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COLOMBO, Wednesday (Lankapuvath) - Sri Lanka's air force fighter bombers were reported to have destroyed three boatloads of LTTE terrorists around the Gurunagar area near the northern end of the Jaffna lagoon, today.

A military spokesman said the three boatloads of terrorists were part of a flotilla of five moving in the lagoon and spotted by air force planes which effectively strafed them.

Earlier, on Tuesday, the air force was reported to have destroyed 20 LTTE boats crossing the Jaffna lagoon.

The military spokesman said government troops were now not only in complete control of Pooneryn but dominating large areas extending from 10- 20 kilometres north and south of Pooneryn.

He also said forces recovered 140 weapons left behind by the LTTE terrorists as they fled in the wake of oncoming reinforcements at Pooneryn last weekend.

The terrorists before they withdrew also burnt about 200 of their cadres killed on the battlefield, in order to prevent identification.