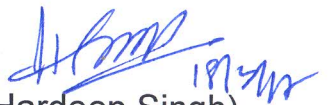


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FIRING INCIDENT ON 17 MARCH 2017

On 17th March 2017 afternoon, BSF men on duty near the border area of BOP Bhangamura under 31 battalion BSF, in PS Sabroom, observed 30-40 smugglers including men and women, trying to smuggle cattle from India to Bangladesh through unfenced gap. BSF party challenged them and fired two warning shots in the air to disperse the smugglers, but the smugglers did not disperse. They encircled BSF party and attacked them with dah and lathis. Sensing their life in danger, BSF party fired in self-defence, in which three smugglers died. BSF personnel also sustained injuries during the scuffle. BSF party managed to seize ten cattle heads. An inquiry has been ordered by BSF to investigate the incident.


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