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Police launch dawn operation

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# 19 held in Tiger flush out in Moratuwa

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THE MORATUWA police in a lightning operation early this morning, to flush out Tiger cadres hiding in the area, took into custody 19 persons including three women.

Among those taken in were four Sinhalese who had rented out rooms to Tamils from North and East without informing the Police, according to a Police officer.

The areas searched were Moratuwa town, Moratumulla, Katubedda and Laxapathiya.

The Police officer said that most of the arrested Tamils were from the northern parts of the country who had no valid reason to be in Moratuwa.

They also did not have identity cards with them.

He added that among those arrested was a Tamil couple where the man was 66-year-old and the woman 30-years-old. Police are yet to verify whether they were hus-

band and wife and why they had come to Moratuwa.

All the arrested persons will be interrogated today and any suspicious persons will be detained for further check-ups.

Further investigations are being conducted by Headquarters Inspector F.W.A. Silva of the Moratuwa Police under the instructions of ASP Ananda Nanayakkara.