Business StandardIllegal arms, fake notes racket busted in Kolkata

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The Special Task Force (STF) of Kolkata Police on Friday arrested three men and seized fake Indian currency notes of the face value of Rs 1 lakh and recovered 48 semi-finished improvised firearms.

Based on prior information, the officers intercepted three persons -- Mohammed Chand, 30, Mohammed Sultan, 24, and Mohammed Shiltu, 20, -- from Strand Road area. All three are from Bihar's Munger district.

The seized currency include Rs 2,000 notes, a police officer said. Based on the statements of those arrested, the STF unearthed an illegal arms factory in Howrah's Pilkhana Bazar.

"A total of 26 pieces of semi-finished country-made improvised firearms along with a lathe machine were seized from the illegal arms factory," an officer said.

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