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ENCOUNTER WITH NAXALS IN DISTT – MALKANGIRI, ODISHA

Border Security Force averted a major disaster by defeating the terror plans of Naxalites in the general area of Badapada & Janbai Malkangiri District. Acting on a specific information about the presence of Naxalites on 14th Dec 2017 special ops was launched by BSF troops from 2030 hrs onwards in general area of Bandhuguda forest area about 06 Kms in NW direction of Badapada under PS- Papermetla.

2. A contact was established with the Naxalites on 15.12.17 at about 0700 hrs who had laid an ambush in forest area of Lukapani, Exchange of fire lasted for around 10 minutes and Naxalites fled away from the area taking cover of forest. It is after a long time that any CAPF launched an operation in the cut off area of Andhara Pradesh and Odisha.

3. Search of the place was conducted following the encounter and one dead body of an unidentified male Naxalite along with one SLR, Magazine-02 and 54 Live rounds was found. On further search of the area one powerful IED was recovered hidden under the boulders. The recovered IED was destroyed on spot.

4. Timely sharing of intelligence, meticulous planning and execution led to successful operation.