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BSY, state leaders slam Uddhav

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Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday lashed out at his Maharashtra counterpart Uddhav Thackeray for raking up the border issue between the two states.

Leaders cutting across party lines, including Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy, also condemned Thackeray's remark of integrating "Karnataka-occupied" areas with Maharashtra, while Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan asked the Congress to withdraw its support to the Thackeray government.

His comments were contrary to the principles of the



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Indian Union and an attempt to disturb the harmonious relationship between Kannada and Marathi-speaking population in both the states, the CM said on Twitter.

"Maharashtra Chief Minister Sri Uddhav Thackeray's statement raking up the border issue in the name of Mar-

athi language and culture is unwarranted and goes against the federal structure of the nation. Mahajan Commission report on this matter is final," Yediyurappa said.

"The Mahajan report is final and border disputes are settled. We will not provide even an inch of land to Maharashtra. But, Maharashtra should legitimately hand over Kannada-speaking areas of Solapur and Sangli to Karnataka," Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

Siddaramaiah warned Uddhav against instigating people over an issue which was already resolved, while Kumaraswamy said his comments echoed the expansionist policies of China.