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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — In one of their most stunning victories, Tamil rebels overran a military base in northern Sri Lanka before dawn yesterday, killing more than 200 soldiers and sailors, military officers said.

As many as 300 servicemen were missing after fleeing the base near the rebel-held Jaffna Peninsula, the military said.

Other soldiers from the base were trying to regroup, they said. And more than 50 Tamil rebels were killed in the attack.

Rebels from the Tamil minority have been fighting for an independent homeland in northern and eastern Sri Lanka for 10 years. More than 18,000 people have been killed.