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From A.S. Fernando in Kandy

President D.B. Wijetunga said here Friday the government was determined to save the Tamil people in the North from terrorism in the same way that it saved the Sinhala people in the South.

Speaking at the 115th anniversary prize-giving of the Girls' High School, Kandy the President who described northern terrorism as a conflict between democracy and fascism said that Tigers had gained nothing from the armed struggle they launched 20 years ago.

"At present the terrorist threat remains confined to

the Jaffna peninsula. It has alienated the northern Tamils who are our close friends."

The President said earlier: "In developing this country, the main obstacle we are faced with is terrorism prevailing in the north. Government has to spend about Rs. 25,000 million every year on account of this problem. This expenditure amounts to about 6 percent of the national revenue. If more than one (1) percent of the national revenue goes for defence, it would certainly be an obstacle to the development of any country like ours," the President said.

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