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Roy reached Lakralungta where a few Jarawas were spotted at the sea shore. Mahango, the son of the missing HOTELE, was also spotted there. He along with other Jarawas also joined the team. After traveling further for 5 hours, the joint team reached Mahua Tikrey (Flat Island) where the Jarawas told that the place of occurrence was not Mahua Tikrey as alleged by the fishermen but was further 1.00 hour from there. The team proceeded for the place as directed by the accompanying Jarawas. After traveling for 11/2 hours, the team reached near Louis Inlet Bay Island, which the Jarawas confirmed to be the exact place of occurrence. Jarawas further disclosed that the fisherman had come there in two engine dinghies, one engine dinghy towing 3 oar-dinghies and the other engine dinghy towing 2 oar dinghies, totaling 7 dinghies. The Jarawas namely (1) Taleta (47) yrs, S/o Late Wanged, (2) Enmye (27 yrs), S/o Late Tegeya, (3) Kilete (15 yrs), S/o Late Oachu, (4) Telo (45 yrs), S/o Late Tita Angno, (5) Then May (27 yrs), S/o Late Udug, (6) Takulum (22 yrs, S/o Late Udug, (7) Hoyam (54 yrs), S/o Late Aname and (8) Tehalai (16 yrs), S/o Late Chengel, who were eye witness to the incident, stated that the time of occurrence was about noon and not early morning as stated by the fishermen who were involved in the incident.

On enquiry made from the Jarawas involved in the incident, they revealed that the dinghies were parked right opposite their huts and the fishermen had laid their fishing nets across a narrow channel which was the source of fish for them. The location was opposite Plastic Island adjacent to Louis-Inlet Bay. At around noon, a team of Jarawas tried to board the fishing dinghies for demanding back their fish from these encroachers. One of the fishermen threw boiling water from a handle mug on the Jarawas to scare them away causing burn injuries to one of the Jarawas. When Hotele, a Jarawa, tried to overpower that fisherman, he picked up an oar (haalish) and started heaving it wildly, injuring one Jarawa namely Hoyam on his elbow which immediately swelled up. Seeing this, Hotele shot that fisherman (later identified as the