

Tiger attacks villagers : Forest Department's failure makes people angry



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A full-grown Royal Bengal tiger which is creating terror in Roha and Kampur areas since Sunday night last attacked two villagers today at 2.30 in the afternoon at Meteka, a village three kilometers away from Roha. The attacked villagers are identified as Bhuban Das and Durlabh Das. Both the villagers are poor farmers and they were working in their paddy fields at the time they had been attacked. Earlier, on Thursday night at around 10.30 the tiger killed a cow of the aforesaid village.

The Forest officials told Assam Times that the tiger might have strayed from either the Karbi-Anglong hills or Orang National Park or Laokhowa sanctuary. They say that the tiger is a large, full-grown male as evident from its foot prints. They further say that they are trying their level best to back the tiger from where it came or to make it captive. They are of the view that the tiger could have been forced to leave its habitat by another male competitor.

Interestingly, a villager named Bhaba Deka say that the tiger is changing its shelter everyday from one village to another and attacking animals and men both in presence of the forest personnel but, on the contrary, the forest personnel remained total failure to make the tiger captive. It might be mentioned that the tiger has attacked more than twelve villagers till now and five of them are in serious condition. The all injured villagers are undergoing medical treatment at Nagaon Bhugeswari Phukononi Civil Hospital.

The angry villagers told this correspondent that they want experts instead of the inexperienced forest personnel in their village to make the tiger captive soonest as they no longer wish to have more sleepless nights.

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