

Maoists kill two villagers in Jharkhand

Maoist rebels have gunned down two villagers in Chatra district of Jharkhand, the police said Monday.

According to the police, suspected activists of the Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) abducted two people from Dantar village of the district, around 200 km from Ranchi, Sunday night. Their bullet riddled-bodies were recovered from the nearby jungle area Monday.

The slain villagers were identified as Tinku Singh and Bhuneshwar Singh.

Police have also found near the bodies a pamphlet from the leftist guerrillas claiming the killing and terming the dead as police informers.

More than 60 people have been killed in Jharkhand on suspicion of being police informers during the past three years.

The rebels are active in 18 of the 24 districts of the state. In the last seven years, more than 1,200 people, including civilians and guerrillas, have been killed in Maoist-related violence.

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