

Wild jumbo kills two in Udalguri



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UDALGURI: The [Indo-Bhutan](#) border villages in [Udalguri](#) district fraught with human-animal conflict and bloodshed, continues to witness brutality of wild jumbos. The wild elephant continues to create terror and trample humans creating [fear](#) and panic among the border populace. A herd of wild jumbos trampled one Uttam Rabha to death at No. 2 Saglijar(Notunbasti) area under Panery PS in [Udalguri](#) on Thursday night . The unruly herd comprising 3-4 Jumbos were creating terror in the neighbouring village following which the victim along with his friends went to chase back the herds and he fell victim in the hands of the jumbo while his friends managed to save their lives. A herd of wild elephants had earlier trampled a 16 year old minor Rupali Toppo daughter of Baranbas Toppo and Jasinta Toppo at Badlapara T.E. under [Dimakuchi](#) PS in [Udalguri](#) district on October 7 night."Its high time the [state](#) government should not wake up from deep slumber and not only deliver lip-service in the name of mitigating the man-elephant

conflict but should adopt strategies " says known wildlife activist of [Udalguri](#), Nabajyoti Baruah. He further advocates that the forest department should set up control rooms at its divisional offices to monitor the situation and anti-depredation squads should be set up in each division involving local youths as volunteers to [deal](#) with the problem. Baruah also exhorted the government to adopt measures similar to Bandipur [National](#) Park in Karnataka. " M.D. Madhusudhan of the [Nature Conservation](#) Foundation, Mysore, has tried out mitigation measures on agricultural lands by installation of co-operative electric fences. Such experiment has been very successful in Karnataka. If this model can be replicated in Assam and scaled up it can help reduce the conflict to a great extent." He added.

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