Eternal vigilance is the answer. (1995, August 13). Sunday observer.

Monday's bomb explosion at Independence Square which led to the deaths of 22 persons, including the Tiger suicide bomber who set it off, and the wounding of 52 others had several lessons for those involved in providing security to the city as well as

providing security to the ordinary people. shing an inconscpicuous cart.

According to senior police officers, the arrest by a partol from the Borella police, the previous Sunday evening, of the secomplice of the bomber identified as Kumar indicated that some sections of the police force are dedicated and take their police force are dedicated and take their police force with the police force are dedicated and take their observations of the police force are dedicated and take their observations of the police force are dedicated and take their observations of the police force are dedicated and take their observations of the police force are dedicated and take their observations of the police force are designed as the police force force are dedicated as the police force are dedicated as the police force force

In this case, their susp-icions paid off as investiga-tions into the blast in-dicated that one of the men whom they had detained on suspicion was in fact an explosives expert of the LTTE.

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icious goings-on in a house by civic minded neighbour-s.According to the neigh-bours who were intervi-ewed over the TV, the police had failed to take any action or check on the in-formation provided.

In security circles, it was felt that, had the police taken any action earlier, they would have been able to discover the Tiger 'mole' Kumar thus averting the

independence square bomb blast.

All that is now history, but among the lessons that are to be learnt from this bitter experience as from all those in the past are that the LTTE are well ensconced in the city. the city.

While it is difficult for the police or any other in-telligence system to uncover the rebel 'moles' in the city, it is felt that they (the auth-

orities concerned) should pay more serious attention to the information that is being provided by the public.

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It is felt among defence circles that special in-telligence cells comprising dedicated officers should stations to check on even the minutest of information

Monday's blast as well as those that occurred before have clearly indicated that the enemy is well within the gates and have been over the past few years And if the police and security forces are to combat and bring them under control, there is a greater need for alertness and the follow-up of all possible leads.

According to security sources, a greater need for vigilence by the public too is required to tackle the problem for the rebels who have infiltrated the city many years ago have well established covers and have the advantage of knowing whom, where and when they will take on their target.

to security actions of these rebel agents, a member of the public too to tackle the the rebels who ated the city add have well in the public too to the public may notice some 'out of the ordinary' event which would go a long way in helping the authorities.

According to a senior police officer, the rebels are known to have one or more explosive dumps in the city to help them carry out attacks on more targets. They are also known to have agents with well established 'covers'.

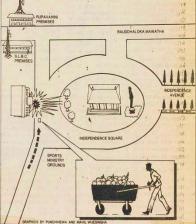
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There is only one instance where the authorities have been suscessful in uncovering a rebel cell and managementing a major disaster

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séveral other key installa-tions in the city. A number of rebel agents were arrested while ex-plosives and an arms cache were detected along with a vehicle bomb. vehicle bomb.



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