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| Country/ entity | India Bodoland |
| Region | Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific |
| Agreement name | Agreed Ground Rules for Suspension of Operations between the Security Forces and the Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) |
| Date | 29 Mar 2000 |
| Agreement status | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| Interim arrangement | Yes |
| Agreement/ conflict level | Intrastate/intrastate conflict (India-Adivasi Conflicts (1955 -) (Northeast India)) |
| Stage | Pre-negotiation/process |
| Conflict nature | Government/territory |
| Peace process | India Bodoland peace process |
| Parties | Signatories not listed. Preamble states agreement was negotiated by a team led by Dr. P.D. Shenoy, Additional Secretary (Home), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and representatives of the BLT led by Chimang Brahma @ Chandan @ Kamal Muchahary, Vice Chairman, BLT. |
| Third parties | - |
| Description | An agreement setting up a ceasefire between the Government of India and the Bodo Liberation Tigers. Agreement sets out basic terms of the ceasefire, and establishes a Joint Monitoring Group for overseeing the implementation of the ceasefire. |

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Groups

Children/
youth No specific mention.

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| Disabled persons | No specific mention. |
| Elderly/age | No specific mention. |
| Migrant workers | No specific mention. |
| Racial/ethnic/national group | No specific mention. |
| Religious groups | No specific mention. |
| Indigenous people | No specific mention. |
| Other groups | No specific mention. |
| Refugees/displaced persons | No specific mention. |
| Social class | No specific mention. |

Gender

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| Women, girls and gender | No specific mention. |
| Men and boys | No specific mention. |
| LGBTI | No specific mention. |

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality
Joint monitoring group will contain members from both sides.

Page 2, ANNEXURE

The agreed ground rules envisage composition of Joint Monitoring Group.

The composition of the JMG is as follows:

a) Joint Secretary (NE), MHA – Chairman-cum- Convener.

b) Two representatives of MHA

c) Representatives of the Army to be intimated by AHQ.

d) Representatives of CRPF to be intimated by DG (CRPF)

e) Two representatives of the Government of Assam to be intimated by Chief Secretary, Assam.

f) Two representatives of the BLT. The meetings of JMG may be held once in two months in routine or earlier if some emergency arises. Chairman may decide the venue of the meeting.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/
nomadism
rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Note: Agreement as a whole deals with the implementation of a ceasefire

Page 1, Untitled Preamble

The Union Home Minister has made an announcement on suspension of operations by Security Forces against the Bodo Liberation tigers (BLT) in both the Houses of the Parliament on March 15, 2000. In pursuance of this decision taken by the Central Government in consultation with the Government of Assam, a tripartite meeting among the representatives of the Government of India, the Government of Assam and the BLT took place at New Delhi on March 28-29, 2000. The official team led by Dr. P.D. Shenoy, Additional Secretary (Home), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India have had talks with the representatives of the BLT led by Chimang Brahma @ Chandan @ Kamal Muchahary, Vice Chairman, BLT to pave the way for lasting peace and to build up a conducive atmosphere for further discussions to peacefully resolve the problems relating to the Bodos:

Both sides have agreed to suspension of operations w.e.f. March 15, 2000.

Page 1, The ground rules mutually agreed upon are as follows:

- i. The BLT (a) will completely abjure the path of violence; (b) will not engage in violent or unlawful activities like killings, injuries; kidnappings, extortions, intimidation, carrying of arms in public etc; and (c) agree to abide by the Constitution of India and the laws of the land.
- ii. The Security Forces (the Army, Para-Military Forces and the State Police) will not launch operations against the BLT.
- iii. Both sides also agreed to set up a Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) comprising the representatives of the Government of India, the Government of Assam and the BLT to oversee the suspension of operations.
- iv. The composition of JMG is annexed.
- v. The suspension of operations is initially agreed upon for a period of 6 months w.e.f. March 15, 2000. The suspension of operations may be extended by mutual agreement thereafter.

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| DDR | No specific mention. |
| Intelligence services | No specific mention. |
| Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces | No specific mention. |
| Withdrawal of foreign forces | No specific mention. |
| Corruption | No specific mention. |
| Crime/ organised crime | No specific mention. |
| Drugs | No specific mention. |
| Terrorism | No specific mention. |

Transitional justice

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| Transitional justice general | No specific mention. |
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| Amnesty/ pardon | No specific mention. |
| Courts | No specific mention. |
| Mechanism | No specific mention. |
| Prisoner release | No specific mention. |
| Vetting | No specific mention. |
| Victims | No specific mention. |
| Missing persons | No specific mention. |
| Reparations | No specific mention. |
| Reconciliation | No specific mention. |

Implementation

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| UN signatory | No specific mention. |
| Other international signatory | No specific mention. |
| Referendum for agreement | No specific mention. |

International mission/
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source UN Peacemaker. Available at: <https://peacemaker.un.org/india-blt-ground-rules2000> (Accessed 14 October 2020).
