

BTAD bandh keeps Udalguri tense



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The 24-hour [bandh](#) in BTAD districts called jointly by All Santhali Students Union, AAGSU, Nath Jogi students Union, AKRSU opposing the land [rights](#) decision on the non-tribal people in BTC brought [normal](#) life to a standstill in various parts of [Udalguri](#) district on Tuesday.

The strike paralysed [normal](#) life with business establishment,government,private offices, markets and shops remaining down shutter.The major townships of the district including Kalaigaon,[Tangla](#),[Mazbat](#),Rowta,[Harisinga](#) [Mazbat](#) evoked full response.The [bandh](#) supporters burned tyres to mark their protest in many places of including [Dimakuchi](#),Khoirabari,Panery.

The supporters also resorted to hooliganism and engaged in brawl with activists of All Bodo Students Union(ABSU) [Dimakuchi](#) injuring three persons following which 11 youths were picked up by [Dimakuchi](#) police.A [group](#) of protestors including women also gheraoed [Dimakuchi](#) police station demanding release of the youths.

Police sources revealed that 8 youths were booked under relevant sections of IPC and forwarded to judicial custody and 3 are being interrogated.

The issue of land [rights](#) in BTAD surfaced after BTC executive council on January 12 this year had unanimously decided that no tribal or non-tribal could sell his/her land to any non-tribal in the BTC area without the permission of the BTC authority. It also decided that protected class of people as defined in Chapter [X](#) of Assam Land Revenue Regulation, 1886, such as Santhal, Koch Rajbongshi, Nath Yogis, among others, would be considered as non-tribals in the BTC area.

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