

Operational achievement

Encounter and neutralization of 2 maoists in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh

Date – 21/05/2016

Place – forest area between villages Jargoya, Kotter and Reddy under PS- Gangloor , District – Bijapur, Chhattisgarh

Force involved - A joint operation was launched by 85 Bn CRPF and 204 Bn CoBRA troops and the State Police in Cherakanti and Karenar area on 20/5/2016 .

Achievement – In the intervening night of 20-21/5/2016 after conducting operation in area of Village Karenar and Cherakanti, PS- Gangloor, District – Bijapur, the joint troops while returning were crossing the forest area between Jargoya, Kotter and Reddy. Armed maoists who were around 20-25 in number opened indiscriminate firing on the troops from the front in the wee hours on 21/5/2016. The attack was promptly retaliated. The exchange of fire which ensued lasted for nearly 15 minutes after which the maoists fled away leaving behind 2 dead bodies of their comrades.

One of the killed maoist is a uniform clad female and the second is a male. The slain maoists were later identified as Manoj Hapka, LOS Commander of Kanger Valley Darbha Division and her wife namely Tati Pandey @ Pandey Hapka, a Member of Kanger Valley Darbha Division LOS.

The following arms and various other incriminating items were recovered from the spot-

- Bharmar Guns -2 No.
- 12 Bore Country Made Pistol -1 No.
- Tiffin IED -1 No.
- Pithhu -1 No.
- Cordex Wire
- Maoist Literature

