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Govt Urged To Withdraw CRPF From Assam

GUWAHATI, Jan. 8--Severe condemnation of the Government's policy of repression in various places of Assam in the wake of the latest phase of the agitation on the foreign nationals issue was expressed in a resolution adopted at a public meeting held here today under the auspices of the Assam Rajyik Freedom Fighters' Association.

The resolution urged the Government to withdraw the CRPF and para-military forces

from Assam in order to create a congenial atmosphere for the ensuing tripartite talks on January 18. The meeting welcomed the Centre's decision to hold the tripartite talks for a satisfactory solution of the problem.

In the resolution the meeting decided to lodge a complaint before the UNO and the Amnesty International about the suppression of civil liberties and democratic rights by wanton use of the CRPF and

other such forces and also by application of the NSA on the workers and leaders of the movement.

The meeting decided to send a deputation to meet the Governor of Assam to appraise him of the disturbing situation in Assam and to urge upon him to withdraw all repressive measures.

Sri John Thomas, a prominent Freedom Fighter, presided over the meeting. Among those who addressed the meet-

ing were Sri Satis Ch. Kakati, Col. U. N. Sarma and Sri Pabindra Nath Sarma.

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Meanwhile, an emergent meeting of the Co-ordination Committee of the Gauhati University Teachers' Association condemned the oppressive measures adopted by the Government against innocent, peace-loving people of Assam for several years now, particularly in the last few weeks.

The committee is shocked to see that the Government of the State, now under President's Rule, has unleashed a reign of terror which has resulted in the loss of several lives and injury to hundreds including women and children, and even the old and the disabled not excluded. For the Assamese people today, there is no assurance of security to their life and limb. The fundamental rights, viz. the freedom of speech, the freedom of movement, and the freedom of association are being denied them. Their women have been humiliated. The arrest and harassment of Sri Bijaya Chakravarty, a lecturer of Mangaldoi College, is violative of all norms of decency and is particularly unfortunate in a country where the Prime Minister is a woman.

The Committee demanded of the Government instant and unconditional release of Srimati Chakravarty, and many others who have in recent days been pushed to the confines of the prison cells for participating in the current movement.