

Bangla daily closing



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After Sokal Bela, yet another Bangla daily is closing. Its none other than Sangbad Lohori which is set to wrap up its existence from April 1.

But the employees are at their wit's end as soon as they received the notification by the management. Employees told Assam Times that they got to know the closure move through the notification bearing No Ref no ST/63/14, dated 26 March 2014). The management, however, offered a month's salary to its employees as a token of support to them. But that's too inadequate.

The employees have appealed to the management to reconsider its decision. But there is hardly any hope. The federation also urged Assam chief minister Tarun Gogoi and Meghalaya chief minister Dr Mukul Sangma to pursue with the management of the daily to continue its publication.

AAMEF president said, "otherwise, the management should offer at least five months' salary to its employees with other due legal benefits." Journalists' Forum Assam as also appealed to all the media organisations to raise voices against the closure notice of Sangbad Lahari's management.

"A protest demonstration is organised in front of Guwahati Press Club on Sunday. "We request the journalist and non-journalist media employees of the city to join the demonstration as a mark of solidarity to the affected newspaper workers," said Rupam Barua, president of JFA.

AAMEF and JFA also reiterated their demand for a social media audit of the concerned newspaper house, as its management has shown the acute financial crisis as the reason behind the closure notice.

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