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Sub : News item dated 08.05.15 published in "The Times of India"

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the News item dated 08.05.15 published in "The Times of India", an English daily and to inform you that the West Bengal Human Rights Commission has passed an order directing you to enquire into the matter and submit report *within 4 (four) weeks.*

You are, therefore, requested to submit the report accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

R. Basu
8.5.15
Assistant Secretary.

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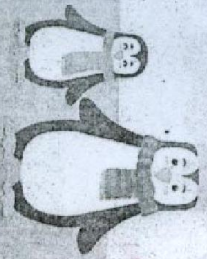
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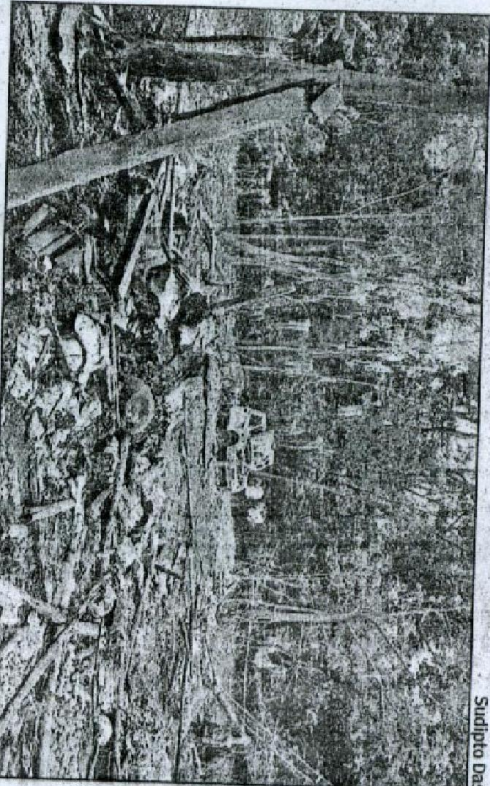
12 Killed as blast rips apart house packed with explosives in Pingla

Cracker Unit Front To Make Bombs: Locals

Sabzal Sen & Sujay Khanna | TNN

Brahmonbar (Pingla): A mysterious blast in a house packed with explosives killed at least 12 people—six of them minors—and injured four in Pingla's Brahmonbar village in West Midnapore on Wednesday night. The explosion was so powerful that the house was ripped to shreds and body parts were flung on trees or hurled hundreds of metres away.

In the backdrop of the Khatra-graharh blasts, the explosion triggered conspiracy theories, with the finger being pointed at Trinamool Congress since house owner Ranjan Maity is a



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GHASTLY SIGHT: The explosion shredded a mini-van parked near the house and flung body parts on trees hundreds of metres away

ruling party member Maity was arrested on Thursday.

Police also didn't help matters by sneaking around in the dark—officers insisted the dismembered body parts be retrieved in complete darkness and ordered fire truck headlights to be switched off. Village

Owner switched to TMC in 2011

House owner Ranjan Maity was a former Forward Bloc leader who switched to Trinamool after May 2011. Six months ago, he rented out the house to Ram Maity, who used to make crackers at his Shutochora home in Pingla, but was arrested after a blast blew it up three years ago. Ram came to Ranjan hunting for a safe house after locals drove him out of his village. **P 2**

speechless. The wide debris field, the presence of aluminium powder and metal cylinders that looked like shell casings indicate it may not have been a mere cracker unit. Concrete pillars had snapped in half. Strips of clothes, blasted off victims' bodies, hung from trees

like shrouds, giving the smouldering site an eerie look. The explosion was so severe that it shredded a mini-van to its bare metal frame.

The explosion took place at 9.30pm, just after Ram had a showdown with his son, Nottu, say villagers. "The blast was unlike anything we had seen or heard before. It was like a towering inferno coupled with an earthquake. After an ear-splitting explosion, there were a series of deafening blasts, like a machine-gun going off. It went on an on," said villager Sanatan Tudu. The house was blown to smithereens and debris shot out like missiles. Chunks of human flesh rained down on the village. "It was like balls of fire being flung at us," said Tudu. Some say the explosions went on for 30 minutes, some say it was an hour.

► Why cops worked in dark? **P 2**