

INDIA - PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
BORDER INCIDENT *

Sundorong Valley has always been China's territory. It is not well north of the traditional Sino-Indian boundary, but also located on the Chinese side of the line of actual control in the eastern sector of the boundary. The Chinese frontier personnel were on their routine patrols on their own territory and did not at all cross the line of actual control by a single step. It is simply groundless to allege that the Chinese personnel "intruded Indian territory".

As a matter of fact, over many years in the past, the Indian personnel have constantly crossed the line of actual control, nibbling and expanding into the Chinese territory in the above-mentioned region. The Chinese side have taken a restrained attitude in order to maintain peace at the border.

As is known to all, Sino-Indian boundary has never been formally delimited. "The McMahon Line" is unlawful and invalid, and has never been recognized by any Chinese Government. Even if according to the original map of the unlawful "McMahon's Line", Sundorong Valley is still north of the line. The Indian side has simply turned things upside down. So Indian's unreasonable protest was of course rejected by China.

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