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BSF APPREHENDS ONE SUSPECT WITH 04 GOLD BISCUITS

In the fight against the menace of trans-border smuggling in the state of Tripura, BSF continuously conducts "Special operations" to neutralise the ill designs of trans-border smuggling on the India-Bangladesh International border.

In the series of operation, on 18.05.24, based on specific BSF input an ambush was laid by BSF troops in the area of BOP Nischintpur, 42 BN BSF. Ambush party observed movement of two suspects in between international boundary and border fence. The movement of suspects was kept under surveillance by BSF troops deployed on the border Observation Post. Suspects moving from BD side to Indian side negotiated the border fence and entered the nearby forest area but alert BSF Ambush party successfully apprehended 01 suspect. However another suspect managed to escape towards Indian village Nischintpur taking advantage of dense vegetation.

On spot questioning the apprehended person revealed his identity as Prashant Rai (36 yrs), S/O late Raidhan Rai, Village - Kishmat kuri, PS.-Amtali, Distt-West Tripura. Frisking of apprehended person was carried out

in presence of independent witnesses and 04 numbers of Yellow colour metal biscuits appx weight 466 grams suspected to be gold (appx value Rs 36.6 lakhs) recovered from his possession. Apprehended person accepted his involvement in trans-border smuggling of gold and revealed that the consignment was handed over to him by one Bangladeshi smuggler namely Iqbal r/o Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh. Massive search operation being carried out by BSF in border area to nab the culprit who escaped from the spot.

It is pertinent to mention that the BSF Tripura is committed to thwarting the attempts being made by trans-border criminals /smugglers by taking all possible proactive measures. Further investigation is going on.

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