

BJP draws flak over land deal somersault



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After months of intense debate and [controversy](#), BJP has cleared the decks for the Indo-Bangla land swap [deal](#) in its original format triggering a massive protest across the state. State BJP [leaders](#) have blamed it all on the erstwhile [Congress](#)-led government after the central leadership apprised them of the position at a crucial meeting in [New Delhi](#) on Monday.

“We don’t want Assam to give even an inch of land to Bangladesh. Since it was signed by the erstwhile NDA government we can’t change the format. Even if want we don’t have number in [Parliament](#). Had [Congress](#) supported us we won’t have done it,” said state president Siddharth Bhattachaya.

“It sounds strange. The BJP which has been trying to woo the people opposing the [deal](#) so long is set to support in [Parliament](#)? That too two days after the cabinet decided to exempt Assam. We doubt BJP’s intension,” said an AGP [leader](#). He said that [Congress](#) and BJP are two sides of a coin.

AASU [leaders](#) are equally angry with the Narendra Modi government. Talking to Assam Times over telephone, AASU [leaders](#) called the Modi government a big betrayer.

“How the party decided to support the bill hardly 48 hours after the cabinet removed Assam from the purview of the land swap [deal](#)? We won’t allow it to happen,” said AASU [leaders](#) saying that a massive movement is the only option before the people.

Same anger is seen in Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad. [AJYCP leaders](#) told Assam Times that they won’t sit idle. “We will prevent the Centre from implementing the [deal](#). We will [fight](#),” they rued.

Notably, [New Delhi](#) and Dhaka struck the [deal](#) when the UPA was in power. Then BJP maintained a studied silence. In his poll rally, Narendra Modi flayed the UPA government for striking the [deal](#) without honouring the sentiments of the people.

During his maiden visit as prime minister Modi started advocating the [deal](#) saying that it would help the state check infiltration from across the border.

On May [2](#), the Union cabinet exempted Assam from the purview of the [deal](#) much to a major relief for lakhs of people. Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the Modi government was honouring the sentiments of the people.

Two days after on May 4, party president Amit Shah invited BJP [MPs](#) and state president Siddharth Bhattacharya and apprised them of no option but to support the [deal](#) citing lack of numbers in the Rajya Sabha.

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