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Troops laying in ambush routed a band of LTTE brigands who were returning to their jungle hideout after robbing a poor Tamil family of their gold jewellery, Sunday at Kattaparichan in the Eastern Trincomalee district.

Military spokesman Brigadier Gemunu Kulatunga told that the LTTE area leader for Kattaparichan 'Tenny-

son' was shot dead in the ambush by government troops around 11.30 a.m. on Sunday.

He said that three gold bangles, a gold chain, two earrings robbed from the poor Tamil family were recovered by the troops. Many of whom had fled when confronted by the army.

He said that 200 rounds of 7.62 ammunition, hand gre-

nades and ammunition pouches has also been captured.

It is a Tamil tradition that even the poorest families should wear gold jewellery.

A report from the notorious smugglers harbour Vellvettiturai on the North East of the Jaffna peninsula and birthplace of LTTE leader Prabhakaran, stated that a Sri Lankan Navy patrol craft des-

troyed an LTTE boat and captured a terrorist who had jumped into the sea to evade arrest. The other occupants are presumed dead.

Brigadier Kulatunga said that at Cheaddikulam in the Northern Vavuniya district two families comprising six people had sought shelter in the area controlled by the security forces. — (Lankapuvath)