

Mizoram-Bru talks regarding repatriation of Bru refugees

Aizawl: The Mizoram government would hold talks with representatives of Bru community here today regarding repatriation of Bru refugees from six relief camps in North Tripura.

A Mizoram government delegation will be led by additional secretary in the state home department T V Fambol while the Bru delegation will comprise two representatives each from the former Bru National Liberation Front (BNLF), former Bru Liberation Front of Mizoram (BLFM), Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum (MBDPF) and two from the families displaced by communal tension during November last.

About 35,000 Bru refugees are now lodged in Tripura's relief camps after they fled Mizoram following a communal strife with the Mizo in the western belt of Mizoram in 1997. Their repatriation scheduled to start from November 16, 2009 had been derailed by the gunning down of a Mizo youth by members of Bru Revolutionary Union, a newly formed Bru outfit.

Meanwhile, Delhi-based Asian Centre for Human Rights (ACHR), in its fact-finding report released today, accused the Mizoram government of failing to protect the Brus from communal violence. (UNI)