

# Five Assam stir leaders held under NSA

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January 5 — Five of the leaders of the All-Assam Students' Union (AASU) and the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP), held yesterday for violation of prohibitory orders have been detained under the National Security Act (NSA), according to official sources. The rest were released this morning, police said today.

The names of the detainees are—AASU assistant general secretary Bharat Narah, chief of the volunteer force Mr Jainath Sarma, Mr Gagan Dutta, Mr Girin Barua and Mr Jatin Mali (all executive members of the AASU).

Meanwhile, about 156 lawyers courted arrest in Gauhati today by violating prohibitory orders under Section 144 Cr.P.C. They came out in a procession in observance of the "Protest Day" against "police atrocities".

The situation in the Brahmaputra Valley districts was described today as "peaceful" and completely "under control" with no report of any untoward incident reported from any parts of the valley districts.

PTI adds: Mr Prafulla Mohanta and Mr Bhrigu Kumar Phukan president and general secretary respectively of AASU Mr Nibarun Bora chairman of the Purbanchaliya Loka Parishad and the AAGSP conveners Mr Atul Bora and Biraj Sarma were among those released today.

Meanwhile Mr Atul Bora and Mr Bhrigu Phukan in a statement today denied that any memorandum on behalf of AASU and AAGSP was submitted to

the Governor's adviser yesterday saying the executive members of the AASU and AAGSP were arrested while taking out a procession to Dispur in violation of prohibitory order and were under police custody.

Some police officials had approached the processionists and offered transport to go to Dispur, which they flatly refused saying if some individuals had submitted a memorandum it could not be accepted as one on behalf of the two organisations.

UNI adds: Barring some stray incidents of stone-throwing in different parts of the Brahmaputra Valley the dusk-to-dawn "black out" programme ended peacefully this morning.

Police also fired in the air to disperse a group of people who attacked a security force vehicle at Babejia in Nowgong district last night, official reports received here said.

The black-out call was given by the AASU and AAGSP which asked the people to switch off their lights during the period in memory of those who were killed in police firing on December 31 and January 1 in the State. Streets were plunged in dark-

ness in many parts of the State due to sabotage by miscreants, official sources reported.

At Gauhati, at least 20 persons were arrested on various charges for attempted acts of disruption of power supply.

A power line in Kahilipara area of the city was snapped by some miscreants, the sources added.

Our Gauhati Office adds: The Sub-divisional Magistrate of Goalpara by an order issued under the Assam Maintenance of Public Orders Act has prohibited holding of camps or imparting physical training, drill or parade with or without arms or any article, weapon or implement capable of being used as arms by any person or organisations within Goalpara subdivision, according to a delayed official report received here.

The order has come into force from January 1 last, the report added.

## AAMSU PLAN

UNI adds: The All-Assam Minority Students Union (AAMSU) has decide to send a four-member delegation to Delhi to launch what they called, "intensive publicity on atrocities and injustice meted out to minorities in the State."

In a statement AAMSU general secretary Azgar Ali said the delegation which would leave here tomorrow for Delhi, would meet the leaders of Opposition parties and explain to them "the fact of the dangerous motive of the agitation directed against religious and linguistic minorities."

He said the consensus of all national political parties held in Delhi on Assam issue stood firmly in favour of 1971 as base year and the AAMSU hoped that the Union Government would act with a national perspective. The organised minorities of Assam would not accept anything but 1971 as base year.

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