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Enclosed is the news clipping of "**Statesman**" an english daily, dated 29th May, 2017 as captioned "**Where police and civic police voluteers play extortionist.**"

The Superintendent of Police, Burdwan East is directed to enquire into matter and submit detailed report to the Commission by 30.06.2017.



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson



(Shri M. S. Dwivedy)
Member

Where police and civic police volunteers play extortionist

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The police and the civic police volunteers allegedly behaved like extortionists and in two separate incidents leaving some lorry drivers and their helpers badly bruised. Local residents took the injured drivers and helpers to hospital. SP, Burdwan and senior police officials of Kalna sub division, however, remained tight-lipped about the incidents today.

The first incident was within Nadanghat police station

limits in Kalna. A lorry laden with sand was stopped by the police at Naupara village crossing on charges of being overloaded. The vehicle had loaded the consignment at Panagarh and was heading into Kalna. The policemen, according to the local eyewitnesses and the driver of the vehicle, first snatched the keys and demanded Rs 1,000 as spot fine. When the driver, Banshi Mondal, said he couldn't pay because he didn't have that much money, the police personnel became infuriated. They allegedly dragged Mondal

out of the cabin and beat him up. They, however, vanished from the scene when Mondal fainted.

The local people took Mondal to the Kalna Sub Divisional Hospital which referred him to the Burdwan Medical College and Hospital when his condition deteriorated due to multiple injuries at his head and chest.

Close on the heels of the Naupara incident came another at Baidyapur. Two civic volunteers of Kalna Police Station were accused of attacking the driver and helper of a

lorry at Baidyapur crossing on STKK Road on the outskirts of Kalna town today. The lorry was carrying a consignment of stone to Burdwan from Assam. Claiming that it was overloaded, two young civic volunteers halted the vehicle and asked driver Prakash Yadav to get down from the cabin. Suspecting that the youths were not policemen but extortionists the driver hastily drove the vehicle farther away. This irked the civic volunteers and they forcibly dragged Yadav out of the cabin and beat him up with batons.

His helper, Sukhen Mahato, was also thrashed when he came to Yadav's rescue.

Local people who witnessed the incident chased the civic volunteers, who fled on their motorbikes. The locals then shifted the severely injured driver and helper to the Kalna S D Hospital and made a complaint to the OC, Kalna police station. Senior police officials of the district reserved comment on both cases. Priyobrata Roy, SDPO, Kalna and Rajnarayan Mukherjee, ASP (rural) also refused to comment on the incidents.