

[Maoists kill 9 SOG jawans in Orissa landmine blast](#)

The Hindu, 4 April 2010

Nine jawans of the anti-Maoist Special Operation Group (SOG) were killed and eight others seriously injured in a landmine blast triggered by Maoists in Koraput district of Orissa on Sunday morning. The attack occurred at Tanginiguda on the Govindpalli ghat road around 10 a.m. The first of three mini buses carrying the SOG jawans took the impact of the massive blast, believed to have been triggered by remote control. The vehicle rose 40 feet in the air and its wreckage was thrown over 100 metres away. A 15-foot deep hole could be seen at the place of the blast.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article388103.ece>

[Maoist chief ups the ante on Nepal](#)

Kathmandu Post, 5 April 2010

UCPN (Maoist) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal has upped the ante on Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, warning him to resign or face a no-confidence motion. The Maoist chief, speaking to journalists at his residence, said a majority of CPN-UML Constituent Assembly (CA) members might ask the prime minister to step down. "If that does not happen, we will table a no-confidence motion," said Dahal.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/04/04/top-stories/Maoist-chief-ups-the-ante-on-Nepal/206854/>

[Indian Maoists Kill at Least 73 Officers](#)

NYT, 6 April 2010

NEW DELHI — India's campaign against the country's Maoist insurgency suffered a major setback on Tuesday when rebel fighters ambushed a paramilitary unit on patrol in an isolated forest region, killing at least 73 officers. The authorities described a carefully executed surprise attack in which the Maoists opened fire as the patrol entered an area seeded with booby-trap bombs. When officers fell to the ground to take cover from gunfire, they detonated the explosives. "I am deeply shocked at the loss of lives," said Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram, according to the news agency Press Trust of India. He said the Maoist attack showed the "brutality and the savagery they are capable of."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/07/world/asia/07india.html?ref=asia&pagewanted=print>

[Congress top brass discuss Dantewada attack](#)

The Hindu, 9 April 2010

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[Plan to use forestry grants to fight naxals](#)

The Hindu, 10 April 2010

With the government re-evaluating strategies in the wake of the Dantewada attack, the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests is suggesting that the Thirteenth Finance Commission's forestry grants be used to include a psychological angle to the battle against the Naxalites. Seven naxal-affected States — Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal — have already formulated divisional plans to use their share of the Rs.5,000 crore grants-in-aid to improve forest administration and infrastructure, and make the attitude of the forest department more people-friendly. In fact, Dantewada itself is one of the 14 divisions whose plans the Ministry has broadly approved.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article393311.ece>

[Maoists kill two Trinamool Congress workers](#)

Indian Express, 10 April 2010

Maoists shot dead two Trinamool Congress workers at Bandhghora village near Lalgah in West Midnapore district, police said on Saturday. The guerrillas chopped the limbs of Paban Mahato (38) and Kaushik Dutta (35), a casual worker of electricity department of Manikpara in Jhargram, and fired 11 bullets at them from a close range yesterday, they said.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/maoists-kill-two-trinamool-congress-workers/602783/>

[Quick, hard strikes must follow data from UAVs](#)

Asian Age, 10 April 2010

New Delhi , April 9: The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in the battle against the Naxalites, which the government had proposed after the recent Dantewada attack, isn't likely to prove successful unless it is accompanied with force multipliers like helicopter-borne attack teams and proper logistical backup. Security sources stated that it is not the first time that UAVs are being deployed against Maoist extremists. UAVs were first deployed in Chhattisgarh in 2007 after a spate of extremist attacks in the region.

http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8517:quick-hard-strikes-must-follow-data-from-uavs&catid=34:top-story&Itemid=59

['Naxals planning urban area hits'](#)

Asian Age, 10 April 2010

Raipur , April 9: Maoists are planning to launch a major offensive in some urban areas of Chhattisgarh apparently to disengage the security forces, who are currently scouring for the rebels involved in the April 16 Chintalnar massacre, in the forests of

Bastar region, police sources quoting intelligence reports said here on Friday. "The jawans' killers, who were trying to escape to Andhra Pradesh, appear to be trapped in the forest stretches of Kistaram-Gollapli-Konta in Chhattisgarh after the neighbouring state sealed its border. The Red strategists are desperate to rescue them. Hence they are planning to strike in some distant urban areas in a big way to force pull out of the security forces from the Bastar jungles to fight them there," a senior police officer handling the intelligence matters told this newspaper. "It is merely a diversionary tactic by the militants to free the trapped Maoists," he said.

http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8498:naxals-planning-urban-area-hits&catid=35:india&Itemid=60

Massive hunt launched to nab Dantewada masterminds

The Hindu, 11 April 2010

A massive manhunt has been launched to nab the Naxal leaders behind the Dantewada massacre, as investigations into the worst-ever Maoist attack showed that the ultras had used light machine guns (LMGs) to kill 76 CRPF personnel. Sources in the team conducting the investigations said a survey of site of the attack showed that two LMGs had been used by the Naxals - who were mainly from Company 3 and Company 8 of the Maoists Central Committee and led by Hidma and Papa Rao.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article394386.ece>

Centre's steps against Maoists right: Pawar

The Hindu, 11 April 2010

Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar said on Saturday that the Centre's efforts to deal with Maoists were in the right direction. He told journalists after inaugurating the construction of the Chettuva fishing harbour here that Maoists should be dealt with firmly as they were against the country's development. "The steps taken by Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram in this direction are proper. When I was Maharashtra Chief Minister, two districts in Maharashtra had Maoist problems. I dealt with it firmly. I also took steps for large-scale development of the regions," he added.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article394051.ece>

Maoists warn of more Dantewada-type attacks

Indian Express, 11 April 2010

The CPI-Maoist on Sunday warned of more Dantewada-type attacks on security forces if the Centre carried on with the anti-Maoist offensive even as it expressed sympathy for the families of the 76 jawans killed and offered compensation. In a letter faxed to media houses here, the banned organisation said it would carry out more attacks similar to Dantewada and asked the security forces not to take part in operations directed against it.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/maoists-warn-of-more-dantewadatype-attacks/604595/>

I'll continue to lead the fight against Naxals: Chidambaram

Hindu, 16 April 2010

NEW DELHI: Home Minister P. Chidambaram clarified in the Lok Sabha on Thursday that he had earlier tendered his resignation owning moral responsibility for the "horrible" Dantewada tragedy and not because he had lost his nerve or will power.

He reassured the House that he would continue providing leadership in fighting the Naxal menace. Replying to a six-hour long debate on the Dantewada massacre of CRPF personnel, Mr. Chidambaram almost broke down, and in a choked voice said: "I didn't lose my nerve. I didn't lose my will power. I don't fear the Naxalites," and continued "it was a horrible tragedy and I regarded it my moral responsibility".

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/16/stories/2010041660370100.htm>

'Government divided on Naxal issue'

Hindu, 16 April 2010

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Thursday came under attack from the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha over its "failure" to rein in Naxals, with Leader of the Opposition Arun Jaitley accusing the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government of being "divided" over how to tackle the menace that recently claimed the lives of 76 CRPF personnel at Dantewada in Chhattisgarh. Assuring Home Minister P. Chidambaram of full support from all parties in the fight against Naxals, Mr. Jaitley said: "We do not need a divided government... what we do not need is a government which tries to pull down its Home Minister. Even some senior Congress leaders were making his task difficult." The senior BJP leader was referring to Congress general secretary Digvijay Singh's recent article in which he had criticised Mr. Chidambaram's handling of the Naxal issue.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/16/stories/2010041662971200.htm>

Maoists tracked CRPF men for three days before ambush

Hindu, 17 April 2010

JAGARGUNDA: Around 300 Maoists tracked CRPF personnel for three days in the Tarmetla jungles before the April 6 ambush, in which 75 CRPF men and eight Maoists were killed, according to Ramanna, secretary of the South Bastar regional committee of the CPI (Maoist) and architect of the attack. In a rare interview, conducted in the Jagargunda forests in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, Ramanna alias Ravula Srinivas gave a detailed account of the planning and execution of the attack. If true, his version offers an insight into Maoists' intelligence and military capabilities.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/17/stories/2010041761300100.htm>

Depending on utility, West Bengal may use UAVs

Hindu, 17 April 2010

KOLKATA: The West Bengal government may introduce unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for reconnaissance in Maoist strongholds, if the experience elsewhere proves successful, Director-General of Police Bhupinder Singh said on Friday. "The utility will need to be checked and we are waiting for a report from an official who had gone to Chhattisgarh, where a UAV was pressed into service recently in a demonstration exercise by the Union Home Ministry. The success will have to be established," the DGP told journalists here.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/17/stories/2010041761290100.htm>

We took 40 minutes to set up the ambush, says Maoist mastermind

Hindu, 17 April 2010

JAGARGUNDA: Reports that Maoists used 1,000 fighters and three light machine guns and booby-trapped all trees on April 6 were exaggerated, according to Ramanna, secretary of the south Bastar regional committee of the CPI (Maoist) and

architect of the attack, in which 75 CRPF personnel and a head constable of the Chhattisgarh police and eight rebels were killed in Dantewada district. "They saw us before we saw them," he said. "They opened fire on our fighters while we were still setting up the ambush."

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/17/stories/2010041763501000.htm>

[Maoists in wait and see mood](#)

Kathmandu Post, 17 April 2010

KATHMANDU, APR 13 - The Standing Committee (SC) meeting of the UCPN (Maoist) on Monday decided to withhold its plan of tabling a no-confidence motion against the government for some days in view of the intra-party rifts in the ruling Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN-UML. Speaking to the Post, Maoist Secretary CP Gajurel informed that the party would wait for UML Parliamentary Party meeting's decision before taking any steps regarding the government and current politics.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2010/04/13/national/maoists-in-wait-and-see-mood/312256/>

[As Rammohan begins probe, Naxals fire at security guards](#)

Hindu, 18 April 2010

RAIPUR: Naxals dressed in a CRPF uniform fired at the security guards of the former BSF Director-General, E.N. Rammohan, who started his probe into the April 6 massacre of 76 personnel by Maoists in Dantewada district. "As they were securing the area, there was a gunfight with Maoists at a distance from a spot which Mr. Rammohan was supposed to visit, Superintendent of Police Amresh Mishra told PTI.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/18/stories/2010041863651200.htm>

[Census to skip Naxal-ruled villages](#)

Indian Express, 18 April 2010

There will be no census exercise in several hundred villages in Chhattisgarh which have been rendered out of bounds for government officials by Naxalite groups. District administrations of Jagdalpur, Dantewada, Bijapur, Narayanpur and Kanker, all part of undivided Bastar which was once one of the largest districts in the country, have informed senior officials in Raipur that it will be difficult for them to carry out the census exercise — counting of people, collection of biometric data for preparation of the National Population Register — in many areas in view of the Naxal threat.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/census-to-skip-naxalruled-villages/607964/>

[Unity on UNMIN mandate, term](#)

Kathmandu Post, 18 April 2010

KATHMANDU, APR 17 -The three major political parties — the UCPN (Maoist), the Nepali Congress (NC) and the CPN-UML — have agreed to revise the current mandate of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) while also extending its tenure. The tenure of the UN body expires on May 15. "The three parties have agreed to revise UNMIN's mandate in the changed context," NC leader Ram Sharan Mahat said today. "However, our opinion differs from that of the Maoists on the issue of monitoring of Nepal Army," he added. The NC and the UML are in favour of withdrawing the monitoring of the army by UNMIN. However, the main opposition

party, the Maoists want the army monitored until the peace process is completed. Such a move will require the revision of the peace agreements between the government and the Maoists as they contradict the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and the Agreement on Monitoring and Management of Arms and Armies (AMMAA).

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/04/17/top-stories/Unity-on-UNMIN-mandate-term/207298/>

[Fix responsibility up to my level, Chidambaram tells Rammohan panel](#)

Hindu, 20 April 2010

NEW DELHI: Admitting to command and control failure in the Dantewada massacre of 76 CRPF jawans, Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Monday told the Rajya Sabha that he had asked the inquiry committee headed by E.N. Rammohan to fix responsibility from top to bottom. "I have asked the probe team to pinpoint the failures from the Assistant Commandant level right up to the Home Minister's level. The report will be submitted by April 25 and I will share the contents of the report with the House," Mr. Chidambaram said, replying to the debate on the massacre.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/20/stories/2010042061721300.htm>

[Strategy to tame the Maoists: Need for systemic changes by Lt-Gen Vijay Oberoi \(retd\)](#)

Tribune, 20 April 2010

The massacre at Dantewada is a wake-up call for the entire nation and not just for the police forces that are involved in conducting counter-Maoist operations in Chhattisgarh and other affected states. This is the time for soul-searching, introspection and coming up with a strategy that can effectively deal with this major challenge to the nation. The various tactical aspects of the unfortunate incident and the motivations of the Maoists have been well debated. The focus unfortunately is on equipment upgrades, whereas the essential requirement is to change the ethos, training and leadership of the police forces and make them more capable. By focusing on high technology weaponry, we seem to forget the old adage – "it is the man behind the gun and not the gun that matters". Current weaponry with some technical upgrades is adequate, as in such operation skills are more important than firepower.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100420/edit.htm#4>

[Maoists attack 5 CRPF camps in Dantewada](#)

Hindu, 21 April 2010

Raipur: Maoists on Tuesday night carried out near-simultaneous attacks on five CRPF camps in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh, triggering gunbattles. There was no immediate report of casualties. About 300 to 400 Naxalites fired from a distance on the camps of the paramilitary personnel at Chintangufa, where 76 CRPF men were killed in a Maoist strike on April 6, Kanker Lanka, Potampalli, Bheji and Erawa in quick succession beginning around 7.30 p.m. The CRPF men retaliated, sparking intermittent gunbattles. Dantewada SP Amaresh Mishra said the firing could have been to facilitate the militants' escape to Orissa.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/21/stories/2010042159010100.htm>

['Extremism flourishes in under-developed areas'](#)

Hindu, 22 April 2010

NEW DELHI: Reiterating that Left-wing extremism remained the gravest threat to internal security, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Wednesday that the recent events underscored the need for "urgent and considered action to root out this problem." "No quarter can be given to those who have taken upon themselves to challenge the authority of the Indian state and the fabric of our democratic polity," he said, in obvious reference to the April 6 massacre of 76 CRPF personnel by Maoists in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/22/stories/2010042260160100.htm>

Maoists call bandh from Monday

Hindu, 24 April 2010

Kolkata: The Communist Party of India (Maoist) has called a 48-hour bandh in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Orissa from April 26 demanding that four of its members recently arrested be produced in the court immediately. The activists were arrested in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district last week.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/24/stories/2010042461270100.htm>

Two-pronged strategy to continue: PC

Tribune, 24 April 2010

New Delhi, April 23

Home Minister P. Chidambaram today reiterated that the government will continue to follow its two-pronged approach on dealing with the Naxal problem-development and calibrated police action. Speaking at a meeting of the consultative committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs today, the Home Minister said. He said the debate on what should take place first- development or police action- is misplaced. The decision will have to vary from situation-to-situation and from state-to-state. "No fixed prescription is possible", he told the members of the committee comprising MPs.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100424/main5.htm>

Power Sharing: CC largesse to UML, NC has Maoists bristling

Kathmandu Post, 24 April 2010

To the great chagrin of the main opposition Maoists, the Constitutional Council has ruled that top posts in key constitutional bodies, including Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority, Public Service Commission, Election Commission and Office of Auditor General be shared by the ruling parties. Most of these posts were lying vacant for the last three years. The parties did not take the UCPN-Maoist into confidence while recommending the names of heads and members of these bodies. The Maoists on Friday said it will not accept the CC decision. It slammed the decision to recommend the names without its consent. Maoist vice-chairman Babu Ram Bhattarai said the government should repeal the decision. "This decision is not acceptable to us and the government should roll it back," he said.

<http://www.ekantipur.com/the-kathmandu-post/2010/04/23/top-stories/Power-Sharing-CC-largesse-to-UML-NC-has-Maoists-bristling/207520/>

Panchayats should play a big role in helping us tackle Maoists: Manmohan

Hindu, 25 April 2010

NEW DELHI: Even as Maoists continue to pose a threat to the government, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday urged panchayats to play a big role in helping

the Centre tackle the rebels by working more effectively and ensuring administrative transparency. Inaugurating a conference to celebrate 'National Panchayati Raj Day' under the auspices of the Ministry of the Panchayati Raj here on Saturday, Dr. Singh said that if Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) functioned properly and locals participated in the development process, the Maoist threat could be countered.

<http://www.hindu.com/2010/04/25/stories/2010042562651400.htm>

[Naxal attacks doubled in 2009, Rlys lost Rs 500cr: Mamata](#)
Times of India, 27 April 2010

NEW DELHI: Incidents of Naxal attacks on railway property nearly doubled in 2009 and the Indian Railways lost over Rs 500 crore due to disruptions by Maoists, Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee informed the Rajya Sabha today. "Railways has become a target of Naxals," she said replying to supplementaries during Question Hour. "We have lost Rs 500 crore because of Naxal bandhs and obstructions," she said adding incidents of attacks by Naxals nearly doubled to 58 in 2009 from 30 in the previous year. 56 incidents were reported in 2007, she said. Banerjee said it was impossible to man every inch of the 65,000 km rail route. "Whatever we can do in our jurisdiction, we do," she said.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/5848091.cms?prtpage=1>

[Govt mulls anti-Naxal force](#)
Indian Express, 27 April 2010

P Chidambaram is currently weighing the options of either bifurcating the CRPF with one wing concentrating on anti-Naxal ops. Following the massacre of 76 security personnel — 75 of whom belonged to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) — in Dantewada earlier this month, the government is seriously considering raising a dedicated anti-Naxal force, trained to take on Left Wing extremists in the jungles of central India.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/govt-mulls-antinaxal-force/611815/>