

# 'Assam Movement Not Against Minorities'

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31—Sri Nurul Hussain, Vice President of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) today said their movement on the foreign nationals issue was not directed against the minorities in the State, reports PTI.

Only some Congress-I leaders belonging to a minority community were trying to malign the movement as communal, he said addressing a panel discussion on the Assam issue organised by a study group here today.

Sri Hussain said those Congress-I leaders were taking advantage of the movement leaders' demand for issue of identity cards to voters. These would only guard against foreigners, who had been influencing the outcome of the elections in the State, he added.

Sri Biraj Sharma, Convener of All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP), said the movement was not against people from any other part of India. He also alleged that it was he 'design' of the Government to prolong negotiations on the issue to "tire us out".

The AASU General Secretary, Sri Bhriku Phukan also explained various aspects of the movement and the progress of the negotiations so far. Sri Arup Bordoloi of AAGSP also spoke.

Meanwhile, a delegation of the AASU and the AAGSP today met the Lok Dal leader, Sri Charan Singh explained their stand on the issue.

Sri Phukan said that Sri Charan Singh supported their views.

The delegation had also submitted certain papers relating to the movement to the CPI office as it had so far failed to meet the leaders of that party, Sri Hussain said.

From tomorrow the delegation would meet editors of different newspapers here before returning to Guwahati, he said.

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## A Black Chapter In Civilized History: AASU

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**GUWAHATI, Dec. 31—** The inhuman firing on peaceful demonstrators at Babelia-Dimow in Nowgong district on the first day of the 36-hour Path Bandh has written a black chapter in the history of civilized world, the All Assam Students Union said today.

Expressing deep anguish at the police firing in which three persons were killed and several others injured, Sri Prafulla Mahanta and Sri Bharat Narah, president and acting General Secretary respectively of AASU, said the ten injured included a young girl. They said in a statement that over 20 injured persons were under treatment in Nowgong Civil Hospital. A seriously wounded student (Nirod Baruah)

### Dimow Victims Declared 'Swahids'

**GUWAHATI, Dec. 31—**A statement issued by the central office of the AASU said the three persons who were killed in police firing at Dimow have been declared 'Swahids'. They were Sri Naren Nath (Bamunigaon), Sri Rajib Rajkumar (Dimow) and Sri Bhudhar Deka (Dimow).

While expressing deep condolence to the bereaved families Sri Prafulla Mahanta, President and Sri Bharat Narah acting General Secretary of AASU, asked was it the Prime Minister's New Year greetings to the people of Assam.

The statement said that in memory of the three Swahids black flags will be hoisted in all educational institutions from January 2 to 9 and the AASU flags will fly half-mast at all offices of AASU and AAGSP.

has been brought to GMC hospital. The injured included two girls—Anima Bora and Kuntala Deka.

The statement said the names of those killed are Sri Naren Nath, Sri Rajib Raikumar and Sri Bhudhar Deka.

According to reports reaching AASU office the police used lathis on peaceful people at Bhangagarh, High Court areas of Guwahati, Raha, Phulaguri, Kaliabor in Nowgong district, Dhemaji and North Lakhimpur in Lakhimpur district, Tihu in Kamrup. Four students injured in lathi-charge in Guwahati, namely, Sri Pradip Lahkar, Sri Ramen Talukdar, Sri Nabanit Raikhowa and Sri Dimbeswar Sarma were treated at GMC Hospital.

The statement condemned the firing and lathi-charge and arrests of innocent persons

The firing at Dimow has been condemned also by Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuba-Chatra Parishad, All Guwahati Students Union, All Guwahati School Students Union, All Assam Tribal Students Union.

The Assam Yuva Janata has also condemned the firing at Dimow.

The All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad and Assam Jatiyatabadi Dal also condemned the police firing at Dimow.

### AASU & AAGSP Team To Launch Hunger Strike At Boat Club To-day

**GUWAHATI, Dec. 31—**A seven-member delegation of All Assam Students Union (AASU) and All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP), spearheading the current agitation on foreigners issue now in New Delhi will go on a 12 hour hunger strike from 0600 hours tomorrow at Boat Club premises in protest against the police firing at Dimow near Nowgong town, 110 kms from here.

A spokesman of the AASU and AAGSP told PTI late tonight that the General Secretary of AASU, Sri Bhriku Kumar Phukan, one of the member delegation communicated the decision of the hunger strike from Delhi on trunk telephone tonight.

The spokesman vehemently condemned the police firing and condoned the deaths of the members of the bereaved family. PTI