

Firing leads to tension on Assam-Arunachal border



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Tension prevails in [Behali](#), near the Assam-Arunachal border in Sonitpur district after the India Reserve Battalion (IR Bn) allegedly opened fire on innocent people yesterday. The incident occurred at around 11 am at Chawaldhowa in the [Behali](#) Reserved Forest when forest officials accompanied by Sonitpur district administration engaged a group of labourers to [start](#) building work of the border outposts. According to sources, the battalion stationed in the area opened fire upon the innocent labourers forcing them to flee the spot.

The [Behali](#) RF is part of the Sonitpur [Elephant](#) Reserve notified in 2003 on the Assam-Arunachal border. Encroachment has threatened the very existence of this reserve. IR Bn's role has come under the scanner.

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