

12-Hour Fast By Assam Movement Leaders At Delhi

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From Our Special Representative

NEW DELHI, January 1—The leaders of the AASU and the AAGSP, now here, undertook a 12-hour fast at Boat Club today as a mark of protest against police firing and killing three persons at Dimow yesterday and other atrocities on innocent and unarmed people all over Assam.

The leaders who have been here for nearly ten days now have been meeting Opposition leaders and Press explaining the stand of the Assamese people on the foreign nationals issue. The Press in New Delhi have been giving good coverage. The leaders have also exposed a 'conspiracy' of the Home Ministry officials to scuttle the proposed tripartite talks and suggesting the AASU and the AAGSP leaders that they should have discussions with Sri Krishnaswamy Rao Sahib, Cabinet Secretary. If needed a meeting with the Prime Minister could also be arranged which might render the proposed tripartite talks unnecessary. This has shown the officials in their true colour.

The agitation leaders put up banners at the Boat Club saying 'more repression more the determination' 'stop brutality by police on peaceful agitators' 'Assamese people

celebrate new year with tears and Government celebrate it with blood'

The participants in today's fast were Sri Bhriгу Kumar Phukan, (General Secretary), Sri Arun Sarma, Sri Nurul Hussain and Sri Dwigen Bora (President, Nowgong District Students Union) of the AASU, Sri Biraj Sarma, Sri Arup Bordoloi and Sri Chandra Mohan Patwari, of the AAGSP.

Hour-Long Black Out Today, Protest Day On Jan 4

By A Staff Reporter
GUWAHATI, Jan 1—The All Assam Students Union and the All Assam Gana San gram Parishad at an emergent meeting tonight decided to observe a protest day on January 4 against 'inhuman and barbarous' killings of people in police firings in Nowgong and Darrang district during the 36-hour road blockade movement.

Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta President of AASU and Sri Atul Bora, convener of the AAGSP in a statement urged the traders to close their shops and markets on that day as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

They also appealed to the people of the State to observe a "blackout" by switching off the lights in their houses from dusk to dawn on that day.

They also appealed to the students and people of the State to hoist black flags on all educational institutions and other organisations for a week from tomorrow in protest against the 'Government repression.'

BLACK OUT

Meanwhile, an All Guwahati student's union in a separate statement has said that the executive members of the AGSU will resort to a eight-hour protest hunger strike from 10 am tomorrow at their union office to register their protest against the police-firing.

The AGSU has also appealed to the people of the city to observe an hour's 'Black Out' from 5 pm tomorrow.

AASU's Memorandum To Governor

GUWAHATI, Jan 1 — The All Assam students Union while appealing to the Governor of Assam to apply all his energies and dedication towards finding a just solution to the raging problem, asked him to withdraw all kinds of imperialist impositions on the people of Assam which are patently undemocratic.

In a memorandum submitted on November 28 last, released recently, the AASU President, Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta and the General Secretary Sri Bhriгу Kumar Phukan, alleged that the Governor had become a party in unleashing a reign of terror in the State by misusing the law enforcing agencies over the peaceful citizens.

The memorandum also alleged that during his tenure scores of persons have been maimed, thousands arrested, the press pressurized and the judiciary hounded. The democratic rights of the people have been throttled and even a teenaged student Dhrubajyoti Nath had to lay down his life.

The memorandum said, the failure of the Government to solve the issue cannot be camouflaged by sheer show of force and savage applications thereof in utter disregard of the lawful rights of the citizens.

The memorandum also said the people of Assam fervently hope that the Governor instead of playing the role of a party agent, should in view of the high status of the post he holds, conduct himself in an unbiased way by posting the Union Government with the 'unalloyed' facts and suggesting a remedy in order to find a just solution to the national problem.

4 More Declared Martyrs

By A Staff Reporter
GUWAHATI, Jan. 1—Sri Atul Muktiar, Sri Anukul Kakati, Sri Rupak Nath and Sri Maulit Das, who died in police firing today at Bhakatgaon and Muratetelee have been declared as a martyrs of the movement by the All Assam Student's Union.

In a statement, the AASU said Sri Muktiar, Sri Anukul Kakati, Sri Rupak Nath, Asst. General Secretary of Tezpur Law College and Sri Maulit Das, a student were killed in unprovoked police firing when they along with others were blockading trains, as a part of the 36-hour Path Bandhi programme.

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