

Former rebels end Ledo blockade, colleagues freed



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The former [ULFA](#) rebels have ended the road blockade in [Ledo](#) after the authority released six of their colleagues who were detained for setting afire three [huts](#) in Maplang Khamti village. But Colonel Gogoi, who set on fire the houses has yet to be freed.

Earlier, tension refuses to die down in [Tinsukia](#) after a [group](#) of former [ULFA](#) rebels set on fire three [huts](#) belonging to the suspected illegal settlers in [Ledo](#) area on Sunday.

Dozens of former rebels have blocked the [National](#) Highway No 38 in [Ledo](#) demanding immediate and unconditional release of their seven colleagues who allegedly set afire the [huts](#) after the suspected immigrants who lived in managed to flee from Maplang Khamti village beside the river Burhidihing.

They said that they won't withdraw the blockade at a stone's throw distance from the [Ledo](#) outpost only after the release of Jiten Dutta and Colonel Gogoi.

But the administration has yet to clear its position [over](#) the logjam resulting in a huge traffic snarl in Margherita.

The incident took place early in the morning when seven former rebels from thr designated camps took the [lead](#) of the mob who set on fire three houses allegedly occupied by illegal settlers who vanished before the incident.

Local residents said these families were under scanner of the administration as the preparations were on to evict them on thr basis of their [documents](#).

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