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Tamil raid kills hundreds of Sri Lankan troops

DELHI — The Tamil Tigers inflicted the worst defeat on the Sri Lankan armed forces since the Tamil insurgency began 10 years ago, killing hundreds of their troops Thursday, and seizing a vast amount of war booty. At least 200 Sinhalese soldiers and sailors — possibly as many as 500 — died in a Tiger attack on a military base at the Jaffna lagoon in the north of the country.