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BSF SEIZED 101.500 KGS TORTOISE BONE IN TWO INCIDENTS IN AOR OF BOP SABDALPUR & SASANI OF 24 BN BSF UNDER MALDA SECTOR

1. Acting on inputs BSF troops in two different operations seized tortoise bones under Malda Sector. Dr. Rajesh Mishra, IPS, Inspector General, BSF South Bengal Frontier has issued operational guidelines to strengthen Border domination so as to effectively check the menace of smuggling and other activities of Anti National Elements on South Bengal Border with Bangladesh. Today BSF successfully foiled two attempts of wild life smugglers. This operational activity of BSF has given a setback to wildlife criminals and smugglers.

FIRST INCIDENT

2. Claimed seizure of Tortoise Bone in Joint Operation by BSF and Forest Department Malda under area of Border Out Post Sabdalpur of 24 Bn BSF :-

On 1st May 2018 a specific information was received by BSF regarding trafficking / smuggling of tortoise bone through West Bengal NBSTC Bus No. WB-63-A-0325 (via NH-34 Farakka towards Malda). The received information was further developed and a Joint special ambush was planned and laid by BSF and Forest Department. The Joint Ambush was laid near Toll-plaza on NH-34 near BSF Camp Baishnabnagar. At about 1110 hrs, the ambush party stopped a Bus of NBSTC bearing Regt No.WB-63-A-0325 coming from Farakka towards Malda via NH-34 at Toll Plaza. The BSF party searched the bus thoroughly and observed 03 suspicious persons travelling with 05 bags. On search of their bags, semi dry tortoise bones approx weighing 60 Kgs were recovered. Immediately suspicious persons were taken into the custody. On preliminary questioning the apprehended persons revealed their identity as under :-

- a) Shashi Kapoor (38) S/O Soni Lal R/O House No.417 Narayanpur Mohalla, Vill- Auraia, PO+PS Auraia , Dist- Auraia.(UP). (main accused).
- b) Kishan Kumar 05.06.1992 S/O Attar Singh, Ward No. 01, Tulsi Nagar, Rasulabad, Kanpur Dehat (UP) (associates of Shashi Kapoor).
- c) Arvind (55) S/O Kalu Ghiara R/O Vill- Kasurabad, Rasulabad, Kanpur Dehat (UP) (associates of Shashi Kapoor)

SECOND INCIDENT

3. **Seizure of Tortoise Bone in the area of responsibility Border Out Post Sasani of 24 Bn BSF under Sector Malda** :- On 1st May 2018 a specific information was received by BSF regarding stock of some contraband items (Tortoise bone) in bulk quantity in a house owner namely Budhu Miya (53), S/o Misharat in village Chakmailpur, Sasani, PO- Sasani, PS- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda (WB) which was likely to be smuggled from India to Bangladesh through Sasani border area. Accordingly a Special search operation was planned and carried out in the house of Budhu Miya (53), S/o Misharat, in village Chakmailpur, Sasani, PO- Sasani, PS- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda (WB) from 1000 to 1100 hrs in the presence of 02 Panchayat members. During the search no member was found in the house. The operation party searched surrounding areas of the house of Budhu Miya and recovered some packets along with a big plastic bag near the toilet point behind the house. On opening the packets it was found containing tortoise bone (shell) weighing approx 41.5 kg.

4. The apprehended persons and seized tortoise bones have been handed over to Custom Kaliachak (Malda) for further legal action.

Note: - BSF Press Release can also be accessed on www.sb.bsf.gov.in

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