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Ivory smuggler apprehended



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Security forces apprehended an Ivory smuggler along with Ivories from Sudempuri area under Kachugaon PS in Kokrajhar district on Monday evening.

According to police, based on an input about movement of smuggler, a joint team from Kachugaon police along with APR team of Kachugaon and 20 IRBN staff attached with Kachugaon PS launched an operation along the Sudempuri area late last evening around 5.15 pm. During operation at about 7 – 10 pm two persons were seen coming out from jungle side near NH 31 C carrying a bag and they walked towards Mahamaya temple side through NH 31 C. After 10/15 minutes another person met them on the way and something discussed in between them. Our operation team was observing the whole incident and followed them. Suddenly the person who came last saw us and tried to run away. Immediately operation team run after them and apprehended an Ivory smuggler along four pieces of Ivory and two-others managed to escape taking the cover of darkness and jungle.

The apprehended person was identified as Khanda Basumataray of north Taikhajhora of Chirang district.

‘While searched the bag four pieces of Ivory like metals were recovered from arrested smuggler and dully seized. The seized articles with apprehended person kept have been in police custody for further interrogation. Police has been taking stern measures against smuggling in the district’, said Rajen Singh, SP Kokrajhar.



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