

**Sixteen villagers shot dead by suspected 'Maoists' in Bihar**  
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In a midnight attack, heavily-armed suspected Maoists swooped down on a village in Bihar's Khagaria district and shot dead 16 villagers, mostly teenagers, after tying their hands and feet. The gunmen pulled the victims out of their huts in Amosi Dharen Biara village, tied their hands and feet and fired at them, ADG Headquarters Neelmani said today. "Around 100 people, suspected to be Maoists, armed with automatic weapons attacked the village and fired indiscriminately late last night," Inspector General (Operations) S K Bharadwaj said.

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**17 policemen die in Maoist attack in Gadchiroli**  
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At least 17 policemen were killed in an ambush by Maoist guerrillas near Lahir village of Bhamragadh tehsil in Gadchiroli of Maharashtra on Thursday afternoon, police sources said. All those dead belonged to the C-60 anti-Naxal force raised by Maharashtra. Intense gun battles were on near Lahir as reinforcements, which were rushing to the first ambush site, also came under attack. Initial reports indicated that a team of commandoes from the C-60 force and local police went to some villages on election bandobust duties and were returning to Lahir when they were ambushed by nearly 200 Maoists clad in Olive Green Uniforms.

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