

## Three Maoist rebels arrested in Jharkhand

The police in Jharkhand have arrested three members of the outlawed Jharkhand Liberation Tiger (JLT) and recovered arms, ammunitions and cash from them.

'We have arrested three JLT members, who had more than three dozen cases lodged against them in Ranchi, Latehar, Lohardagga and Chhatra districts of the state,' M.S. Bhatia, senior superintendent of police of Ranchi, told reporters Monday.

The police have recovered four rifles, one revolver, 300 live cartridges, four mobiles, one bike and Rs.148,000 in cash, the official added.

The arrested JLT members were identified as Vijay Yadav, Manohar and Dhaneshwar Yadav.

JLT is breakaway group of the Communist Party of India-Maoist. The group is active in six districts of Jharkhand.

Maoists say they are fighting for the rights of poor labourers and landless farmers. They frequently attack government property, policemen and call for strikes.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh recently called the Maoist insurgency the biggest security challenge facing the country.

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