

'Stop order' brews resentment



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Rongson [Das](#) is disappointed on the day of Magh Bihu. The local resident of Aahotguri area in [Morigaon](#) district spared no pain to train up his buffalo to be fielded in the [fight](#) on Thursday. Till Tuesday he was confident that his [animal](#) would steal the show. But the things have taken an unexpected turn. There would no buffalo [fight](#) this time. The Assam Government has restricted the game scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

"I am totally disappointed. What I left undone to help my [animal](#) win this time. But of no avail. Today I am not joining the festival when I got the details of the government instruction," the 50 year old told Assam Times.

Same it is in the case of Bihuwa Kalita whose buffalo was well prepared to give a brave [fight against](#) the opponent in Aahotguri field on Friday. For the last one month he left no stone unturned to help his domestic [animal](#) win the battle. But only to be disappointed.

“The government announcement is a bolt from the blue for me as soon as I got to learn it. Initially, I could not believe it. But later I got the confirmation. I am offended. Why these people in Dispur are disrupting us. Let us live in peace,” the 60 year old local resident of Raha told Assam Times.

Similar disappointment is noticed from a section of the people in Sivasagar, Jorhat and Golaghat districts where the traditional buffalo fights won't take place this time.

Voices of resentment are also pouring in from [Hajo](#) area where bulbul fights were scheduled to take place on Thursday and Friday.

“We have been imparting [training](#) to the birds for the last 15 days. We have been feeding the birds. It is our age old tradition. Why the government need to interfere in it,” said Ratan [Das](#) a local resident of [Hajo](#) who was prepared to field his bird in the [fight](#).

Talking to Assam Times the organizers called the decision an unfortunate but in the same breath they said the government order would have to be followed. Acting on a Supreme Court order, the Assam Government on Wednesday restricted buffalo and bulbul fights on the occasion of magh bihu. The government has sent a set of guidelines to the district authorities to ensure that no [fight](#) of bird and [animal](#) is allowed to take place which means inflicting torture on bulbul and buffalo.

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