

Hansara tea estate returning to normal

GAUHATI, October 19 (PTI): The situation in the Hansara tea estate in Darrang district of Assam is fast returning to normal with no report of any untoward incidents for the second day today.

Official sources said here that the dusk-to-dawn curfew clamped on Saturday night following violent incidents and police firing will, however, remain in force for a few days.

Two people were killed and three others injured when the police fired to disperse the tea garden labourers who attacked them and some garden staff with bows and arrows.

The deputy commissioner of Darrang had ordered a magisterial inquiry into the firing and other incidents sources said.

Assam problem 'nearing solution'

CALCUTTA, October 19 (PTI): The Union minister of state for home affairs, Mr. Yogendra Makwana, said here today that the foreign nationals problem in Assam was "nearing a solution."

Talking to newsmen at the Calcutta airport on his way to Bhubaneswar from Delhi, Mr. Makwana said that the date for the next round of talks in this regard between the Central team and the Assam agitation leaders would be fixed "at a convenient time."

About the prospect of forming a non-Congress (I) ministry in Assam, Mr. Makwana said any political party was welcome to do so if it could prove its majority.

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