Over 25 LTTE rebels killed in abortive attack on STF post

More than 25 LTTE terrorists were killed when Special Task Force commandos repulsed a predawn attack on Saturday on a police post at Ambalanthurai, 20 kilometres south of Batticaloa, a military spokesman said.

At least seven STF commandos were also killed and six wounded in the fierce

mortar and machine gun exchange between the commandos and more than hundred terrorists.

The military spokesman said yesterday that the commandos successfully repulsed the attack causing heavy casualties to the raiders. According to unconfirmed reports, the Tiger death toll is as high as 50. Military sources said 25 bodies of LTTE cadres

had been recovered.

This was the second major defeat suffered by the Tigers in the Eelam war III. In July the LTTE lost more than 400 cadres in its abortive attack on military bases in Weli Oya.

In a separate incident, meanwhile, two LTTE rebels were killed by the security forces at Mullaitivu in the Kilinochchi district.