

# NAXALITES/PWG/MAOISTS - 2001

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4th Jan.

Naxalites activating fronts in Orissa dist. (12)

Koraput: The formation of the Chattisgarh state adjacent to the Koraput district of Orissa has led to a spurt in Naxalite violence in the region. According to reliable sources, various outfits of the People's War Group based in Bastar, Kanker and Danatabeda districts of the new state are shifting bases to adjoining areas of Koraput. The reason behind their action is believed to be fear of police action. (Indian Express 4.1.01)

6th Jan.

Centre proposes ban on Naxal groups (12)

Hyderabad: The Central Government has asked the States affected by the Left wing extremist violence to follow the example of Andhra Pradesh and impose a ban on the Left wing extremist groups to effectively curb their violent activities. The States including the newly formed States of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand have also been asked to follow the policies of Andhra Pradesh in the matters like police training, effective intelligence gathering, better coordination among various wings of the Government encouraging the extremists to surrender and providing them an attractive rehabilitation package. (Pioneer 6.1.01)

26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Naxalite groups in war of words (12)

Berhampur: The neo Naxalites of the People's War Group in south Orissa and Andhra Pradesh are out to tarnish the image of former Naxalite leader Nagbhusan Patnaik, a founding member of the Naxalite movement in India. The barrage of allegations against the Naxalite legend has been started by a breakaway PWG group led by Sabyasachi Panda. He and his dalam have launched the slander campaign by issuing pamphlets and statements by Naxalite leaders. (Telegraph 26.2.01)

11th March

UP police guns down Naxalites in revenge (12)

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh police avenged the death of two policemen by killing 15 Naxalites in an encounter at Bhawanipur village in Mirzapur in eastern UP yesterday. Police claimed the dead were Maoist Communist Centre supporters. (Statesman 11.3.01)

29<sup>th</sup> March

Naxalites make inroads into poverty-stricken eastern UP (12)

Lucknow: Naxalites in the three eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh bordering Bihar are allegedly imparting arms training to teenagers and encouraging them to pick up guns against local landlords. A report sent to the government by the Mirzapur district administration recently has expressed concern over the trend and sought immediate action before the problem assumes menacing proportions. (Indian Exp 29.3.01)

11<sup>th</sup> April

Three naxalites killed in encounter (12)

Gandigopalpur: The fledgling People's Guerrilla Army (PGA) of the banned People's War Group (PWG) suffered a major setback with three military platoon members being shot dead in a gun battle with the police in the thick forests adjoining this tribal hamlet under Ka4am police station limits on Tuesday morning. Three policemen were injured in the exchange of fire. The police

suspect that among the three militants shot dead, one could be the platoon secretary and another a deputy commander of a squad. The recovery of a Light Machine Gun with four magazines and a Chinese assault rifle AK-47 lent credence to this. The police also recovered three shot guns, two Claymore mines, ten kit bags and a large quantity of ration. (Hindu 11.4.01)

16<sup>th</sup> April

Naxalite hit list sparks panic (12)

Midnapore: The growing clout of the Naxalites has sparked terror in the villages in west Midnapore and certain areas of Bankura and Purulia districts. The murder of two CPM leaders last week and the disclosure that the People's War Group (PWG) has prepared a "hit list" targeting" among others, a state minister, have added to the panic. Jawans from the Eastern Frontier Rifles took out a flag march today in an effort to calm the jittery villagers' Inspector-general of police (western range) JR. Bhagat said 26-PWG activists and 39 Maoist Communist Centre (mcc) supporters have been arrested since the murders of two CPM leaders earlier in the week. (Telegraph 15.4.01)

19<sup>th</sup> April

**3 naxals killed, 2 xopa hurt in encounter (12)**

Kothur (Warangal): Three naxalites of the Janashakthi (Ranjanna faction) were killed and two policemen including a reserve SI Injured in a fierce exchange of fire between a 15 member strong naxalite dalam and a combing party of the police on a hill called, Devunigutta adjoining the village, on Wednesday morning. (Hindu 19.4.01)

30<sup>th</sup> April

Naxalite menace threatens north Orissa districts (12)

Bhubaneswar: After the southern and western districts of the state, some northern districts are now exposed to the Naxalite menace. Keonjhar, Mayurbhanjand Jajpur districts which are now facing threat of Naxalite activities by the members of the People's War Group. The police has already admitted that some Naxalites are engaged in extortion and looting activities in the three districts. ((Asian Age 30.4.01)

8<sup>th</sup> May

Naxalites raid police station (12)

KURNOOL, MAY 7. PWG extremists, numbering 15 to 20, raided the Pagidyala police station, 43 km from here, in the wee hours of Monday and destroyed records and furniture. The extremists did not either harm the three policemen on duty or damage the station building. According to reports, the extremists suddenly descended on the place at 12-45 a.m. and advanced towards the police station by firing in the air. They overpowered the constable on sentry duty, Mr. Ravi Kumar, another constable, Mr. Y. Maddiah, and the Assistant Sub-inspector, Mr. Ali Hussain, and asked for weapons. (Hindu 8.5.01)

10<sup>th</sup> June

MCC resents court verdict, issues threat (12)

**PATNA, JUNE 9.** The most dreaded underground naxalite outfit, the Maoist Communist Centre (MCC), has condemned the verdict of the Gaya District and Sessions Court-cum-Special TADA Court in the Bara massacre case and warned of action at its own level, denoting heightened tension in the central districts of the State. It had forewarned the Special Court against delivering a judgment against its avowed supporters facing trial in the case pertaining to the butchering of 35 Bhumihars in Bara village of Gaya district almost nine years ago, in 1992. Immediately after the sentence was pronounced, including capital punishment to four persons, the MCC again came out with its reaction, which was, however, tempered to the extent that it did not specify the action it intended to carry out. (Hindu 10.6.01)

11<sup>th</sup> June

13 Naxalites killed in Andhra encounters (12)

Hyderabad: SATURDAY TURNED out to be one of the bloodiest day in the history of naxalism in the State as naxal related violence reached an unprecedented high with 17 people including thirteen naxalites being killed in a series of encounters in the districts of Nalgonda, Ranga Reddy, Karimnagar and Warangal. (Pioneer 11.6.01)

12<sup>th</sup> June

MCC WARNS OF BLOODBATH IN BIHAR (12)

Patna: Fear of fresh waves of naxal violence has gripped central Bihar after a Gaya court awarded death sentence to four accused of the infamous Bara massacre in which the Maoist Communist Centre had hacked to death 34 persons belonging to the upper caste in Bara village of Gaya district in February 1992. (Pioneer 12.6.01)

20<sup>th</sup> June

Eight naxalites among 10 killed (12)

Nalgonda: In yet another major blow to the naxalite movement in south Telangana districts, eight naxalites, including three women, were shot dead in a fierce gun battle in the hillocks near Marringudem village of Nalgonda district, about 60 km from here, on Tuesday morning. A commando of the Grey Hounds and a one year old infant believed to be daughter of a woman militant were also killed in the exchange of fire that lasted over seven hours. (Hindu 20.6.01)

6<sup>th</sup> July

Naxals thriving because of political vacuum in Telangana (12)

Karimnagar: The left-wing extremists (naxalites) run a parallel government in large tracts of Andhra, which are essentially backward and under developed areas. The government seems to have abdicated, as nazalites exercise full control in these areas, using a mixture of fear and social justice. (HT 6.7.01)

6<sup>th</sup> July

Naxslites spreading base in Jharkhand (12)

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Babulal Marandi's cup of woes have once again begun to brim over. It is not only the goons of the ruling Rashtriya Janata Dal from Bihar who are making the Chief Minister's life miserable but also the naxalites groups particularly the People's War Group are expanding its base in Jharkhand. (Pioneer 6.7.01)

7<sup>th</sup> July

8 MCC supporters killed by rival outfit (12)

Ranchi: Eight suspected supporters of the banned Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) were killed in Kandaber and Nawadih villages under the Keredari police station of Hazaribagh district by a rival extremist outfit late on Thursday night. (HT 7.7.01)

7<sup>th</sup> July

Backwardness in Telangana the root cause of extremism (12)

Karimnagar: The Naxalite movement which began in the jungles of Srikakulam 32 years ago and spread to Telangana and others areas, has cost the State dear. According to Government statistics over 3,000 people which included 1,000 Naxalites and 400 policemen were killed during the last 12 years and properties worth Rs 120 crore were destroyed in extremist-related violence. (Hindustan Times 7.7.01)

8<sup>th</sup> July

Bloodshed on birthday-eve (12)

Kathmandu: Suspected Maoist rebels shot dead 38 policemen and a civilian in a string of deadly attacks on security posts across Nepal on the eve of the new king's birthday, officials said today. Nepal today marked the 55<sup>th</sup> birthday of King Gyanendra with low key celebrations. The day had

been designated a public holiday and various events were held across Nepal but witnesses said arrangements remained subdued. (Telegraph 8.7.01)

13<sup>th</sup> Aug

36 ultras give up arms in Jharkhand (12)

UNITED NEWS OF INDIA

GIRIDIH,AUG12, ALTOGETHER 36 extremists, including nine hardcore Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) ultras, surrendered before Jharkhand Chief Minister Babulal Marandi here this afternoon. Official sources said of the 36 ultras, who surrendered responding to a call given by Marandi to the insurgents, 10 belonged to Tisri block, the native place of the Chief Minister. While, six each belonged to the Pirtand police station area and Bagodar, four ultras each were from the Giridih Muffasil, Dumri and Sana police station areas and two from Nimiyaghat police station area. Welcoming the extremists, who today announced to shun violence and be a part of the mainstream, Marandi directed state Chief Secretary VS. Dubey to ensure their rehabilitation within a month. Officially handing over a cheque of Rs 10,000 each to the ultras, the Chief Minister said he could have made them surrender much before, but waited to win over the people's confidence to ensure their security and rehabilitation in the social set up. (Indian Exp 13.8.01)

21<sup>st</sup> Aug

Red terror claims nine cops in Andhra (12)

Hyderabad: AT LEAST ten Persons nine policemen and a civilian driver - were killed and two others critically injured when Naxalites of the outlawed Peoples War Group (PWG) triggered off a landmine blast near Ramidicherla village in Narsaraopeta sub-division of Guntur district on Monday morning. The incident took place. team led by a sub-inspector was on its way to make security arrangements for the ongoing panchayat elections in the State. On Monday, the third and last phase of panchayat elections in Andhra Pradesh was held.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Home Minister Devender Goud, Director-General of Police H J Dora and IGP (Intelligence) Shivshankar rushed to the scene of the incident. Meanwhile, PWG militants made an unsuccessful attempt on the life of Warangal district BJP vice-president M Srinivas Reddy in Jangaon town on Monday morning. He was critically injured in the firing and rushed to the Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences in Hyderabad. The spokesman of the State Police Shujat Ali, said those killed in the landmine blast included one sub-inspector, eight constables and a civilian driver. (Pioneer 21.8.01)

21<sup>st</sup> Aug

Eight policemen killed in Naxal attack in Guntur (12)

HT Correspondent Hyderabad, August 20, IN A major attack by Naxalites, eight policemen were killed and two others critically injured in a landmine blast triggered by the outlawed People's War Group in Nallamala forest area in Andhra Pradesh's Guntur district today. A jeep, carrying the police party drafted for security arrangements for the local body - elections, was blown to smithereens under the impact of the blast set off at a culvert. The blast took place 120 kms from the district headquarters. The dead included a subinspector T Venkateshwarulu (29), eight constables and the civilian driver. Two other injured policemen are said to be in a critical condition. Police officials at Hyderabad said the incident occurred when a police party led by sub-inspector was proceeding towards Ramidicherla village. (Hindustan Times 21.8.01)

1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

PWG attacks another Orissa police post (12)

Bhubaneswar, THERE IS no let up in the nax-alite violence in the border districts of Malkangiri and Rayagada in Orissa, which have become the target of People's War Group (PWG) in the area. The PWG ultras blew up a police post at Gothlpadar in Rayagada district on Wednesday. Again on Thursday they turned their ire on the Kalimela police station in Malkangiri, thus making it their third attack on police stations in a month. . Though no casualties have been reported in these attacks, they are an obvious indication of the growing strength of ultras in the region. Sources said about 300 to 400 PWG cadres, assisted by local recruits, launched the assault on

Kalimela police station from a distance of about 300 yards. The exchange of fire between them and the Orissa Armed Police jawans continued late night. It may be recalled that the naxalites had launched an all out attack on the Kalimela and Mottu police stations on August 9 taking the police jawans completely by surprise and killing five cops. (Pioneer 1.9.01)

22nd October

Naxals blast Coke plant in Guntur dt. (12)

GUNTUR, OCT. 21. Naxalites belonging to the People's War Group (PWG) blew up the boiler unit, transformer unit and three vehicles in the Hindustan Coca-Cola bottling plant at Atmakur village near Mangalagiri in Guntur district in the early hours of Sunday. The PWG claimed responsibility for the blast in a note left with the security personnel and stated that the attack was organised protesting the war being waged by the United States of America against Afghanistan. While the boiler unit and the electricity room were smashed to smithereens, the bomb placed near the processing unit did not go off. Gelatin sticks were packed in a five-kg steel box and the lid and the body of the box were fastened with an insulation tape. These boxes were connected with electrical wires to the switches they held. They also blasted three four-wheelers of the company parked behind the security office. (Hindu 22.10.01)

23<sup>RD</sup> October

Coke assessing loss due to PWG attack (12)

New Delhi, October 22: AN INVESTMENT of around Rs 50 crore has been impacted as a result of the attack by the Peoples War Group (PWG) on Coca-Cola's bottling plant at Pedavadlapudi in Andhra Pradesh on Sunday. Besides the loss of a part of the assets, the Naxalite attack is likely to affect the company's market operations in the state. Production at the plant has stopped and ' will take at least a week to resume. The plant had a capacity to fill 1500 cases per hour. (Hindustan Times 23.10.01)

1<sup>st</sup> Nov.

Naxals kill 12 cops in Jharkhand (12)

DHANBAD: At least 13 persons, including 12 constables of the Jharkhand Military Police (IMP), were killed and four seriously injured when a 200-strong group of Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) extremists attacked the Topchanchi police picket situated in the Topchanchi block campus of Dhanbad district on Wednesday afternoon. One civilian was also killed in the attack. The extremists looted 16 SLR rifles, four carbines along with at least 2,000 cartridges from the picket. The state police headquarters in Ranchi said the extremists were Lalkhandis, an offshoot of the MCC. (Times of India 1.11.01)

23 Nov.

Naxalites take battle to rival den (12)

Gaya, Nov. 22: The extremist Maoist Communist Centre struck last night in the heart of the Ranbir Sena territory in Gaya district by blowing up a paramilitary patrol jeep, killing six people including five jawans. The blast took place in a village located about 85 km from the state capital just four days before the Naxalite-sponsored Bihar Jharkhand bandh. (Telegraph 23.11.01)

29 Nov.

Naxalites kill CPM leader (12)

Belpahari (Midnapore), Nov. 28: Suspected PWG activists today shot dead a CPM local committee secretary at Bhimarjun village, 5 km from here, in the Jhargram subdivision. The daring daylight murder of 57-year-old Sudhir Singha Sardar, a day after the body of a National Volunteer Force jawan was discovered, has sent shock waves among the police and the Midnapore district CPM circles. The jawan, Gour Mahato, was also believed to be a victim of PWG activists. (Telegraph 29.11.01)

1 Dec.

Naxals go on the rampage in A.P. (12)

HYDERABAD, NOV. 30. Large-scale destruction of property by the naxalites of the People's War Group in Medak and Chittoor districts of Andhra Pradesh — where the extremists targeted a granite-making factory owned by the family members of the Union Minister of State for Defence, Mr. U. V. Krishnam Raju, and the Heritage milk chilling unit owned by the family members of the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu marked the first anniversary of the formation of the People's Guerrilla Army, on Thursday. (1.12.01)

1 Dec.

Maoists spread net in north Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar; plan stir (12)

Kolkata, November 30: THE COMMUNIST Party of Nepal-Maoist (CPN-M) is making preparations to start a bloody movement in north Bengal, Sikkim and parts of Bihar, according to intelligence reports. The Maoists want the abolition of constitutional monarchy; ending of royal privileges; a new Constitution; abrogation of the friendship treaty with India; nationalisation of property; and secularism. "Initially, they had a small formation in the Western Hills of Nepal but now they have footholds in central and eastern Nepal. They train their guerrillas on the banks of the Gandaki. But what's worrying is that they are trying to establish a similar network in north Bengal," an intelligence officer said. "Their operation has been made easier by the Gorkha population along the border," he said. (Hindustan Times 1.12.01)

4<sup>th</sup> Dec.

PWG targets Chhattisgarh police (12)

CHITTOOR: Three Naxalites, including a deputy commander belonging of PWG were killed, while one police personnel sustained bullet injuries during a heavy exchange of fire in Bhopalpattanam under Bastar police range on Sunday night. A self-loading rifle and bullets were recovered. The Naxalites also reportedly surrounded Pharsegarh and Rangaloor police stations, and heavy firing continued for over five hours. Police said the PWG, in order to commemorate the foundation day of People's Guerrilla Army (PGA), had organised a convention in the forests of Bijapur district and declared "war" against the present system. (IE 4.12.01)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

Naxals blow up Orissa Minister's residence (12)

Bhubaneswar: Left Wing Extremists attacked minister's house in Orissa and stepped up their retaliatory violence in Andhra Pradesh. In the first major strike of its kind, a group of armed Naxalites on Saturday evening bombed the house of the state's Minister for Textiles, Handloom and Cooperation Arabinda Dhali at Poteru village in Malkangiri district. The Naxalite group, numbering around 40, also blew up the Poteru police outpost. There have been no casualty reports. Police said the attacks were meant to commemorate the People's Guerrilla Day celebrations, the day the People's Guerrilla Army (PGA) was formed. (HT 3.12.01)

6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Govt slaps ban on PWG, MCC (12)

New Delhi: December 5 A DAY after the Opposition trashed the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO), the Vajpayee government banned two radical Left-wing organisations under the provisions of the Ordinance, which it wants to make an Act of Parliament. The ultra-Left outfits that were banned and declared "terrorist organisations" on Wednesday are the People's War Group (PWG) and the Maoist Communist Centre (MCC). "The Communist Party of India-Marxist-Leninist (People's War) and all its formations and front organisations and the MCC and all its formations and front organisations have been declared terrorist organisations (HT 6.12.01)

9<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Naxals blast SCCL guest house (12)

KHAMMAM, DEC. 8. The palatial 'Addala Meda,' a glass house of the Singareni Collieries perched on the banks of Kinnerasani river, 18 km from Palvancha, was partly damaged in the impact of a blast triggered by naxalites of the PWG in the early hours of Saturday. Eight armed members of the Kothagudem local guerrilla squad, which campaigned in the nearby village of

Yanambailu around midnight and put up banners appealing to people to join the People's Guerrilla Army (PGA), later vent their ire by raiding the guest house. (Hindu 9.12.01)

13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

MCC men kill three as punishment (12)

RAIPUR, DEC.12. The activists of the banned outfit Maoist Communist Centre have shot dead three persons allegedly for looting people in the name of Naxalites, in Sarguja district of Chhattisgarh, bordering Jharkhand, police said today. The MCC had produced the three at a Jan Adalat held at Bhagabanpur, on Monday Sarguja police said today over phone from the district headquarters at Ambikapur. The Naxalites alleged that the trio - Shaheed and Tabashej, both from Mahuadand village in Palamu district of Jharkhand and Javed of Khajuri village of Sarguja district — were involved in dacoity and looting in the name of Naxalites and declared that they should be killed as a "punishment". (Hindu 13.12.01)

15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

A.P. police hold grama sabhas in naxal areas (12)

MOGILIPETA, (Karimnagar), DEC. 14. Taking a cue from the villagers of naxalite- dominated Gummalapalli of interior Kataram mandal, who have revolted against the outlawed People's War Group of naxalites and forced them to flee the village without organising 'praja court' recently, the district police have launched a unique campaign against them in their strongholds of the district by organising grama sabhas. Interestingly, there is a tremendous response to the police grama sabhas, where villagers turn out and express their ire against naxalites. At Rechipalli village of Sarangapur mandal, people took an oath the other day not to allow naxalites into their village. Even in Mogilipeta village of Mallapur mandal, villagers resolved that they would not allow naxalites there nor would they approach militants for assistance. (Hindu 15.12.01)

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

MCC gains foothold in Orissa (12)

Bhubaneswar: EVEN AS the State government is struggling to hold the People's War Group at bay in its southern districts bordering Andhra Pradesh, there are disturbing reports of another Naxalite outfit gaining a toehold in the tribal-dominated Sundergarh district which shares border with newly-created Jharkhand. Maoist Communist Centre, the Red scourge of Bihar and Jharkhand, has penetrated deep into the bordering areas of Sundergarh, forcing the government to step up its vigil, according to reliable sources. The administration, which until last year was prone to dismiss any talk of MCC's foray into Orissa as idle gossip, is now forced to acknowledge the reality that the extreme Left ultras have opened yet another front in the State. (Pioneer 23.12.01)

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

Naxalites blow up goods train engine (12)

Raipur: DEC. 21. Naxalites seem to have intensified their activities in the State with the alleged activists killing two more persons in a 'jan adalat' in Ambikapur and blowing up the engine of a goods train near Dongargarh, close to Raipur. Suspected MCC activists beat up and shot dead two young men at the jan adalat attended by about 150 villagers in Mitgai village yesterday. The two were accused of extortion by posing as members of the MCC. Another theory doing the rounds is that the two worked for a opponent group of the MCC. (Hindu 23.12.01)

26<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Police hunt down station-blast rebels (12)

Hyderabad, Dec. 25: Four of the seven People's War Group . Naxalites involved in last night's blast of a police station in Warangal were shot dead by a police patrol in an early morning encounter today. The rebels had taken shelter on a hillock near Hanamkonda town after they triggered the blast in the police station on the Hyderabad highway using a directional landmine

with a time device. (Telegraph 26.12.01)

27<sup>th</sup> Dec.

29 AP Naxals surrender (12)

HYDERABAD: Twenty-nine Naxalites belonging to the outlawed People's War Group (PWG) surrendered before the director general of police, H.J. Dora, here on Wednesday. Talking to reporters on the occasion, Dora lashed out at the PWG saying that the cadre lacked ideology and it was fast becoming a terrorist outfit. "The violence unleashed by the Naxalites indicates that the PWG is no more a revolutionary group, fighting for the cause of the masses," he said, adding, "Even its base in rural areas is fast shrinking and the people are no longer supporting the Naxalites." (Times of India 27.12.01)

28<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Squeeze on assets of PWG, MCC ordered (12)

New Delhi: THE CENTRE on Thursday asked nine states affected by Left wing extremism to squeeze the financial and other movable or immovable assets of the People's War Group (PWG) and the Maoist Communist Centre (MCC). Both outfits were banned under the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance earlier this month. The directions were issued after a meeting of the Coordination Centre, represented by chief secretaries, home secretaries and directors-general of police of Andhra Pradesh, MP, Maharashtra, Bihar, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, UP and West Bengal. The meeting was held here on Thursday in the wake of the series of Naxalite attacks over the past two months. Union Home Secretary Kamal Pande heads the Coordination Centre. (HT 28.12.01)

30<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Naxals gun down A.P. Congress MLA (12)

HYDERABAD, DEC. 29. A Congress legislator, Mr. Ragya Naik, was shot dead by People's war Group (PWG) naxalites in Maddi Madugu village of Mahaboobnagar district in Andhra Pradesh this afternoon. The MLA, along with his wife Bharati, had gone to Maddi Madugu to participate in a Hanuman Jatra. The tribal legislator, who represented the . Devarakonda constituency, was having his lunch in a small hotel when three or four naxalites overpowered his lone gunman who was standing outside the hotel. (Hindu 30.12.01)