

# ETHNIC GROUP SLAMS BID TO NOTIFY THEM AS INDIGENOUS ASSAMESE MUSLIMS

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A mostly Muslim ethnic group has slammed the BJP-led Assam government's decision to notify Assamese Muslims as a distinct indigenous community. The move, based on the recommendations of a panel that the State government set up in July 2021, seeks to identify a section of the Assamese by their religion and not by their ethnicity, the Sadou Asom Gorias Jatiya Parishad (SAGJP) said on Wednesday. These communities have been classified according to those Muslims, who have either settled down in Assam or converted from other communities since the 13th century.

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