

AGP vows to stop Halliburton entry



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The Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) has urged the Centre to prevent the entry of Halliburton to explore oil and natural gas in Assam.

Talking to the reporters here on Sunday, the party president Brindabon Goswami says the entry of the US Company will spell doom for the north eastern region. He said that a controversial company is making its entry into the region and it should be stopped immediately.

Urging Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to intervene to halt the ONGC's move to give access to the US oil company into the North-east, he says he is afraid that there may be a secret deal between some Indian politician and the US Company.

According to Mr Goswami, non-resident Assamese people are also not happy with the move and he has vowed to hold talks with other political parties and organizations to stop the move.

Notably, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has decided to bring in Halliburton for oil drilling operations in the north eastern region as part of its proposed Rs 90 billion investment in oil and gas projects.

Halliburton had come under heavy criticism for its part in the Iraq war, where it was entrusted with oil fields and providing logistic support to the US Army

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