

## JFA demands probe into Agartala killings



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Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) has expressed deepest shock at the incident of an attack on a local media house in Agartala today afternoon, where there people including a working journalist lost their lives.

In a statement issued by JFA president Rupam Barua and its secretary Nava Thakuria, the forum has urged Tripura chief minister Manik Sarkar to probe into the incident and compensate adequately the victim families.

The PTI reported that 'three employees of a local Bengali daily were stabbed to death inside its office by two unidentified assailants in Agartala today'. Quoting the police, the agency reported, "The motorcycle-borne assailants barged into the office of 'Dainik Ganadoot' at the Palace Compound at about 3 PM and stabbed a proof reader and a driver on the ground floor before proceeding to the first floor where they stabbed the office manager."

The three men, who were knifed and later declared brought dead to the hospital, have been identified as proof reader Sujit Bhattacharya (32), office driver Balaram Ghosh (40) and office manager Ranjit Chowdhury (60).

The JFA asserted that in any situation the attack on a newspaper house will not be tolerated and extended all possible help and cooperation to the media fraternity of Tripura in the next course of actions with the demand for justice.

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