

Maoists kill cop, teacher in Jharkhand

Maoist guerrillas Wednesday killed a sub inspector and a school teacher in two separate incidents, the police said.

Sub-Inspector Kolibar Purty, posted in Giridih district, was travelling to [Ranchi](#) along with two constables when suspected activists of the Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) ambushed their jeep near Vishnugarh area of Hazaribagh district at around 11 a.m.

The Maoist rebels first hurled bombs at their vehicle and later fired at them. While the sub inspector was killed, the two constables and the driver were wounded. The injured have been admitted to a Hazaribagh hospital, a police official said. The district headquarter is around 160 km from the state capital.

In another incident, a group of Maoist guerrillas killed a school teacher in Chatra district. Arjun Sao, a school teacher of Khangadda primary school of Chatra, was killed by suspected rebels belonging to Tritiya Prastuti Committee (TPC). TPC is a breakaway group of CPI-Maoist.

According to the police, around five TPC members dragged Sao outside the school building and shot him. He was killed as he was considered a CPI-Maoist supporter. The two extreme left outfits - CPI-Maoist and TPC - are fighting among themselves for supremacy.

The police have launched a search for the guerrillas.

Maoist rebels are active in 18 of the state's 24 districts. As many as 614 civilians and 290 security personnel have died in Maoist-related violence since Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in 2000.

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