

JFA Urges Unity Amidst Verbal Attacks on Journalists: Calls for Media Solidarity and Integrity



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Guwahati: The Journalists' Forum Assam (JFA) has voiced its deep concern regarding the recent surge in verbal assaults on journalists by various individuals. In response, the forum calls upon the State's media community to stand united in the face of adversity. In a released statement, the forum highlighted the disparaging remarks made by AIUDF chief Badruddin Ajmal towards video journalists, where he suggested that they should face physical violence.

“While we vehemently denounce Ajmal's stance and urge for appropriate actions against the politician, we implore media professionals to demonstrate unity, integrity, and professionalism in their workplaces,” remarked JFA president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria. They further stressed on the importance of news channels' management stepping up to defend their employees during such challenging situations.

Additionally, the forum noted the public allegations made by Assamese entrepreneur turned film producer Luit Kumar Barman. Barman publicly accused a few city-based television journalists of benefiting from a Rs 260 crore NRC Assam updation scam, where Barman is a legal complainant. The forum urged the proprietors and editors of news channels to individually clarify that none of their journalists were involved in the alleged scam. Failure to do so might lead the audience to perceive the media community as corrupt, concluded the statement.

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