

Violence mars Arunachal Pradesh bandh



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An orgy of violence marred the 12 hour [Arunachal](#) Pradesh on Tuesday called in protest against the Centre's move to accord citizenship to the [Chakma](#) and Hajong [refugees](#) in the north eastern [state](#).

Tension started escalating in the capital city of [Itanagar](#) where a section of the [bandh](#) supporters vandalized the [state](#) BJP office apart from setting afire a few vehicles on the [roads](#). At least four vehicles, including a [state](#) transport corporation bus were set on fire.

Normal life remained heavily disrupted under the impact of the [bandh](#) called by the All [Arunachal](#) Pradesh Students' Union ([AAPSU](#)) supported by all tribal students unions across the north eastern [state](#).

Roads from early in the morning wore a desert look. Shops and markets, schools and colleges, banks and offices remained closed while security forces were deployed in the public places to [deal](#) with the orgy of violence.

Talking to Assam Times, AAPS [leaders](#) said, “Our message is simple and clear. The [indigenous](#) lot will never tolerate arbitrary decisions of the centre. Beyond [doubt](#) the move would could change demography.”

Another [bandh](#) supporter said, “we are facing the threat of being outnumbered by [refugees](#) in certain areas, we are fully prepared to make Delhi realise the [rights](#) of the [indigenous](#).”

The Centre cleared its position in the light of the Supreme Court order a couple of days. Union minister for home Kiren Rijiju who himself hails from the [state](#) tried to convince the people that the move won’t dilute the [indigenous rights](#) since the new citizens won’t have the land [rights](#).

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