Mahattaya loyalist shot dead in Paris

The Foreign Ministry yesterday telexed the Sri Lanka Embassy in Paris for details on the reported shooting of an anti-LTTE activist Sabalingam, in Paris on Sunday.

Reports reaching Colombo said Sabalingam was the head of the Mahattaya faction in the office of the LTTE, and alleged that he had been shot dead ! by Prabakaran loyalists. They added that the Paris-based LTTE's Lawrence Thilagar had appealed to LTTE supporters in Paris to remain calm as they might otherwise jeopardise the LTTE presence in France.

The Criminal Investigations Department yesterday said it had not received any report from Interpol on the slaying. The National Intelligence Bureau too, said it had no information.

The Foreign Ministry however hopes to have a response from the Sri Lanka Embassy in Paris during the course of today.