

Assam: BSF seizes 1.7cr foreign cigarettes in Cachar, 4 arrested

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SILCHAR: The BSF on Monday seized a huge consignment of foreign made cigarettes, worth Rs 1.7 crore, from Lakhipur locality of Assam's Cachar district near the Manipur border. Four people were arrested in this connection.



The 43 cartons of cigarettes were confiscated while they were being loaded onto a pick-up van from a boat anchored on the banks of the Barak river.

Acting on a tip-off, a BSF team rushed to the spot and on seeing the personnel, the men engaged in loading cigarettes tried to escape. However, the BSF personnel managed to arrest four people, including two Chhattisgarh residents, and seized the 43 cartons. The BSF is further combing the area, said a senior BSF official.

The police recovered 43 cartons, each containing 1,000 packets of cigarettes, while another carton had 900 packets. There were 43,900 packets of Gold Flake cigarettes that were made in Turkey. Each packet costs Rs 390. The total value of the consignment is Rs 1,71,21,000," the BSF said in a statement.

One pick-up van and three mobile phones were also seized during the operation.

The arrested persons have been identified as Arshad Hussain of Singerband village in Cachar district, Firoz Khan of Jaipur-Raja Bazar locality in Cachar, Vivek Kashyav of Bhanpuri village in Raipur locality of Chhattisgarh and Suresh Kumar Sahu of New Durga Nagar village in Raipur locality of Chhattisgarh.

The BSF lodged an FIR at Lakhipur police station and deposited the seized items at the police station.

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