

Prominent Businessman Professionals supports ULFA



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Guwahati: A police report on Ulfa's support base in the Assam capital names four prominent businessmen and some professionals among the militant group's most ardent sympathisers and helpers. An official source said today that all the names mentioned in the report have at some time or the other acted as Ulfa conduits or "rendered their services" to the outfit. The police are trying to ascertain whether any of the four businessmen had a role to play in the chain of blasts in the city's business hub over the past month. What has already been confirmed is that the quartet has long been helping Ulfa replenish its coffers. Top police officials handed the report to Governor Ajai Singh earlier this week and discussed how to go about launching a crackdown on these Ulfa supporters. Confirming it, a Raj Bhavan source said the police would compile "activity reports" on each of the suspects within a month. "We are keeping tabs on them and gathering more information about their links with the outfit. We will take action against them only with proof that will stand the test. We suspect they have political connections, too, which they could use to wriggle out of trouble," a police officer said.

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