

Witch-hunting rattles Kokrajhar; 2 killed



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Yet another witch-hunting incident sends no less shock and anger across the state where villagers in Kokrajhar district killed a couple on Monday wee hours. Police, however, arrested three persons in this connection. The incident took place at No [2](#) Pulkumari village under [Gossaigaon](#) police station where the villagers held a meeting and killed Som Murmu with his wife Fulmani Mardi alleging witchery.

The couple identified were killed late last night at No.[2](#) Pulkumari village under [Gossaigaon](#) police station on suspect of black magic. Police on Monday arrested Hasda, Kistu Besra and Tala Murmu and interrogation is going on.

The incident took place fifteen days after two incidents shocked the entire state. The first incident took place in Karbi Anglong district where villagers tied and tortured a national level athletic [Debojani Bora](#) inside a community prayer hall.

On Thursday people in a remote village in [Kakopothar](#) tortured three women holding them responsible for the ailment of a teen aged body who later died at the Assam Medical College in Dibrugarh.

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KOKRAJHAR, September 22, 2026 — The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) on Tuesday burnt copies of a book titled *Hamkoshar Parishista* during protests held at several locations across Assam, including Gauhati University, objecting to what it described as the use of the Assamese script to represent the Bodo language.

Hamkoshar Parishista is a multilingual appendix containing learning resources for indigenous languages of Assam, including Bodo, Rabha, Mising and Karbi.

During the protests, ABSU members alleged that Bodo has been represented in the publication using the Assamese script instead of Devanagari, the script used for Bodo.

The organisation asserted that Bodo is recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India and is an Associate Official Language of Assam. ABSU demanded that Bodo be represented in its recognised script in educational and learning resources.

ABSU president Khwrmmdao Wary said the use of the Assamese script to represent Bodo in the publication was disrespectful to the Bodo language and literature.

He said Bodo is an Associate Official Language of Assam and a language recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Wary demanded the immediate withdrawal of the publication in its present form and called for the use of the Devanagari script for Bodo in the book.



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