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5 Movement Leaders Detained Under NSA

GUWAHATI, Jan 5—Five prominent leaders of the All Assam Students Union (AASU) have been detained under National Security Act (NSA), according to official sources, reports PTI.

They are Sri Bharat Narah, Assistant General Secretary of the AASU Sri Joy Nath Sarma, Convenor of the AASU Volunteer Force, Sri Jatin Mali, executive member and Sri Gagan Dutta, Organising Secretary of AASU, and Sri Girin Baruah, General Secretary of Nowgong Students Union, a constituent of the AASU.

These leaders along with other executive members of the AASU and AAGSP were arrested here yesterday for violation of prohibitory orders by taking out procession to Dispur.

All other AASU and AAGSP leaders arrested for violation of prohibitory orders have been released, the sources said.

Sri Prafulla Mahanta and Sri Bhrigu Kumar Phukan, President and General Secretary respectively of AASU Sri Nibaron Bora, Chairman of the Purbanchalya Loka Parishad, and the AAGSP Convenors Sri Atul Bora and Sri Biraj Sarma, were among those released today.

Meanwhile, Sri Atul Bora and Sri Bhrigu Kumar 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.

Our Staff reporter adds : The following organisations have strongly condemned the CRP and Police atrocities on the peaceful citizens and the arrest of five movement leaders under the NSA and also demanded their immediate and unconditional release :

Asam Sahitya Sabha, Gauhati University Workmen's union, limited Commercial Bank Employees Association, State Bank Officers' Association, Sadau Assam Madhyamik Sikshak and Karmachari Santha, B. Barooah College Students' Union Asom Jatiyatabadi Juba-Chatra Parishad, United Students' Federation, Guwahati Assam Pradeshik Mahila Samiti, West Gauhati Students' Union, Pragjyotish College Union Society, Sadau Asam Janajati Juva Santha, Assam Organisation of Bank Workers, Asom Yuvak Samaj, Uzanbazar Gana Sangram Parishad, Assam State Development Corporation for Scheduled Castes Ltd Employers Union, Kaniha Anchalic Students' Union, Asom Jatiatabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad.

Over 160 Lawyers Arrested At Guwahati

By A Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Jan 5—More than 160 lawyers and advocates including seven lady advocates and petition writers were arrested today under section 151 Cr PC while attempting to takeout a silent procession in violation of prohibitory orders in protest against repression and atrocities by the Government through the CRP and police.

The Guwahati High Court Bar Association Lawyers Association Guwahati and the Tarani Sangha Guwahati (association of petition-writers) which organised the procession also abstained from the courts and tribunals today.

The procession which was scheduled to start at 1 p.m from the Guwahati High Court, was prevented from moving and all the processionists were arrested on the spot and loaded into four buses and taken to the fancy bazar police station. On the way the lawyers were heard giving slogans to the effect 'stop Government atrocities through the CRPF and police etc.

The arrested persons included several ex-judges and former Advocate Generals and a senior police-officer.

Sri Ramesh Chandra Choudhury President of the High Court Bar Association and All Assam Lawyers' Association, Sri S P Deka General Secretary AALA Sri Bishnu Kinkor Goswami President of Lawyers' Association Guwahati Sri Parama Nanda Choudhury, Vice-President Sri Deba Kumar Bhattacharjee, Secretary, Sri Surendra Nath Medhi Secretary GHCBA, Sri Biswswar Sarma, ex-Legal Remembrancer, Sri Bhobesh Baruah former Advocate General Sri Bhola Das and Sri Kanak Sarma ex-judges Sri Deba Kanta Kakati former Deputy Inspector General of Police and others were among the arrested advocates and lawyers.

The arrested advocates and lawyers were released later at around 2.30 pm.

The Sibsagar Bar Association and the Petition Writer Association observed protest day today by boycotting the court as a mark of protest against atrocities committed to public and advocates. Sri Chandreswar Bhattacharya of Kujibali who was arrested on December 30 last continued his fasting in the jail for more than 90 hours according to our Sibsagar Correspondent.

Our Mangaldoi correspondent adds. The Mangaldoi Bar Association has decided to abstain from attending court on January 7 next in protest against unlawful treatment by the police and CRP to advocates Sri Ajit Borpujari of Sibsagar and Sri Surendra Nath Medhi of Guwahati High Court and many innocent people in villages around Mangaldoi.

Our Nalbari Correspondent adds: The Lawyers Associations Nalbari at a emergent meeting held yesterday condemned the tyranical action by the police and CRP against the innocent public in general including advocates and decided to boycott courts on tomorrow as a mark of protest against such action by the Government.

New Secy Of NEC

From Our Shillong Office

SHILLONG, Jan 7—Sri Gyan Chand, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha has been appointed new Secretary of the North Eastern Council, according to a official source available here today.

The present NEC Secretary, Sri K M Mirani will take over as the Secretary of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of India.

Sri Mirani as the NEC Secretary for last five years was able to project the image of the Council towards dealing with the vital issues concerning the development of the entire North Eastern Region.