

## Three Maoist rebels killed in Jharkhand

Three Maoist rebels were killed in a clash between Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) and its splinter group in Garwah district of Jharkhand, police said.

The bodies of the CPI-Maoist rebels were recovered Thursday by Meral police in Garwah, 160 km from here.

'It seems that Tertiya Prastuti Committee (TPC) (or, the third preparatory committee), the breakaway group of CPI-Maoist, pumped bullets into the three Maoist rebels while they were sleeping,' said a police official of the state police headquarters.

Two days ago, CPI-Maoist rebels had killed nine TPC ultras in the state's Latehar district. Group clashes between CPI-Maoist and TPC have claimed nearly 50 lives in last one year alone.

Maoist rebels are active in 16 of the 22 districts of the state. Nearly 600 people, including 300 security personnel, have been killed in the past six years in Maoist-related violence.

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