

Reds torch tractor at Gaya brick kiln

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GAYA: Suspected Maoists attacked a brick kiln in village Dongila Bathan under the Banke Bazar police station area of the district on Monday. They torched a tractor and manhandled the workers present there. The attack is being seen as part of their strategy to put pressure on contractors and other businessmen to pay them levy (extortion money).

Reports reaching the district headquarters say dozens of armed Maoists raided the brick kiln on early Monday morning.

When contacted, City SP J Jalareddi, who is in charge of the Maoist-hit southern parts of the district, said he has sought report from the local police.

Earlier, the Maoists indulged in acts of subversion and arson at work sites of the gas pipeline and solar plant etc. Calling the attackers as 'fringe' elements, the City SP said criminals granted bail by the court have resumed their activities in the area. They would be arrested and again sent to jail, he said.