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MR. N. ARUMUGAM, Chairman of the Valachchenai Co-operative Union and an Assistant Director of the Paper Corporation was abducted for the second time by suspected terrorists late last month.

According to the Valachchenai Police Mr. Arumugam's son had complained about the abduction only two days ago in spite of the incident taking place on

January 28. The son had told police that his father was abducted by a group of terrorists while visiting one of the co-operatives in Valachchenai area.

"We were approached only after the family failed to

obtain his release on their own," a senior police officer in Batticaloa told *The Observer* this morning. He said that the members of the family who approached the LTTE terrorists were told that they were investigating some acts

of the Chairman

Police said that Mr. Arumugam was believed to be held outside the Valachchenai area.

Mr. Arumugam had been abducted about two months earlier also by the terrorists who demanded a ransom of Rs. 1 million. He was however, released after the family, which could not raise the money, paid off Rs. 100,000 police said.