

The great somersault!



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Once again BJP's somersault is on the display over the Indo-Bangladesh land swap [deal](#). The party's central leadership, virtually, accepted the [deal](#) hardly a week after the cabinet exempted Assam from its purview.

The party gave the [green](#) signal to the [deal](#) with Bangladesh citing stiff opposition from [Congress](#) when the central leadership hunkered down at Amit Shah's residence in [New Delhi](#) on Monday evening.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, state unit president Siddarth Bhattacharya admitted that the bill is unlikely to be stopped if [Congress](#) refuses to bend.

"We don't want this bill to be finalized for the greater interest of Assam. We don't want Assam to surrender even an inch of land before Bangladesh. But we have seen that the [Congress](#) did it several years back and that's why, if [Congress](#) does not support us the bill will hardly change," said Bhattacharya.

[MPs](#) Ramen Deka, Kamakhya Prasad Tasa were among the [leaders](#) who attended the crucial [2](#) hour long meeting in the evening.

Notably, on May 1 the Union cabinet which took place under prime minister Narendra Modi dropped Assam from the controversial land swap [deal](#) to be opposed by [Congress](#).

Then political observers called it yet another step to escape the heat of the land [deal](#) swap which the party accepted initially.

In his recent letter Chief minister Tarun Gogoi urged prime minister Narendra Modi to give a second thought alleging that it would do more harm than good. He said that the government would find it difficult to complete the border fencing if the [deal](#) is not allowed to implement.

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