

The ULFA confusion



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Everything seems to be utter confusion. If you call it a mystery, nobody can easily crack it and will not be able to do so. ULFA chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa, Pradip Gogoi, Mithinga Daimary et al are preparing the massive blueprint to be guided by Jatita Abhibartan leader Dr Hiren Gohain and government interlocutor P C Halder. Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi is waiting to give the political touch and to extract electoral mileage thereof.

The things are understood to have moved in right direction. The process touches touches even a few elusive hardcore aides of commander in chief Paresh Baruah. They include 709 battalion commander Hira Sarania. Hira aided and guided by the jailed top guns has been coordinating the entire process. The huge blueprint came to light when around 19 ULFA topguns and their family members shifted to Assam without the knowledge of Paresh Baruah. They include Anu Buragohain, Bhaity Baruah, Biju Deka. With active but tacit support from BSF and Assam police, they sneaked in to Assam from across the Indo-Bangla border. Later, they stormed into Nalbari and Barama areas very recently.

Army's Dogra regiment is providing them security in the lower Assam areas. In bid to cover up the blueprint Anu Buragohain said they have only shifted the camp for security reasons. But it fails to buy any support. Chief minister Tarun Gogoi reads it a positive sign while Asom Jatiyo Abhibarton chief convener Dr Hiren Gohain said they have come only after the appeal of the central leadership. What makes out assessment very clear is the sudden visit of government interlocutor PC Halder who visited Rajkhowa on Monday inside the Guwahati Central Jail.

In yet another development, a 20 member team of the outfit's 28th battalion have sneaked into upper Assam from across the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh inter state border. The purpose is understood to be same: they want Rajkhowa to follow. With this, Paresh Baruah remains with only Jibon Moran, Antu Chaudang, Bijoy Chinse. Nobody knows when they would do an Anu. But Barua is still firm. He will carry forward the struggle. But for whom? Has he ever tried to know how many people have sent him to the jungle to fetch an independent Assam?

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