

CRPF trooper killed in Maoist attack

A trooper of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was killed and another critically injured Friday when Maoist guerrillas attacked them at an interior village's weekly market in Chhattisgarh's restive Dantewada district.

Rahul Sharma, superintendent of police Dantewada, told newsmen that a group of 15-20 armed rebels attacked the CRPF troopers deployed at forested Katekalyan village's weekly market.

Sharma said the rebels opened fire in which one trooper died on the spot, while another sustained bullet wounds.

The injured trooper was taken to government hospital at district headquarters Dantewada. The rebels took away the dead trooper's self-loading rifle.

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