

Bandh over border move



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The All [Manipur](#) Border Area [Development](#) Association (AMBADA), [Churachandpur](#) has on Friday threatened to call a 48-hour hill areas [bandh](#) from midnight of August 31 to protest the [Manipur](#) Cabinet resolution of July 14, 2017 regarding implementation of Border Area [Development](#) Programme (BADP) in the [state](#) allegedly against the Centre's guidelines.

AMBADA submitted a memorandum to the Secretary, Department of Border Management, Ministry of [Home](#) Affairs seeking redressal against the move by the [state](#) government.

It urged the department for cancellation of the [Manipur](#) Cabinet Meeting Resolution-IV dated 14 July, 2017, saying the resolution is against the Centre's guidelines and [rights](#) of the land owners.

As per the Cabinet decision, scheme costing upto Rs 5 lakh (in place of existing Rs 20 lakh in general) only may be taken up by the village authority, the memorandum mentioned.

It said this decision is directly or indirectly suppressing the right, power and function of the village chief and tribal customary law.

“It’s against the guidelines of BADP given for 17 states of [India](#), including [Manipur](#). The Cabinet adopted the decision without consulting the stakeholders,” the memorandum said.

In the meantime, the AMBADA in a meeting today resolved to impose hill districts [bandh](#) with effect from midnight of August 31 till midnight of August 2, a statement said.

It said the [bandh](#) strategy and future course of action will be discussed in a meeting of all village chiefs/ headmen to be held on August 29 at the Tangkhul Avenue, [Imphal](#) community hall.

The association said United Naga Council (UNC), Kuki Inpi [Manipur](#) (KIM), Kuki Students’ Organisation (KSO), All Naga Students’ Association [Manipur](#) (ANSAM) and All [Tribal](#) Students’ Union [Manipur](#) ([ATSUM](#)) would be consulted by the AMBADA central committee with regard to the proposed protest.

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