

AASU blockade in protest of Silapathar incident



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Amidst unrest and protest in various parts of [state](#) condemning the unprecedented attack by activists of Nikhil Bharat Bengali Udbastu Sammanay Samiti at AASU's Silapathar regional office, the [Tangla](#) Anchalik Chatra Santha organized a strong protest rally and road blockade programme in the [heart](#) of [Tangla](#) on Wednesday demanding immediate [arrest](#) of the culprits of the Silapathar incident. The protest rally was also joined by activists of [AJYCP](#) and common public of the town. The protesters resorted to burning of tyres and staging road blockade of the Mangaldai-[Bhutiachang](#) Road for nearly two hours. The traffic and [normal](#) life was completely brought to a halt.

Jayanta Kr. Bhattacharya Assistant General Secretary AASU addressing the protest condemned the ransacking of the AASU office at Silapathar in Dhemaji district in strongest term and said that the incident was a reminder for the unification of the [indigenous](#) sons of the soil [against](#) external forces.

"We will not let the sacrifice of 855 martyrs of the Assam Movement go in vain. The historic Assam [Accord](#) should be implemented in letter and spirit ",

said Jayanta Kr. Bhattacharya.

Bhattacharya exhorted the Sarbananda Sonowal led [state](#) government to work for the protection and interest of its indigenous people.

He also lambasted the governments in the [state](#) and the centre for showing laxity towards the issue of illegal immigrants.

Saiful Haque activist of AASU said the [student](#) body would not rest until the [state](#) was freed from illegal immigrants and supremacy of the [indigenous](#) people of the [state](#) was ensured. Haque also said the attack on the [indigenous](#) people and their institution was not tolerable and the Silapathar incident had indicated the threat towards the [indigenous](#) people of the State.

He further said that the people of Assam should take the Silapathar incident [as](#) a lesson and must be united to stand [against](#) the Bangladeshi [influx](#), whether [Hindus](#) or [Muslims](#).

Amidst a large gathering, the protestors also burnt the effigy of Subodh Biswash, president of NBBUSS and alleged perpetrator of Silapathar incident. The protest rally was peacefully ended and no untoward incident was reported.

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