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Meghalaya tribesmen protest at Garo leader 'killing' in Bangladesh

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Thousands of tribes people in India's northeastern state of Meghalaya staged demonstrations on Wednesday to protest against the 'killing' of Choles Ritchil, who was widely described as the 'Medha Patkar of Modhupur forest' in Bangladesh.

Ritchil's death was made public in India by a Delhi-based rights group, Asian Centre for Human Rights, headed by Suhas Chakma.

Ritchil died in the custody of joint forces in Bangladesh two weeks back.

Demonstrations took place in Shillong, Meghalaya's picturesque capital, and in the Garo Hill district town of Tura.

'Ritchil was a defender of tribal rights, not an insurgent,' Garo politician Mukul Sangma said.