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LIBERATION TIGERS of Tamil Eelam's (LTTE) sub-group leader for Batticaloa 'Christie' was shot dead by the Security Forces in a special operation south of Vavunativu yesterday.

He was shot dead in an ambush, said military officials who declined to give further details due to security reasons.

Batticaloa in 1989 was their organiser in Batticaloa since September last year. He was deputy to the terrorist leader 'Prabha' currently in charge of the Tigers in Batticaloa.

Meanwhile, in a separate incident yesterday afternoon, the security forces recovered

other items belonging to the LTTE from a hideout at Tikkodai, Batticaloa. A Nissan Sunny car, LTTE publications, a photograph album, terrorist flags and a bag of medicine were among the items recovered by the soldiers during the cordon and search operation on the hideout.

ticaloa north, a group of terrorists who came under fire from soldiers had abandoned several grenades, about Rs. 7,000 in cash and several uniforms yesterday. It is believed that some of the terrorists may have been wounded in the firing.

In another incident at Kadiraveli yesterday soldiers shot dead a terrorist and recovered a shot gun, officials said.