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SLMC calls for Govt.-Opposition joint efforts to confront Tigers

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THE SRI LANKA Muslim Congress (SLMC) Leader M. H. M. Ashraf has urged the Government and the Opposition to act jointly and effectively to face the increasing atrocities of the Tamil Tiger terrorists.

Mr. M. H. M. Ashraf told *The Observer* that the massacre of innocent Muslim and Sinhala civilians at the Polonnaruwa yesterday had taken place outside the region of the North-East provinces. This incident has shown that the LTTE was all out to outnumber the

helpless civilians in the border areas of the North and the East. Therefore joint efforts by the Government and the Opposition could only put an end to the threats of the LTTE.

He also said that this was the biggest ever massacre in the Polonnaruwa District. "It is the second largest one since the Kathankudy massacre in the East, in 1991", he added.

Mr. Ashraff also said that he would urge the representatives of the Islamic nations to provide the grieving families in the Agbopura and Ahmedpura with necessary relief.