

Guwahati Bandh Total And Spontaneous

**BY A STAFF REPORTER
GUWAHATI, JAN. 7—
NORMAL LIFE IN THE
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OBSERVANCE OF A 12-
HOUR DAWN-TO-DUSK
BANDH IN PROTEST
AGAINST DEATH OF
SRI PRAFULLA BORO,
AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
DPI OFFICE, AS A RE-
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The call for the Bandh in the city from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. was jointly given by the All Guwahati Students Union, All Guwahati Kamrup District Tribal Students Union and All Guwahati Gana Sangram Parishad yesterday evening.

Shops and markets, office establishments in the city remained closed for the day. City buses, rickshaws and other modes of vehicles went off the roads. There were very few people on the streets during the Bandh hours. Banks including the Reserve Bank did not function. The Bandh was spontaneous and total.

According to Sri Ramesh Chandra, the Chief Secretary to Government of Assam, attendance in Secretariat at Dispur and in headquarter of NF Railway at Maligaon was nor-

mal and below normal in outlying offices in the city. Barring some cases of assaults on Government employees who were on way to office, the situation was by and large peaceful, he added.

Referring to alleged death due to CRP beating, Sri Chandra said that the Government was waiting for the post mortem report before taking any decision on it.

The sponsors of the Bandh in a statement to the Press have congratulated the people on observing the 12-hour Bandh peacefully and thus protesting against inhuman atrocities perpetrated by CRP men on innocent people and causing death of Sri Prafulla Boro.

The statement said that CRP continued their atrocities on people at Maligaon. Many youths and students were injured due to CRP beating at Maligaon. About 12 youths and students were arrested at Maligaon, the statement said.

An eye witness said that police and CRP went berserk this evening at Chandmari area. A group of CRP men who were walking by the busy footpath at about 6 p.m. beat up a number of young men. He saw one young man being taken away by the CRP from a place near Chandmari colony city bus stop, possibly to the thana after giving him a good thrashing. Many people saw the beating-up but could not divine what happened.