

108 houses destroyed by elephant in 2015



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The man-elephant conflict has taken worst turn in Indo-Bhutan area of [Udalguri](#) district. The [Bornadi Wildlife](#) Sanctuary, [Khalingduar](#) forest and Nonai Reserve forest has been deforested by cutting of trees by a section of wood cutters and corrupt forest officials. The land which was once forest has turned out to be tea estates of the aristocrats. Villages have come up on the patg of natural elephant corridor [as](#) a result wild elephants in search of food have inhabited human habitation.

The villagers in the Indo-Bhutan border had been spending sleepless nights in [fear](#) of the wild jumbos. In the villages under Harisinga revenue circle of [Udalguri](#) district namely Bamunjuli, Kali-khola, [Orangajuli](#), Garuajhar, Satgaria, Attarekhat, Nalapara, Rajagarh, Dharamjuli, Borengajuli, Suklai, Gosala, [Dimakuchi](#), Ghagra, Bhutiachang, Sonajuli, Naobandha every year a sizeable number of human have lost their lives, property, crops etc. Within a night the human dreams and lives become shattered. It needs mention that 22 people and eight wild elephants had been killed during 2014 in [Udalguri](#) district which was considered [as](#) the highest man-elephant-conflict casualty anywhere in Asia.

In 2015 under Harisinga Revenue circle of 33 Nonwi Serfang BTC constituency [108](#) houses constructed by the government under Indira Awaas Yojana belonging to poverty ridden villagers were destroyed by wild jumbos. Out of which include 25 in Nonaikhuti, 23 in Bamunjuli, [8](#) in Khagunbahi, 16 in Tukhibasti, 23 in Rajagarh, 16 in Bhulatara and [7](#) in Kali-Khola. Since The panic stricken villagers have appealed the local authorities and government to build houses in form of watch towers under Indira Awaas Yojana in the affected areas which are considerably safe.

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