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Two suspected accomplices of LTTE's (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Ealam) hotel bomber Aruldas, were arrested by

the Crime Detective Bureau (CDB) officers at Wellawatte last week.

The men, in their late twenties and one of whom was running a radio repair shop and a 'saiva' boutique, were taken into custody following a statement recorded from one of the bomber's young assistants, a senior police officer said. Thirteen others including Sinhalese women whom Aruldas had befriended were questioned and released earlier.

The assistant, who survived a premature bomb blast which blew up Aruldas who was trying to place the bomb inside a hotel in Mount Lavinia on the night of April 8, was taken into custody soon after the incident by police.

The explosion preceded three more which went off simultaneously a short while later in three city hotels causing some damage and wounding several persons.

The bombs were believed to have been placed in the hotels by members of an LTTE cell operating in the city under the direction of Aruldas who

had arrived in the country from Canada sometime ago, police said.

The Sri Lankan police has sought the assistance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to obtain more information about Aruldas.

A group identifying it-

self as the 'Ellalan Force' (EF) claimed responsibility for the hotel blasts but EF is regarded as a front for the Tigers, which was confirmed by the wounded assistant who had stated that Aruldas had said the attacks were being carried out on the orders of the LTTE.