

Arms racket busted

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A racket involving smuggling of firearms in the Northeast region was busted following a joint operation by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Assam Rifles. Two AK-47 rifles were seized and five persons arrested in the case.

Acting on specific information, DRI officers searched a residential premises at Chawnpui area here on Sunday. They found a sack which was about to be transported by some persons, a statement said.

On examination, the sack was found containing ginger. "Its further examination resulted in recovery of a packet wrapped in old and used newspaper. Two AK-47 rifles valued at ₹20 lakh were recovered and seized," it said.

In this case, the arms were smuggled into India from an unauthorised route across the Indo-Myanmar border, the DRI said.

The Mizoram resident from whom the rifles were seized has been arrested.