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Rebels kill 200

COLOMBO - 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. More than 50 Tamil rébels were killed in the attack, the military said. A rebel spokesman said yesterday's attack was to prevent the government from surrounding the peninsula.