

Violence mars BTAD bandh



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Kokrajhar district saw a mar of violence during the 12-hours BTAD [bandh](#) called by [Adivasi National](#) Convention Committee (ANCC), demanding Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) status and solving of issues of [Adivasi](#) communities in the [state](#) on Friday.

Bandh supporters of [Adivasi National](#) Convention Committee, an umbrella organization of [Adivasi](#) militant outfits, who are ceasefire with government today burnt forest nursery office at Shiljan and Dholmara beat office under Nayekgaon Range office in Kokrajhar district. A [group](#) of [10-12 Adivasi](#) peoples come with toroal, [lathi](#) at forest nursery office and torched after vandalized with attack.

Damages included a [bike](#), bicycle, official [documents](#) and needy materials. They also warned office staff to attack if they intimate any one about incident. Bandh supporters also attack at Dholmarara forest beat office in the morning.

Bandh supporters burnt down five Dumper [vehicle](#) at Bhumka road and two tempo vehicles at Satyapur under [Gossaigaon](#) PS on the day.

The [bandh](#) was started from 5 am,demanded early granting of [ST](#) status to [Adivasi community](#),solution of [Adivasi](#) ceasefire militant problems and [stop](#) repeatedly eviction of [Adivasi](#) peoples along the forest area in the region. Fakruddin Ahmed, Nayekgaon Forest Range officer told that [Adivasi](#) peoples attacked forest nursery office and torched.He termed the incident was condemned and unwanted [as](#) forest office met of ashes today.

Forest staffs, who witnessed the incident, told that the [Adivasi](#) peoples come with toroal and [lathi](#) and then set afire the forest nursery office.

“[Adivasi](#) peoples come with toroal, [lathi](#) and attacked besides set afire in the early morning. They attacked our office with destroy of materials”, Ahmed said.

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