

# GUN POWDER EXPLOSIVES CASES

## 2015-2021



Tiger Watch & Forest Department-Rajasthan



## Introduction

Crude gunpowder bombs or *golas* (because of their spherical shape) are a lethal menace to both humans and wildlife living in and around the protected areas of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. These bombs often serve the dual purpose of unethical crop protection and procurement of bushmeat for the black market. The bombs themselves are covered in dough and are placed strategically on pathways regularly used by wild animals. The culprits scatter nuts and grain around the bomb, to attract unwitting ungulates which will eventually bite down into the bomb causing it to explode. The explosives also have shrapnel embedded in them, in the form of shards of quartzite. Often, more determined culprits will first leave nuts, grain and other food items on the trail to habituate wild animals to finding food on a particular before placing the bomb itself. These explosives are highly dangerous and cruel, they often don't kill wild animals outright but may physically incapacitate or impair them, subjecting them to a slow and agonizing death. The raw materials for such explosives are readily available in grocery shops in the small towns around the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve.

### Crude Bomb Incidents (Gola) Details 2015

S.N	Date	Description	Location	VWV	Result
1	30/1/2015	Wild Boar Killed by Gun Powder(Wheat Flour) Bomb	Sawta ka Kathda	Naresh Gurjar	Incident reported to Forest Dept.
2	12/2/2015	Gun Powder (Wheat Flour) Bomb was given to Jagdish Gurjar (Kalakhora)by Pappu Thakur (Kachda Village).	Kalakhora	Dharamsingh Gurjar	Incident Reported to Forest Dept.
3	21/12/2015	A gun Powder Bomb discovered	Bahpur ka nala	Babulal Gurjar	Incident Reported to Forest Dept.

### Pictures of Crude Bomb Incidents 2015

22/12/2015	22/12/2015
	

### Crude Bomb Incidents (Gola) Details 2016

S.N	Date	Description	Location	VWV	Result
1	10/1/2016	A gun powder bomb was found	Neela Pattha Govindpura Village.	Roopchand Bairwa	Forest officers informed.
2	29/3/2016	A wild boar killed due to crude gun powder bomb.	Heeraman ki Talai	Roopchand Bairwa	Informed forest officers but the poacher ran away with the killed animal before officers reached the place. (Poachers-Ramu Thakur, Raghuveer Singh Thakur & Lakkhu Meena, Village-Jhopdi).
3	4/6/2016	1 dough bomb seized	Govindpura	Roopchand,Ramu	Forest officers informed.
4	13/12/2016	A Nilgai jaw broken due to a bomb	Hinoni ki Talai	Roopchand Bairwa	Informed the FD
5	30/12/2016	Found a crude gun powder bomb near Baniya ke khet	Banpur area	Kamlesh Gujjar	Informed the FD

## Pictures of Crude Bomb Incidents 2016

13/12/2016



Crude Bomb Incidents (Gola) Details 2017					
S.N	Date	Description	Location	VWV	Result
1	28/1/2017	A bomb found	Hakila ka Naala Pator	Ramsingh Meena	informed DFO and took necessary action
2	30/3/2017	A bomb found	Gohta Chambal k kinare	Roopshand Bairwa, Ramveer	informed the ranger Vikram Singh Meena
3	19/8/2017	A buffalo Injured due to gunpowder bomb (owner-Suresh Bairwa)	Hiraman ki Talai (Govindpura)	Roopchand Bairwa	informed sir
4	9/9/2017	Two men were caught placing a crude bomb. (Names- Ramesh Karera & Shambhu Daroga)	Gori Sagar area, Moroj Range-Baler	Ramswaroop Jaga	Forest department
5	30/10/2017	A wild boar jaw blasted after eating a crude bomb strategically placed in the forest area	Between Choti Neemli and Badi Neemli	Shivcharan Meena	informed the Forest Department
6	6/11/2017	A wild boar killed due to a crude gunpowder bomb	Hiramn ki talayi Govindpura	Roopchand Bairwa	Informed to the forest department. Raghuveer Thakur Village Jhopdi Kanarda
7	12/29/2017	A fox poached with a gunpowder bomb	Tudan area Pasahari Ke pass Karanpur	Uday Singh	Informed the Forest department

**Pictures of Crude Bomb Incidents 2017**

28/1/2017

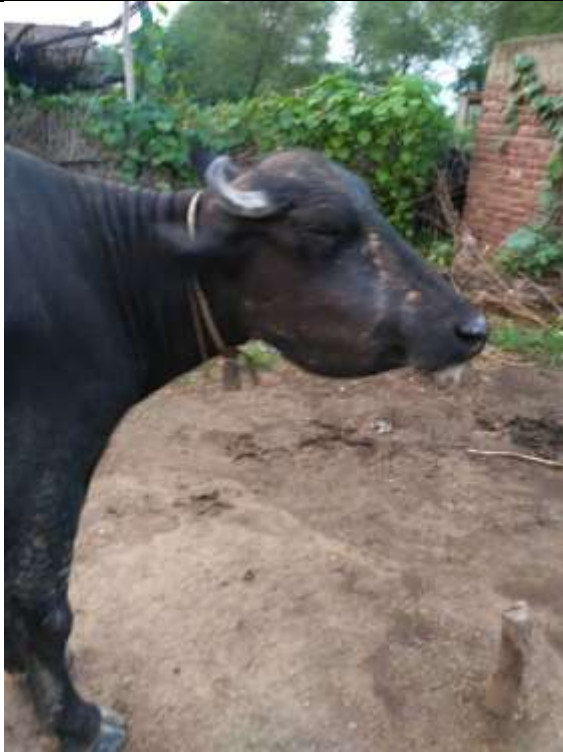


19/8/2017

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Crude Bomb Incidents (Gola) Details 2018					
S.N	Date	Description	Location	VWV	Result
1	10/1/2018	3 Poachers were found placing crude bombs (12 Bombs) in forest area (1 cow Died and jaw of 1 Cow exploded)	Futi Talai Guwaadi area	Harimohan Gurjar Guwaadi	Forest Officials Informed and they caught them, seized their bike also
2	26/1/2018	Poachers placed a Crude Bomb in forest and by which one civet died	Dharkhori ka nala-Maharo	Roopsingh Maharo	Forest Officials Informed
3	29/1/2018	Jaw of a boar was blasted due to Crude bomb	Balapura se Jungle ka rasta	Bholu Gurjar (Balapura)	informed the forest officials
4	10/2/2018	A hyena died due to gun powder bomb	Ladm ki pahadi Mahroo	Roopsingh Gurjar Maharoo	informed R.O. Neniya ki
5	25/2/2018	2 Poachers Umarav Bana and Popa Ram Kumhar put few gun powder bomb in forest area.	Phalodi	Ramsing Gurjar Jalpakheri	informed the forest officials
6	10/3/2018	4 Poacher were placing 2 gunpowder bombs	Badkuti ka nala , Maharro	Roopsingh Maharro ,	informed the forest officials
7	11/3/2018	6 Gun powder bombs sign and found a live bomb	Badkuti ka nala , Mahrro	Roopsingh maharro , Hannumansingh , Hari mohan	informed the forest officials
8	23/3/2018	Golar ke Hanuman Mandir recovered 2 gunpowder bombs	Golar ka Nala, Mandrayal,	Bihari Singh, Meethalal	informed the forest officials

9	21/4/2018	Buffalo injured due to a gunpowder explosive.	Khanpur village	Mangilal Gujjar	Ramkisan Bairwa was arrested
10	14/11/2018	Poachers tried to kill a wild animal by means of a Gun-powder explosive in a forest. A Leopard pugmark was spotted near the site of the explosion. Poachers were also observed in the surrounding forest.	Jakhoda	Hanuman Singh	informed the forest officials
11	22-12-2018	Poachers tried to kill a wild animal by means of a Gun-powder explosive in a forest.	Near Karadaki village	Roopsingh	informed the forest officials
12	30-12-2018	Two poachers were seen planting crude explosives on a forest trail.	Dudh Ghati, Bajoli and they moved towards Sawata.	Battilal Gujjar	informed the forest officials

## Pictures of Crude Bomb Incidents 2018

10/1/2018



26/1/2018



29/1/2018



10/2/2018



10/3/2018



11/3/2018





23/3/2018



21/4/2018



14/11/2018



22/12/2018



30/12/2018



### Crude Bomb Incidents (Gola) Details 2019

S.N	Date	Description	Location	VWV	Result
1	4/1/2019	Buffalo injured due to a gunpowder blast	Fathehpur	Hari Mohan Gujar	Bhartu Bana was involved in placing it. informed to the forest officials.
2	11/1/2019	found sign of gun powder bomb placing	Balaji ki atri ke pas Maharo	Roopsingh gujar	informed the forest officials
3	13-01-2019	Crude gun powder explosives were reported	Badhlaav area	Dharmsingh	informed the forest officials
4	16-01-2019	Crude gun powder explosives were reported	Ghisnota Nala, Karanpur range	Ramsingh Meena	informed the forest officials
5	17/1/2019	Found 3 gun powder bombs	Nider ki Neher, Mandrail	Bihari Singh	informed the forest officials
6	23/1/2019	1 gun powder bomb	Motihadi ka Nala Sapotara range	Hari Mohan Gurjar	informed the forest officials
7	29/1/2019	Found 2 gun powder bomb	Ramrahjka Nala	Battilal Gurjar	informed the forest officials
8	31/1/2019	Found a gunpowder bomb	Jind ka khad Khirkara	Dharm Singh	informed the forest officials
9	5/2/2019	Found a gun powder bomb near the fence of Shanker Gurjar ki khet	Balwant Khurd, Kwalji Side	Siyaram	informed the forest officials
10	12/2/2019	Found a gunpowder bomb	Badod Ghati	Chaetram Meena	informed the forest officials

11	24/2/2019	Found 2 gunpowder bombs	Lede ki Ghati	Bhagchand Meena	informed the forest officials
12	26/2/2019	Found a gunpowder bomb	khandoj area	Lokesh Meena	informed the forest officials

### Pictures of Crude Bomb Incidents 2019

4/1/2019



16/1/2019



17/1/2019

23/1/2019





24/2/2019



5/2/2019



12/2/2019



### Crude Bomb Incidents (Gola) Details 2020

S.N	Date	Description	Location	VWV	Result
1.	2/1/2020	Found a crude bomb	Neniyaki Range	Roopsingh	Informed the forest department
2.	8/1/2020	Found a crude bomb	Dhonk ka nala, Kailadevi	Battilal	Informed the forest department
3.	10/1/2020	Found 3 crude bombs	Near a waterhole Dhonk ka nala,	Roopsingh	Informed the forest department
4.	19/2/2020	A street dog died due to gunpowder bomb	Asharam Farm, Dolara	Mangilal	Informed the forest department
5.	29/2/2020	Found a crude bomb	Near pond, Dolara area	Mangilal and Dharmraj	Informed the forest department
6.	4/9/2020	Cow died due to gunpowder bomb	Dolara Village	Mangilal Acher	Informed the forest department
7.	27/11/ 2020	Found a crude bomb	Peela Khad area of Devpura outpost.	Mangilal Kishanpura	Informed the forest department
8.	28/11/2020	Found a gunpowder bomb	Bagheli Chitara Village	Mangilal Kishanpura	Informed the forest department
9.	9/12/2020	found a crude bomb	Baniya Khal, Devpura	Mangilal Kishanpura	Informed the forest department



## Pictures of Crude Bomb Incidents 2020

2/1/2020



8/1/2020



10/1/2020



19/2/2020



29/2/2020



4/11/2020



### Crude Bomb Incidents (Gola) Details 2021

Sr no.	Date	Poaching case	Location	VWV Name	Action
1	19-01-2021	Discovered 2 crude bombs	Kheda ke pas khet me, Nahari me	Mangilal Gurjar	Informed Forest officials
2	19-01-2021	Bomb exploded when a cow bit into it	Mohamadpura	Mangilal Gurjar	Informed Forest officials
3	27-01-2021	Discovered crude bomb	Dolara ke kheton me, Devpura	Mangilal Gurjar	Informed Forest officials
4	10-02-2021	Bomb exploded when a sheep bit into it	Chitara ke kheton me, Nahar ke paas	Mangilal Gurjar, Acher	Informed Forest officials
5	16/3/2021	Bomb exploded when a cow bit into it	Chitara or dolara ke paas, Devpura naka, phalodi range	Mangilal Gurjer, Acher	Informed Forest officials



## Pictures of Crude Bomb Incidents 2021

19/1/2021



19/1/2021



27/1/2021



10/2/2021





16/3/2021



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## Impact

The Village Wildlife Volunteers diffuse 10-15 gunpowder bombs every winter in collaboration with the Forest Department. From 2015 to March 2021, they have reported **a total of 53 incidents**. The Village Wildlife Volunteers intelligence even led to the arrest of the proprietor of a shop that was readily selling the ingredients of gunpowder bombs with instructions on how to make them by the police. However, this only captures a fraction of a problem that exists on a much larger scale and many such shops continue to function. The impact of these explosives is not just on wild animals but also domestic livestock. Injuries and loss of life among humans as a result of these explosives have also been reported, often the makers of the bombs themselves are maimed in the process of assemblage!

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
No. of Cases Reported	3	5	7	12	12	9	5

### About the VWV program:

Armed with smartphones & camera traps our Village Wildlife Volunteers from local pastoral communities operate on the peripheries of Ranthambhore, monitor over 50% of the Reserve's tigers , provide actionable intelligence for pre-emptive antipoaching and other illegal activities. The Village Wildlife Volunteers are fortunate to have the support of Jaisal Singh & Anjali Singh of SUJAN and the RTCF (Forest Dept Fund)