

Witch hunting: Kakopothar still tense



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Tension still is simmering in [Kakopothar](#) with hundreds of villagers looking for three women whom they beat up alleging witchery three days back. Defying policemen on the National Highway 52, local residents in large number are coming out seeking the women in their custody holding them responsible for the death of the teen ager.

Senior district administration officials are also trying to pacify the people saying that the boy died of liver infection because of delayed treatment. But the agitators have refused to read the [Tinsukia](#) district administration. Apprehending mob violence, security forces are patrolling in the entire area trying to keep the people off from the road.

As soon the news of the death of the boy spread like wildfire on Saturday, the local residents blocked the national highway seeking the custody of the three women whom police handed over to their relative after the rescue. Despite repeated appeal, they did not clear the road forcing them to resort to lathicharge to disperse the mob on Saturday.

On Wednesday night the villagers confined the three women inside a house and beat up alleging witchery. They further threaten the women to set on fire if the boy does not recover. Later [Kakopothar](#) police [rescued](#) them and sent to their homes.

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