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## Elephant menace grips Guwahati



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A herd of wild elephants unleashed a reign of terror in Guwahati where a person died in attack on Saturday.

The incident took place in Panjabari area where a herd of around 20 elephants came down from the nearby hills striking panic button among the people of a weekly market in Batahghuli where one person was trampled to death.

A team of forest guards (/taxonomy/term/2185) arrived in the spot which took three hours to drive out the elephants from the human habitat till midnight.

Local residents' in Panjabari have blamed it all on the department for the deepening menace (/taxonomy/term/2371). "We informed the forest department at (/taxonomy/term/1690)2 (/taxonomy/term/1690) in the afternoon. But the guards (/taxonomy/term/2185) took two hours to reach the spot. Had they arrived in time, the tragic (/taxonomy/term/2201) incident would not have taken place," said Sachin Saikia who managed to escape from the wild elephants as (/taxonomy/term/2291) they were in the market.

"This is not for the first time wild elephants came down from the hills in search of food. Last week, we came to see three wild elephants trying to break a wall (/taxonomy/term/2319) early in the morning. But they left as (/taxonomy/term/2291) they came to hear the huge commotion," said a housewife in Panjabari.



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