

TELO branch president killed

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The 24 year old president of TELO Valachchenai branch in Kalkudah was shot dead by the LTTE while he was walking with his younger brother to a nearby boutique. This was revealed at the inquest held into the death of Sambandan Krishnananda of Valachchenai before the City Coroner Justin Perera on Tuesday.

Witness Sabthalingam Satiya Nandam, eldest brother of the victim told the City Coroner that, his brother Sabandam was serving as the president of the TELO branch for a considerable period. He was

married without children. The incident took place on the 20th October when the victim went with his brother to a boutique nearby. The suspect fired a gun at his brother.

Then the victim was removed to Batticaloa hospital first and then to Colombo General Hospital where he died on October 31. He told the coroner that he was able to identify the body.

Dr. N. I. L. Abeysinghe, AJMO, in his autopsy said that the cause of death was due to injuries sustained as a result of gun shot injuries.

The City Coroner returned a verdict of death due to homicide.