

PRESS NOTE

Attack on Forest Patrolling Team of Kadamtala Range

In a bid to protect Faunal & Floral wealth on 30.05.2019 in extreme rain a team of forest officials comprising of Range Officer, Shri. Subhasish Ray, Kadamtala, three forest executive staffs and four mazdoor were on a combing operation in different parts of the reserved forest areas of Kadamtala . During the operation, the forest team found that three persons were illegally sawing a log of a tree over a machan. The person on top of the machan was identified as Biplab Pandey. R/o Kataidera, who had been earlier, booked in a forest offence by Kadamtala Range. The team approached towards the three persons and apprehended two persons who disclosed their name as Shri Dulal Baral, R/o Kataidera and Shri Baidyo Mondal, R/o kataidera. The third person Shri Biplab Pandey, R/o Kataidera who was holding a bend-dah at that time, man-handled two forest executive staffs and fled the spot. Thereafter, the forest team seized the pit-saw and other items available with the accused persons under the cover of a seizure memo and was bringing them to the Range Office, Bajalungta. On the way, while the forest team and the apprehended persons were climbing a cliff, Shri Biplab Pandey alongwith some more persons suddenly appeared on top of the cliff and attacked the forest team with crow bar and Pointed ballies. The forest team was on an awkward position of the cliff from where it could not take any measure to apprehend Shri Biplab Pandey and while the team members were trying to evade the ballies, the other two accused persons Shri Dulal Baral and Shri Baidyo Mondal escaped from the spot alongwith the pitsaw. The forest team members narrowly escaped any injury. The team returned and lodged an FIR in the matter with PS Kadamtala. The Faunal & Floral wealth being a precious resource of these Islands are to be conserved and protected. Any information on such illegal felling may be informed at Mobile No. 9434270104 / Phone 274210, a communication from the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Head Quarter, Middle Andaman said here today.

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