

**Doramba Incident:**

On 16 August 2003, at around 4 pm, a group of Maoists went to the house of Yubaraj Moktan, a 39 years old teacher of Shree Buddhalaya Primary School of Doramba VDC, for conducting meeting and celebrating marriage party of a Maoist member. Maoists had randomly selected the house for their meetings and house owners were under compulsion to express their consent to it.

On the day of the incident, without prior consent taken with the victims' families, Maoists entered the house of Moktan. At the time there were no families members present except Moktan's younger daughter, Sabina Moktan, 16. Maoists stayed there overnight. They had themselves brought foodstuff which they cooked and ate. They were busy gossiping till late. Right from the next morning on 17 August 2003, Maoists activists belonging to the village and from outside started coming there gradually. On the day, Yubraj Moktan, who was out of his village to Kathmandu, was returning home in the morning. Upon his arrival at his house, he only came to know about the meeting of Maoists. He could see that there were nearly 18 to 20 Maoists inside the house and nearly 10 to 12 Maoists were busy gossiping in the courtyard and at the outwards. Some of those inside the house were cooking food in the kitchen. They were busy butchering the goat they had themselves brought and were cooking meat.

It was reported that the army had got detail information about Maoists' gathering and celebration and started their search operation being fully armed. Army men were in civil dress – some of them clad in vests and half pants, half jackets and raincoats, thereby hiding their arms. After entering Doramba area, 80 army personnel got divided into several groups – some of them got stationed at the hill top in front of the health post while others at the hill top beside the school. Some others were in the market area while others were in the village located in the east of the market and two groups of army came towards the house of Yubraj Moktan situated in the east of the health Post.

A gunshot was heard at about 10:30. It was learnt that the army had circled around the house of Yubaraj Moktan. Tek Bahadur Thapa Magar who had come from the east from Daduwa village of some distant hillside to take part in the meeting was hit by a bullet fired by the army from some height near the house of Yubaraj and he collapsed on the spot. In the meantime two unknown Maoists also died from army bullets and one Maoist staying inside the house was successful in jumping down from a window of the top floor which had no grilles and he managed to run away. In course of this action, army men reportedly fired several rounds of bullets. Bullet marks were discovered on the outer wall of the house.

Army personnel, after entering the house, forced 19 persons, including Yubaraj Moktan and his son Leela Moktan, to raise their hands and took them out of the house. Every one of them was dragged across the house. The army thoroughly searched the house. The army overturned the food cooked by the Maoists, broke down the pot carrying curd and splashed it and shattered the glasses fixed inside the house. The army burnt down the clothes of Yubraj's wife and daughter and sons after taking them out in the yard and damaged the utensils. The army burnt various

items of the house owner. Around one hour after the incident at about 11:30 the army marched all arrested people towards the Health Post dividing them in groups of 5 to 7 persons and tying their hands at their back and making some of them carry one bag in the front and another at the back and making some carry only one bag each.

Some of the villagers saw army men forcibly carrying one lady from the house of Yubaraj towards the hilltop. The dead body of Tek Bahadur Thapa Magar was found near that house with bullets marks in the chest and stomach.

Army personnel ordered all the local residents to "remain inside shutting down their houses and shops". Later on when they peeped through the windows, villagers saw that the arrested people were made to march in rows with their hands tied at their back with green cloth, carrying bags, and abuses showered on them. The army and arrested persons started moving forwards from the north of Doramba market and army personnel destroyed the welcome gate made by Maoists. After taking the arrest people up to Dadakateri, army men ordered them to stand in rows and they gunned all of them down. Two teachers, Resham Younjan and Mobin Theng, teaching in a school at Doramba, while returning home, saw some men in civil dress carrying arms. When they reached the incident place at about 5 pm they saw blood, inner flesh and broken pieces of skull scattered all through the way. They saw nine or ten dead bodies lying below on the steep slope. They also became afraid of their own lives and started moving hurriedly towards their houses.

The list of extra-judicially executed people:

Baburam Tamang, Ambika Dahal, Pradip Dong, Harka Bahadur Tamang, Rabi Chauhan, Uma Karki, Shyam Tamang, Padamraj Giri, Bishnumaya Thapa Magar, Thuloram Tamang, Sanoram Tamang, Laxman Tamang, and five unidentified Maoists along with two civilians, Yubraj Moktan and Lila Moktan.