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ULFA(I) lashes out at Ravi Shankar



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The United Liberation Front of Asom (I) had strongly criticized Ravi Shankar a day after the spiritual leader ([/taxonomy/term/1820](#)) urged the north eastern rebels to shun the path of violence and offered to broker peace between the rebels and the government. In a hard hitting statement, ULFA ([/taxonomy/term/124](#))(I) military head Paresh Baruah said he and his organization won't buy the word rehabilitation and that ULFA ([/taxonomy/term/124](#))(I) would continue the struggle till it achieved the goal. We are leaving for our visitors the full text of the letter.

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To

*Mr. Ravi Shankar
Spiritual Leader of India (/taxonomy/term/2367)*

Your holiness Ravi Shankar,

Respected Spiritual Leader of India (/taxonomy/term/2367) Mr. Ravi Shankar on behalf of United Liberation Front of Asom [ULFA (/taxonomy/term/124)-Independent], I would like to address the issues you have discussed during your press briefing. Firstly the independence of sovereign Asom is the birth right of all indigenous (/taxonomy/term/2124) people. A few terms you used in your briefing deeply offended our ideologies.

First of all word 'rehabilitation' is strong word to use against our ideologies and principles. Our arms struggle for a sovereign Assam does not need any form of rehabilitation, demanding our mother land which was forcefully occupied by Indian colonists is not an illness or a crime. We have repeatedly shared our concerns about your proposal of peace talks, we released multiple statements stating that we do not want to participate in any forms of peace talks unless the government of India (/taxonomy/term/2367) is willing to take the independence of Assam into consideration and practice it in their constitution.

You have repeatedly asked us to join in the false, biased and ridiculous peace talks held by the Indian government. We would like decline your request again to join the ‘mainstream’ peace talks because we only follow (/taxonomy/term/2296) the revolutionary stream that will lead (/taxonomy/term/1657) to an Independent Asom.

You have raised concerns over (/taxonomy/term/2166) our arms struggle, we have picked up arms in order to protect ourselves not to threaten any individual or sovereign nation. Our struggles would not have gained recognition from the colonial government of India (/taxonomy/term/2367) or the world if we did not pick up arms for the independence of mother Asom. Our struggles will continue until our ultimate goal is achieved, I urge you not to ask us to lay down our arms in hope of your empty promises. I suggest you to stick to your pretentious religion and let us continue our journey to freedom. I wish you a wealthy, healthy and a very peaceful life.

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