Tiger wanted by Malaysia

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AN LTTEer who escaped from a gun-running ship of the Tigers taken into custody by the Malaysian authorities in 1991, was arrested by the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) yesterday.

The man, identified as Krishnadas was arrested while attempting to leave the country from the Katunayake International Airport.

Krishnadas had escaped from the LTTE's arms smuggling ship the 'Sunbird' which was taken into custody by the Malaysian authorities with a cargo of weapons, boats and uniforms.

While several other members of the vessel's crew were taken into custody, Krishnadas had managed to evade arrest and somehow come to Sri Lanka.

A description, obtained from other crew members, of the 24-year- old native of Vavuniya, was circulated worldwide by the Malaysians in their attempt to get at Krishnadas, police said.

Krishnadas, who is held under tight security is now being questioned by CID investigators, who believe that he may have been trying to go abroad with a new mission of bringing in more weapons for the LTTE.