

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE
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Press Release : Operation "PRAHAR"

Special Anti Maoist Ops named "PRAHAR" was carried out w.e.f. from 23rd June to 26th June after getting intelligence of presence of senior Naxal Leaders in the general area of TONDA MARKA and BADE KEDWAL, by the teams of 201 CoBRA, 206 CoBRA, 208 CoBRA, 74 Bn, CRPF, 150 Bn, CRPF, DRG (District Reserve Guard) and STF in Jordanmka Nala under PS Chintagufa, Sukma said to be "capital of Maoists and the Headquarters of the Military Battalion number one headed by HIDMA in Bastar Region. The main target of the operation "PRAHAR" was south Sukma, being ops area of Maoists Military Battalion. Ops was started on 23rd June and on 24th June at around 0900 Hrs encounter took place between joint troops and Naxals near TONDAMARKA, where troops were fired upon by Naxals & which was retaliated effectively. Same day at 1630 Hrs an encounter took place between STF/DRG with Naxals in which 05 DRG personnel sustained injuries and were evacuated safely through Chopper. Again at 1825 Hrs an encounter took place between joint troops & Naxals & during heavy exchange of fire 03 DRG personnel got martyred and Naxals also suffered a heavy loss, believed to be killed at least 10-15 Naxals. After encounter search ops was launched in which 01 Dead body of Naxal along with 01 SLR 15 rounds, 02 Magazines and some camping items were recovered from the incident sites.

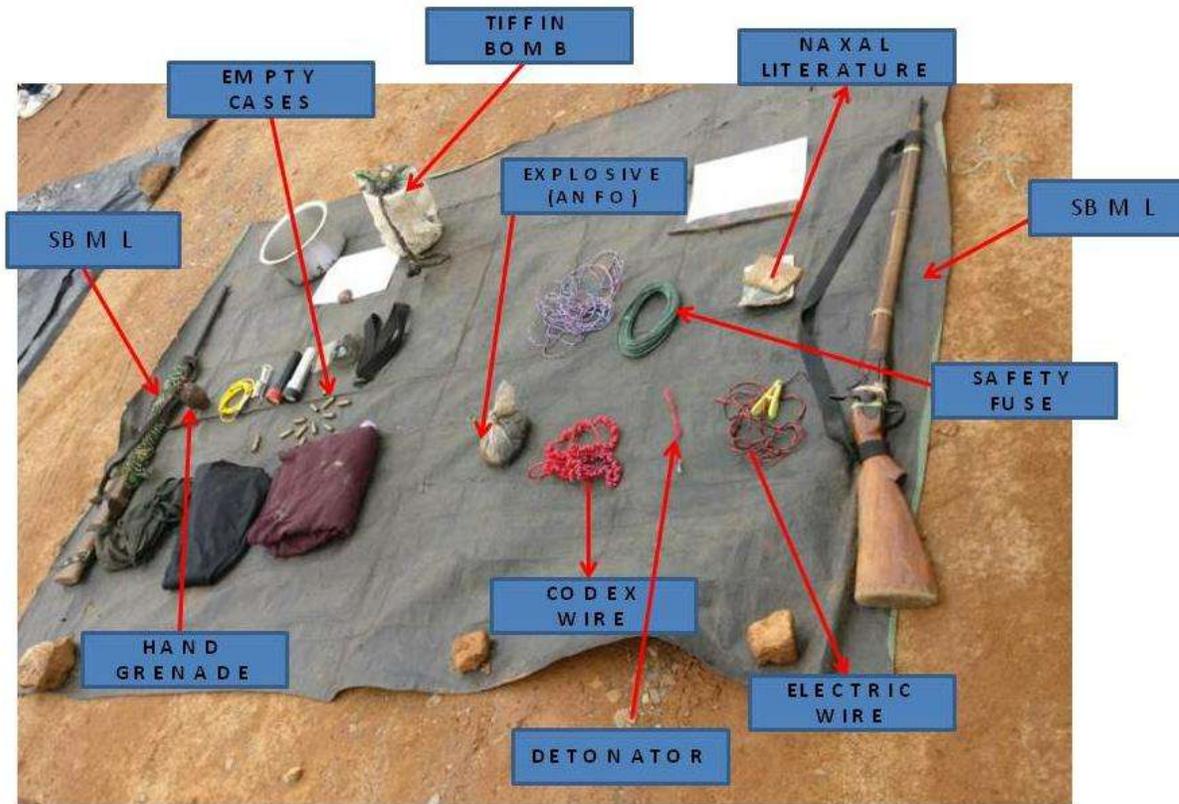
Simultaneously another special Ops was conducted by teams of 204 CoBRA in the Jungle area of village Pidiya and Gotpalli under P/S Gangaloor in Distt Bijapur. During encounter with Naxals our troops exhibited highest order of dedication and courage and retaliated effectively and neutralized 02 Naxals and recovered two dead bodies of Naxals, Arms and ammunitions etc. 03 CoBRA personnel got injured in the encounter/IED blasts and they are stable. After encounter during search ops following items were recovered:-

- 1) 02 dead body of Naxal
- 2) SBMIL-02
- 3) Tiffin Bomb-01
- 4) Hand Grenade No.-36
- 5) Electric Detonator- 01
- 6) Cordex wires with knot – 15
- 7) Safety fire -01 Bundle
- 8) Explosive (ANFO) – 100 Gms and other daily used items

During these ops our troops have shown exemplary courage and bravery during attack on Naxals and returned to respective camps.

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