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**KEJRI UNDER
HOUSE ARREST?**

New Delhi: The ruling AAP on Tuesday charged that the police had put Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal under house arrest after he met farmers at the Singhu border, but the police rubbished the allegation. "If I wasn't stopped, I would have gone and supported farmers in their Bharat Bandh call," Kejriwal later said



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Put under house arrest for supporting farmers, claims Kejriwal; police say no

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DELHI CM Arvind Kejriwal alleged on Tuesday that he had been placed under 'house arrest' to prevent him from visiting the main protest site to show solidarity with the agitating farmers, a claim emphatically denied by Delhi Police.

Drama ensued as Kejriwal's cabinet minister and AAP MLAs and workers gathered outside his house in the morning and were stopped by the heavy police force present there, who had barricaded the

main entrance. Agitated AAP workers started sloganeering and staged a sit-in protest. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia led the charge against the police, accusing them of converting the CM's residence into a prison.

The police, however, claimed the road leading to Kejriwal's residence was barricaded to avoid any clash between AAP leaders and the BJP workers and three mayors who had already been on a sit-in protest at the main gate since Monday night. "This claim of CM Delhi being put on house arrest is

false and baseless." DCP, North Delhi, tweeted.

After hours of drama, the AAP leaders were allowed to meet the Delhi chief minister.

Addressed his party workers, Kejriwal said the Centre tried its best to ensure he does not step out. "The Bharat bandh was very successful. I also planned to visit the protest site to show my support as a common man, but they got to know about my plan and did not let me go. But I prayed for a successful protest from my home," the AAP convener said.