

### **Padauk Thieves caught Red Handed in Korangnallah Reserved Forest**

Acting on a tip-off, the forest officials of the Middle Andaman Forest Division followed the foot trails of the accused into the KorangNallah Reserved forest in a clandestine way by taking alternate but longer route to the crime.

Under the able guidance of Shri. S.P.Roy incharge-Range Officer Betapur, a team led by himself which also included Shri N.S.Sandran, Forester, Shri Swapan Kumar Das, Mazdoor; Shri Susheel Minj, Mazdoor; Shri Nirmal halder, Mazdoor and Shri Santosh Sarkar, Mazdoor undertook this operation. Upon reaching near the crime scene, the team discreetly noticed a Pit Saw Machan and two persons near it with a Padauk log lying on the machan, one of the accused was sharpening the pit saw at that time.

One of the accused namely Shri. Gopal Roy, S/o- Late A.C. Roy was chased down and arrested on the spot itself. Whereas, the other accused Shri. Jashmanta Halder, S/o- Shri. Basanta Halder, R/o Pinakinagar. managed to flee but was later apprehended from Jaipur Village, Betapur . Both the accused were arrested and a forest offence case was registered for violating the provisions of Indian Forest Act (IFA), 1927.

It is one of the major successful operations carried out by Middle Andaman Forest Division in which the culprits were caught red handed at the crime scene itself.

0.474 Cbm of Round logs of Padauk, 1No. Pit saw, plastic rope (12mm)-2pcs and Iron wedge- 02 Nos. were seized from the crime spot.

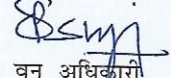
The DFO Middle Andaman has appealed to the general public to pass any credible and relevant information regarding illegal movement of timber or other forest produce to the nearest beat office/Range office or on the below mentioned phone numbers so that the Forests of these beautiful Islands can be preserved for future generations.

DFO Office Rangat: 03192274210; R.O Rampur Range(Rangat): 03192-274204; R.O Betapur Range : 03192-270103; R.O Bakultala Range : 03192-



277541; R.O Bajalungta Range (Kadamtala): 03192-267019; R.O Long  
Island Range : 03192-215960; R.O Mobile Squad Range : 03192-275353

The identity of the informer will be kept secret.



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