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Heavy rains disrupt STF operations in Western Ghats

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Two batches led by Additional Superintendent of Police Phaninder Singh and STF Chief Madhukar Shetty are operating to nab naxals at Western Ghats.

Heavy rains in the last few days has come in the way of anti- naxal operation being carried out by the district police and Special Task Force. However, the operation has continued despite the obstacles.

So far as many as 220 personnel have been pressed into anti-naxal operations. The first batch of Special Task Force personnel comprising of 36 constables had arrived here on Friday. Another batch of 34 Special Task Force personnel arrived the same day taking the overall strength of the force to 70, police sources said.

Two separate batches have been formed to nab the naxals operating in the Western Ghat areas.

The first batch is led by Additional Superintendent of Police Phaninder Singh while the second batch is headed by STF chief Madhukar Shetty. In order to facilitate effective operation two camps have been opened in Sringeri and Kudremukh, sources said.

Naxals in villages

Meanwhile naxals have been spotted in Mudgaru and Talagaru villages of Sringeri Taluk. During their interaction with the villagers, the naxals had reportedly defended the killing of Sessaiah.

Despite being warned not to give information to the police, Sessaiah did not mend his ways, the naxals had reportedly said.

The naxals had also reportedly met with some well to do farmers and urged them to pay proper wages to the farm labourers, the sources said. They had also sought the cooperation of the farmers for their movement, the sources said.

The naxals had also intensified their operation by forming one more group. With this the number of naxal teams active in the Western Ghat has gone upto three, the sources claimed. Copyright: 2004 The Printers (Mysore) Private Ltd., 75, M.G. Road, Post Box No 5331, Bangalore - 560001

