

Wild elephants kill 4 near Indo-Bhutan border



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Man -elephant conflict has taken a serious turn in Udalguri district with the recent killing of four young persons at a time by wild elephants at Nonaokhuti village near Khalingduar Reserve Forest. In a very tragic incident four young people namely- Ankit Newar (15),Ranjit Hajda (32),Panchu Orang (20) and Bhutung Lama (30) have been killed by wild elephnats at around 8 PM on November 16..According to information all the four persons had been trying to chase away a herd of wild elephants damaging their paddy.The killed persons never noticed another two or more wild elephants standing at a close distance.And all the four had been attacked and killed instantly unaware. The incidence has created sensation in the district.

Forest officials rushed to the spot. NGOs like Green Valley Forest and Wildlife Protection Society, Udalguri; Green Society, Udalguri and Tangla Press Club have expressed serious concern at the tragic incident. They also condoled the deaths of four young people at Nonaikhuti village and requested people to keep away from wild elephants and not to venture out to chase away wild elephants during night time. People urge forest, WWF, Aranyak etc immediately to visit affected villages and people so as to control the situation to minimize casualties on both sides. It needs mention that so far 6 wild elephants and 5 people have lost their lives in the district during 2012.

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