

Awareness meeting on witch hunting



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A social awareness campaign [against](#) the killing of innocent people on the suspicious of witchcraft practice was held on Thursday among the villagers at East Maligaon in Kokrajhar, where Ashinta Basumatary, a college [student](#) was killed allegedly after his family members were suspected of practicing black magic.

It was organised by the All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) in association with Kokrajhar district administration, the meeting was attended by Kokrajhar Deputy Commissioner [Madhav](#) Prasad Sarma, Kokrajhar Superintendent of Police Shyamal Prasad Saikia, members from ABSU, Bodo Samaj, NGOs and locals.

Sarma, in his speech said killing of innocent people in the name of witch hunting is never justified. He said the law is tough [against](#) the people indulging in such practice. He said a person will get minimum 3 years in jail if he/she calls anyone a witch.

Saikia, Kokrajhar SP said those involved in the killing of innocent people in the name of witch-hunt will not be spared. He said those involved in the killing of college [student](#) Ashinta Basumatary in the name of witch hunting will be arrested and punished [as](#) per law. He said that government has been taking stern action [against](#) the situations. 'We must [stop](#) suspecting and indulging of jealousy feeling to creating congenial moment among human society so that the situation could be stopped in near future', Sarma said.

The All Bodo Students and members of various NGOs calls for tough action [against](#) the people involved in superstitious belief of witch hunt. It called upon the police administration to [arrest](#) the culprits involved in the killing.

Digambar [Narzary](#), [NGO](#) activist said that killing of innocent people is very serious situation. We should not be allowed to [kill](#) any person in the name of witch craft among society. We must [stop](#) belief of witch craft.

‘There is no longer of witch craft in the society, whatever happen among human society, the judiciary will take its course’, [Narzary](#) said.

Ashinta Basumatary alias Ola, a BA 4 Semester [student](#) at [UN](#) Brahma College, Kajalgaon in Chirang was forcefully taken away and killed on 22 April. His body was recovered from the bank of the Samokha river near Badrampur village in Kokrajhar on May 1 last. Ashinta family were accused of practicing black magic. Ashinta’s mother Gajirai was accused of being a witch five years back after the death of her husband. and forced to leave her house last December. She has since been living at her parents house at Soulmari in [Gossaigaon](#) subdivision.

Police have so far arrested three persons in this connection. Five main accused-Thobra [Narzary](#), Gobinda Basumatary, Elen [Narzary](#), Borai Basumatary and Sontola Basumatary in the FIR are still on run.



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