

Army asked to pay compensation to torture victims

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Guwahati: National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed the Ministry of Defence to pay a compensation of Rs 50,000 each to two persons namely Bhadrakanta Baruah and Ghana Neog who were tortured in the custody of the 871st Field Regiment of the Army at Maibela camp in Sivasagar district, Assam on January 31, 2009, according to a statement issued by Asian Centre for Human Rights (ACHR) on Monday.

The ACHR on March 6, 2009 filed a complaint with the NHRC alleging that the army personnel picked up Bhadrakanta Baruah, son of Late Yogaram Baruah on the night of 31 January 2009 and tortured in their custody at the Maibela Base Army camp on the suspicion of having links with the banned United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).

The Commission registered ACHR's complaint and directed the Secretary, Ministry of Defence and the Superintendent of Police, Sivasagar district of Assam to submit their reports.