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>intro: according to military sources, fierce fighting between sri

>lankan security forces and the tamil tigers has left more than 70

>rebels and soldiers dead. as jennifer morrow reports from new >delhi, troops are encountering stiff resistance as they move >further into rebel-held territory in the northern jaffna >peninsula. > >text: a military spokesman says at least 40 tamil tigers and 30

>soldiers were killed sunday, as a fierce battle raged in the >neerveli district, near the strategic town of jaffna. >

>the military says it is encountering stiff resistance as it moves

>deeper into the jaffna peninsula. rebel mortar fire, mine fields >and well-fortified trenches have slowed the army's

advance. > >earlier sunday, two roman catholic priests from the rebel-held >north, accused the army of

indiscriminate shelling in civilian >areas. they said dozens have been killed and thousands displaced >in recent attacks. > >sunday's battle is the latest push in the military offensive --

>code-named operation riviresa -- which began 12 days ago. > >last week, as the army appeared to be closing in

on jaffna town, >tamil guerrillas killed more than 100 villagers and blew up two >colombo oil depots in what analysts

say was an attempt to divert >troops from the battle raging in the north. (signed) > >neb/jmm/sd

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