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Assam 'blackout' peaceful

GAUHATI, January 5 (PTD): Barring a stone-throwing incident near Babejia in Nowgong district, the dusk-to-dawn "blackout" programme from 5 p.m. yesterday in Assam ended peacefully at 5 a.m. today.

The blackout was observed in response to the Assam movement leaders' call to mourn the death of seven victims of police firing during the current resumed agitations.

The situation in the state was officially stated to be quiet.

UNI adds: Five of the All-Assam Students' Union (AASU) and All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP) executive members, arrested yesterday, have been detained under the National Security Act (NSA). The rest were released this morning, according to the police.