

DIBRUGARH

NORMAL

By A Staff Reporter

GAUHATI, Aug. 10--Normalcy is fast returning to Dibrugarh town where curfew was clamped down on Wednesday last following some sporadic incidents of stabbing. Official reports received here said that curfew was relaxed for six hours today and complete normalcy prevailed during the period.

One person was killed last night by some miscreants at Bokel Tea Estate, about 10 kilometres from Dibrugarh, last night, according to a report received here. The victim was stated to be son of an employee of the garden. The incident was not connected with Dibrugarh incidents, reports said.

Over 10 persons have been arrested so far in connection with the incident at Bokel Tea according to Sri P C Das, Inspector General of Police, Assam.

He said here this evening that the general law and order situation in other parts of the State including Silchar was normal.

Our Dibrugarh Correspondent adds Sri B K Misra, Deputy Commissioner Dibrugarh, in course of an informal briefing to pressmen here this afternoon said that his attention had been drawn to a news item published in a section of the Press and also broadcast by All India Radio in the Assamese news bulletin on August 8 evening that the trouble in Dibrugarh arose due to clash between two groups of persons or communities. The Deputy Commissioner described the news item as not factually correct. He said that trouble arose after a person was stabbed to death in the evening of August 7 by an unknown assailant whereupon a crowd collected on the place of occurrence. The crowd turned violent and pelted stones on the investigating police officials leading to promulgation of prohibitory orders under Section 144 Cr PC.

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Barbora Receives Resignation Letters

By A Staff Reporter

GAUHATI, Aug. 10--The Chief Minister, Sri Golap Barbora, has received the resignation letters of nine Janata MLAs from the AJLP today.

The Chief Minister said that he had received the resignation letters—all dated August 7—this morning. He said when he tried to verify the authenticity of the letters, some of the MLAs denied that they had resigned from the party while few others could not be contacted as they were out of station.

He further said that he had also received an information of withdrawal of support by the Progressive Democratic Group in the Assembly to his Ministry. The Chief Minister however felt that the withdrawal of support would not affect his Government much. Sri Barbora also expressed his doubt about the actual number of Independents who had reportedly withdrawn support to him.

The Governor, Sri I. P. Singh, who is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow on way to Imphal is likely to meet the Chief Minister, Sri Barbora, and discuss the present situation in the State.

Sri Siva Prasad Barooah Vice-President of the Janata Party,

Assam, has requested the Chief Minister, Sri Barbora, who is also Chairman of the State Janata Party to convene an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Party on August 14 at 9 a.m. as it is long overdue. Sri Barooah in a letter to Sri Barbora has also requested him to extend the invitation to the Janata Legislators who have reportedly resigned from the party.

PTI adds: The six-member Progressive Democratic Front consisting of Independent members of the Assam Assembly has today withdrawn its support to the ruling Janata Party in Assam.

Sri Premadhar Bora, Leader, and Sri Sirazul Haque, Deputy Leader of the Front, said here that they have communicated their decision to the Governor of Assam.

Meanwhile, Sri Dileswar Tanti, another Janata MLA, has resigned from the Janata Party, and has joined Congress, according to a Press release of the APCC.

Sri Tanti said that he has resigned from the AJLP, and Janata Party in view of the recent political developments, the release added.