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'Operation Green Hunt' faces opposition

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VIJAYAWADA [Andhra Pradesh state]: Representatives of various people's organisations in Krishna district have resolved to raise a collective voice against the Centre's "Operation Green Hunt".

Intellectuals and members of various rights organisations have decided to form a common platform and fight tooth and nail the Centre's stand on the issue. To drum up public support for the cause, the leaders plan to organise a massive rally and hold public meetings across the district in the days to come.

"We strongly oppose the operation that involves large-scale massacre of innocent tribes on the pretext of weeding out Maoists by sending huge contingents of paramilitary forces into forests that are homes to primitive tribes," Krishna Rao, national convener of the Tamil Eelam Solidarity Committee, said at a meeting organised by the Krishna district unit of the APCLC on Friday.

Mr. Krishna Rao alleged that the Government was eyeing the vast mineral resources and the valuable lands occupied by the tribals.

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