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### Kokrajhar rape rattles New Delhi



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Hundreds of activists and students from the north east staged dharna in front of Assam Bhawan in New Delhi ([/taxonomy/term/1868](#)) on Wednesday in protest against ([/taxonomy/term/1929](#)) the recent gangrape of a woman in Kokrajhar district.

Under the banner of North-East Forum for International Solidarity (NEFIS), the protestors condemned the brutal gang rape of a pregnant woman by the two army jawans. NEFISdemands immediate arrest ([/taxonomy/term/1733](#)) of the army personnel who raped the woman.

Eminent activist Maya John of Centre for Struggling Women also joined the protest and pointed out the role of “AFSPA (/taxonomy/term/1620) (Armed Forces Special Powers Act (/taxonomy/term/1974))” in granting impunity to the Armed forces personnel who have been abusing the people of North-East including Assam, who have faced various forms of repression in the past.

Among which women are the most vulnerable victims (/taxonomy/term/1810), facing brutal exploitation such as (/taxonomy/term/2291) rape. It is to be noted that AFSPA (/taxonomy/term/1620) (Armed Forces Special Powers Act (/taxonomy/term/1974)) is imposed in various districts of Assam under which Army officers have legal immunity for their actions.

There are serious chances of putting even this rape case under the carpet as (/taxonomy/term/2291) done earlier. Police cannot take any action against (/taxonomy/term/1929) the perpetrators unless the Home (/taxonomy/term/1757) Ministry gives permission for the same. Such provisions clearly stand against (/taxonomy/term/1929) common masses as (/taxonomy/term/2291) such cases are gross violation of human rights (/taxonomy/term/1990) and justice.

NEFIS will take the issue further in the coming days if the government does not immediately arrest (/taxonomy/term/1733) the perpetrators and takes action against (/taxonomy/term/1929) them, said Hem Chandra Brahma.



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