

# **BGB Seizes Yaba, Mine-Like Objects, Fuel and Chemicals in Separate Drives in Ramu and Naikhongchhari**

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Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has seized a large quantity of yaba tablets, anti-personnel mine and IED-like objects, flammable chemicals, illegal fuel, and fertilizer in separate drives across the border areas of Ramu and Naikhongchhari in Cox's Bazar. Security has been strengthened following the operations.

According to BGB sources, at around 1:00 PM on April 11, a drive was conducted in the Tulabagan area under Khuniapalong Union of Ramu. A total of 200,000 pieces of Burmese yaba tablets were recovered in an abandoned condition, with an estimated market value of approximately Tk 6 crore.

The operation was carried out by a special patrol team under the leadership of Assistant Director Md. Kabir Hossain, following instructions from the Commanding Officer of Ramu Battalion (30 BGB), Lt. Col. Kazi Mahtab Uddin Ahmed. During the drive, a suspect carrying a sack fled after sensing the presence of BGB personnel, leaving the sack behind. Later, in the presence of two local witnesses, the concealed yaba tablets were recovered from the sack. Legal action is underway.

In another drive on April 9 in the Naikhongchhari border area, a patrol team from Taragupura BOP of Naikhongchhari Battalion recovered five anti-personnel mines and five suspected IEDs along with other equipment. The drive was conducted in the Chhayapara area between border pillars 53 and 54, where 4–5 suspects fled, leaving their bags behind.

The recovered items include a metal detector, solar panel, and mobile phones. The mine and IED-like objects have been secured with sandbags and marked with red flags. Movement in the area has been temporarily restricted, and steps have been taken to deploy an army bomb disposal unit. A general diary has been filed with Naikhongchhari Police Station.

On the same day, a patrol team from Cox's Bazar Battalion (34 BGB), under Baishfari BOP, seized 3 kg of flammable powder, 3 kg of Mepox (Methyl Ethyl Ketone Peroxide), 3 rolls of nylon fabric, and 3 liters of flammable liquid from an area near border pillar 37/2-S.

The estimated value of the seized chemicals is being assessed, and arrangements are underway to send samples to the Chattogram Divisional Chemical Laboratory for testing.

Additionally, in the early hours of April 11, BGB seized 395 liters of illegally stored octane from the Sonaichhari area of Naikhongchhari, valued at several lakh taka. At the same time, 20 sacks of urea fertilizer and 4 sacks of TSP fertilizer were seized from the Time Bazar area. Authorities believe these were stockpiled for smuggling purposes.

Commanding Officer of Naikhongchhari Battalion, Lt. Col. Md. Faizul Kabir, said that operations have been intensified under the directives of the BGB Director General to prevent smuggling, illegal fuel storage, and security threats along the border. He added that such drives will continue in the future.