

Midnight attack with swords and axes

TIGERS MASSACRE 68 VILLAGERS IN EAST

The LTTE yesterday shot and hacked to death 68 persons including infants and women in three villages in the eastern province, informed sources said.

The LTTE which began its attack shortly after midnight hacked to death most of its victims in Bo-Atta in the Welikanda police area, number one colony at Padaviya and Kolakana Vadiya, in Anuradhapura.

About 300 Tigers armed with automatic weapons, axes and swords raided the Bo-

Atta village and hacked to death thirty two civilians including women and infants.

The attackers had been in the village from around 12.45 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.

Eleven civilians were seriously injured and were removed to the Anuradhapura hospital where they underwent surgery.

At the number one colony, Padaviya 19 villagers including women and children were killed, while at Kolakana Vadiya 17 villagers were done to death.

Tiger fund-collectors nabbed in Negombo

Five Tigers who had been collecting lakhs of rupees for the LTTE Security Fund, were taken into custody by the Negombo police on Friday.

They were arrested from Wella Veediya and Perera Place.

Police sources said that the five Tigers — Puligan Pulendran (30) of Arali, Vijakumar (31) of Nuwara Eliya, S. Sinnatambay (30), Ratnasingham Ratnasekaran (30) of Jaffna and Jeyachandran (30) of Nuwara Eliya had been

collecting monies ranging from Rs. 10,000 to 15,000 per person since 1993.

The suspects who had received military training in the north were also planning to plant bombs at Bandaranaike airport, Katunayaka,

airport investigations have revealed.

Inspector T. H. Doole and Sergeant T. M. Chandrasena of the Negombo security coordinating unit are conducting further investigations.

Magnificent response to Lanka's cry for help

Indians here with aqua foam

The Indian government responded magnificently to Sri Lanka's desperate call for Aqua Foam needed to bring under control the fires at the two oil installations. When the request was conveyed in the early hours of Friday morning

acting Indian Foreign Secretary Vinod Grover was in his office at 6.45 a.m. giving the necessary instructions to get the required fire-dousing material in time. The Indian High Commissioner in Colombo Mr. Natwar Dayal was also very

helpful, sources said.

They even provided an Indian Airforce plane which landed on Friday evening with the required Aqua Foam.

Industrial Development Minister C. V. Gooneratne who was in

India attending a conference of ministers of Industries in the Asia-Pacific region thanked the Indian Industries Minister K. Kanakaratnam for the magnanimous gesture on the part of the Indian government.



Colombo awoke to a flaming Friday as LTTE terrorists turned the Kolonnawa and Orugodawatte oil storage areas into a raging inferno. Our staff photographer Sri Lal Gomes got this picture of flames licking the northern skyline of the city with clouds of angry black smoke billowing upwards.

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