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COLOMBO LANKAPUVATH, DECEMBER 29 The losses of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in military operations this year are more than double those of the Shri Lanka Security Forces. A military spokesman told Lankapuvath that according to latest statistics of the Joint Operations Command (JOC) 2906 Tiger terrorists have been confirmed killed in the North and the East in comparison to the Shri Lankan Security Forces, who lost 1041 killed in action.

These figures were in addition to those killed in Air Force raids on LTTE targets.

The spokesman also said that the number of desertions from the Shri Lankan Army had come down by over 50 per cent. he said that while there was an average of 500 per month upto August, during this year, the monthly desertions from August this year had dropped to between 262 to 275 per month.

Military intelligence also reported that the LTTE was attempting various ruses to bring about a ceasefire as a respite from the battering they were receiving at the hands of the Security Forces.