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Tiger operatives shot dead the head of a Paris headquartered Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), ASIA, last Sunday, Tamil politicians said last night. The victim was identified as Sabalingam from Jaffna.

There was speculation among Tamil politicians in Colombo that Sabalingam was killed on the orders of Tiger leader Velupillai Prabhakaran.

At the time of his killing Sabalingam was collecting material to write a book on the Tamil struggle in the North-East Sri Lanka. "Sabalingam

was meeting a lot of ex-Tigers in Europe to gather information", one Tamil politician said.

The Tiger leadership believed Sabalingam was engaged in anti-Tiger activity in Europe he added.

He said that the victim's wife and sister were present when Tiger operatives entered his house in Paris itself and gunned him down Sunday afternoon.

Sabalingam has been helping Tamils who have been arriving in France in the past to secure political asylum he said.

Tiger leadership believed that Sabalingam's

activities in Paris and other European capitals were affecting Tiger operations abroad, Tamils said.

The French police has launched an investigation into the killing they added.

The killing comes just a week after the European Parliament headquartered in Strasbourg called on all its member nations to close down all Tiger offices.

Tamil politicians said that the killing will force the French authorities to take further action against Tiger activity.