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Police on Saturday arrested in Katunayake an organiser of a new political party who was described as the kingpin of a passport and visa racket helping LTTE cadres to travel abroad under Sinhala names.

The suspect who is a Sinhalese has close connection with a Sinhala Buddhist organisation too. He is also a Justice of the Peace, police said.

Police sleuths also arrested four Tamil youths, including a young woman who arrived at the airport to emplane for Finland. Detectives later took in a Tamil woman in Moratuwa described as an accomplice.

"It was revealed that the four Tamil youth had Sinhala names in their passports. Police unearthed 10 more such passports from the house of the arrested suspect yesterday", a Police spokesman said.

Travel documents of the four Tamil youths said that the purpose of their travel to Finland was for

employment in a business owned by the suspect. However, inquiries revealed the suspect owned no business in that country. He had helped other Tamil clients too to travel to countries like England and Norway, Police said.

"A police team from Norway which arrived here had already questioned the suspect. The CID was on the alert since then and they tracked him to Katunayake airport on Saturday where they nabbed him", the spokesman said.

CID Director Punchi Banda Seneviratne directed by DIG Amarasena Rajapakse and assisted by ASP Nihal Samarakoon, is conducting the investigations.