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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (DPA) — One soldier was killed and three others badly injured during a dawn raid by Tamil separatist guerrillas on the garrison in Sri Lanka's northern provincial capital of Jaffna.

Defence Ministry sources said it was the latest raid in two days of increased guerrilla attacks on military camps in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

The raid coincided with a strike Tuesday against tea and rubber plantations by a reported 90 percent of the estimated 350,000 ethnic Tamil plantation workers. They promised to continue their Hindu prayer protest for three months to demand Sri Lankan citizenship for a total of 400,000 stateless Tamils whose ancestors came from India.

The attack also coincided with an announcement in Madras, India, by the Eelam National Liberation Front formally breaking off the eight-month cease-fire.