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The LTTE supremo Velupillai Prabhakaran convened his military commanders and had elaborate discussions on the present military set-up in the areas under their control last week, reports from Jaffna said.

All top aides of Prabhakaran had attended this discussion where they had analysed their current tactics and the moves to

be made at mass scale military operations in the North.

This meeting was said to be a crucial one in recent days where the LTTE had discussed the build-up of the Security Forces in the North as well as their own position.

The LTTE is expecting a large scale military offensive in the North. Newspapers in the North and the LTTE's own tran-

smision 'Voice of Tigers' have made announcements that the Government forces were on alert to carry out offensives in the peninsula.

Meanwhile LTTE had its May Day rally with an eight-mile long procession in the peninsula.

The LTTE's procession had started from Maruthanamdam Jaffna and it had ended at the playground of the

Medical Faculty of the Jaffna University.

Placards condemning the Governments of India and Sri Lanka were also carried in the procession. Slogans claiming Prabhakaran was the only leader of Tamils were also chanted in the procession according to reports.

The rally at the Jaffna Medical Faculty ground had been attended by the LTTE's Jaffna district

political leader Illamparathi and V. Balakumar, who was a former politburo member of Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS) who is now an LTTE stalwart.

Illamparathi in his May day address has said that the Lankan Government was not prepared for a negotiated settlement and it was more concerned on military action against the

LTTE. "The Lankan Government is not going to achieve anything militarily and the LTTE was prepared to face the Armed Forces," he has said.

V. Balakumar in his address said that there was no sign of any constructive political activity in solving the north-east issue. The government can not solve the north-east problem by military means," he has said.