

Silent rally at Jantar Mantar



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The vigilant and concerned Assamese residents of Delhi belonging to all the ethnic groups, associations, student organizations currently residing in the National Capital Region of Delhi, have congregated at the historic 'Jantar Mantar' to mark their protest against the recent barbaric serial bomb blasts in Assam.

The serial bomb blasts on that black Thursday of 30th October, 08 rocked Assam, killing about 100 innocent people and injuring about another 400. This has shattered the confidence of common man on the ability of the state machinery to provide them the minimum security, and

safety. The perpetrators have struck with impunity and at will.

The rallyists came from all walks of life and prayed in silence for two minutes for the bomb victims before starting the rally. The silent rally started from Kerala House on the Jantar Mantar Road and took a turn from Jai Singh Road police point to end again at Kerala House. Banners, placards did the speaking. About 500 people took part, despite being on a Sunday and also some very high profile events taking place in the vicinity.

Three memorandums were submitted each to the President of India, the Prime Minister and Home Minister registering protest on the recent serial blasts in Assam and to show solidarity with blast victims. The participating organizations were Assam Associations of Delhi, Gurgaon and Faridabad; North East Students of JNU, DU and other colleges; Assamese Students Association of Delhi, Delhi Bodo Association, Karbi Association, Shristi, Luitporia, Uruli and many individuals in their own capacity.

They condemned these terrorist attacks and urged vide this memorandum to fulfill the duties of the government and to initiate immediate necessary steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents in the state again and impressed upon to take necessary steps to compensate the families of all the demised persons with sufficient monetary help as well as with means of survival in the future. They also urged the Government to bear all the expenses for the treatment of the wounded and provide employment to all those who have become permanently disabled.

It was further urged to provide adequate protection to all the residents of Assam by inducing strict security and continued vigil all through out the state. Further it was demanded that to seal the border with

Bangladesh immediately with proper barbed fences and initiate discussion with the Bangladesh Government to stop influx of Bangladeshis, activists of religious fundamentalist groups. People demanded initiate immediate dialogue with all insurgent / militant groups of the region to end the atmosphere of violence and uncertainty. Lastly the memorandum called for show of commitment and Implementation Assam Accord with sincerity.

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