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THE THIRTY two policemen and the soldier held in LTTE custody were scheduled to recommence their fast today in Jaffna demanding their release.

According to unconfirmed reports 43 of their relatives who are still in Jaffna will also begin fasting at Subash hotel, where they are staying in support of the prisoners demand for release.

The LTTE dandestine Voice of Tigers had

broadcast the comments of the prisoners and their relatives about the fast.

One of the prisoners had said that there was no way other than from fasting to demand his release and to highlight his plight, reports said.

While relatives of the prisoners are kept at the Subash tourist hotel and the area in being heavily guarded by the LTTE men, the whereabouts of the prisoners has not been revealed.

Meanwhile, travel through the 'Tiger infested' Kilali lagoon is becoming extremely hazardous for civilians. According to a report, an elderly person and an infant died early this week while crossing the Lagoon due to the chilly conditions.

The boats carrying the civilians often suffer mechanical defects and the crippled ones have to be towed by LTTE speed boats which remain the targets of the Naval boats, reports said.