Tamils blow up navy ship was 18/0/9

COLOMBO – Rebel divers blew up a navy supply ship yesterday at Sri Lanka's largest military port, killing 12 people. Another 125 soldiers and rebels died in two days of fighting on two fronts. Thousands of troops, backed by warplanes and navy gunboats, advanced on northern rebel positions at dawn yesterday, in what could be a prelude to an assault on the rebel stronghold of Jaffna City. The fighting in the east began Monday. More than 200 people have been wounded in the fighting, officials said.