort," were the words of the taxis of the secretary at Agartals, state capital of

ripura.

All the Bengali-owned houses on the roadside ere burned down, property were looted and the nototunates who did not flee, were killed.

The entire 250,000 Bengali population in the fleeted areas has taken shelter in 155 state run amps set up by the Marxist-run government.

UNGER. No one is allowed to go out of the camp ompound. But the pang of hunger (only 400 grams frice is given per adult for a day) sometimes forces as Bengalis to go in the woods to fetch jackfrait and pineapples, which are in abundance in Tripura. The fresh killings have now established beyond outs that a full-fledged tribal insurgency towement has started in Tripura state.

Ethnic insurgency first raised its head in Tripura thin a year of its accession to the Indian union on ct. 15, 1949. The immediate provocation was the ppointment of the chief administrator, who appens to be a Bengali.

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The administrator disarraed and disbanded the yal guards comprising of tribals.

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In the surgest group and named it "sangrat" wordsmen) and joined the tribals who were restly bitter about the sudden influx of Bengelis meanwhile, formed the tribal youths brum and according to reports circulating here, blained support from the Pakistani government he forum set up training camps on Pakistani soin the forum set up training camps on Pakistani soin the forum set and the surgest and t

rumbied.

After two years of hiberoation, the Tripura ttermists began to regroup under a different name Tripura Sena' (Tripura Liberation Ammy) but force they could be organized sufficiently, the 971 inde-Patisan war broke out, which lead to he birth of Bangladesh. Another spell of ibernation followed.

In 1975 the extremists renewed their links with a Mizo National Front.

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UN meet on women: slim progress to review

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But progress over the
past five years appears
slim. According to the
five U.N. regional commissions, which prepared
the conference and received evidence from 93
covernments, even the governments, even the "minimal" objectives set out by the Mexico con-ference have not been

ference have not been attained.

This is why the inter-dependence of economic and social progress must be emphasized in the promotion of women, Lise Ostergaard, the Danish culture minister and conference chair-

TOPICS. Delegates from about 150 countries were to attend, and they would have to concenwould have to concentrate on measures de-signed to achieve this interdependence. Efforts must be waged on fight-ing illiteracy—two out on the contract of th

but their work is not al-ways included "In" their untry's gross national oduct, the minister

Experts here believed it significant that the UN Voluntary Fund for Women, set up in 1975 to help the most depressed areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America, only managed to secure \$3 to \$4 million a in voluntary con

year in voluntary con-tributions.
Other more politically sensitive matters will probably be debated during the conference.

These might include dis-cussions on the con-sequences of apartheid for women in Southern Africa, the consequences of Israel's military occu-pation of Arab lands for

MOSCOW July 14 (AFP) - The KGB (Soviet secret police) has warned Leningrad feminist leader has warned Leningrad feminist leader Tatiana Mamonova she must either leave the Soviet Union within a few days or answer for her activities in front of the authorities, dissident sources said here Sun-

day.
Mrs. Mamonova 1979 published the almanac Woman and Russia, marking the beginning of a feminist movement in the Soviet Union.

Palestinian women, and the plight of some 11 million women refugees throughout the world. throughout the world.

Between 1,000 and
1,500 delegates are expected to attend the conference which will be opened by UN Secretary

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