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The armed services top brass considers the LTTE's call for a ceasefire to begin negotiations with the government, as a 'ploy' to rebuild their strength to attack the troops, top security sources disclosed yesterday.

They said in certain areas Tiger movement were curtailed due to the security forces presence and Tiger

units were inactive in those areas.

A senior military official said it would be "unwise" to declare a ceasefire at this juncture as it would only help the Tigers and demoralise the troops in the combat areas.

The LTTE last week killed 42 soldiers in an ambush in the eastern sector at Welioya. Troops are now combing jungle areas in Welioya where the Tiger cadres are believed to have fled.