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TWO TERRORIST jungle bases in Northern Batticaloa were destroyed by the Security Forces yesterday in one of two ongoing operations in Batticaloa and Vavuniya.

The two bases, capable of accommodating about a 1000 terrorist cadres were destroyed in the Angodavillu area on the Trincomalee Batticaloa border in an operation code named 'White Eagle' launched early yesterday.

According to a military spokesman, the bases deep in the jungles, had been abandoned by the terrorists as the troops, backed by aircover moved into the area. One of

the bases believed to be the LTTE's (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) Muttur Base could accommodate about 700 cadres while the other believed to be the Batticaloa North base, could house about 3000 cadres, the spokesman said.

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Meanwhile, in the second operation, code named 'Jayamaga' and also launched yesterday, ground troops had advanced about five kilometres into Sinnathampanai from the forward defended locality in Vavuniya.

According to a military officer, the thrust towards

Mannar was hampered slightly in the evening when the terrorists directed a mortar barrage at the troops wounding several soldiers.

Soldiers who retaliated had forced the terrorists to withdraw and continued with the operation.

Three soldiers with moderate to serious injuries were admitted to the Anuradhapura hospital while a few others with minor injuries were treated at the Vavuniya hospital.

Terrorist casualties were not known at the time of going to press.