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The LTTE has placed an embargo on all civilians leaving the Jaffna peninsula.

Official sources told Lankapuvath (Thursday) that the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) had informed the Sri Lankan authorities that it was suspending its passenger boat service between Trincomalee and Point Pedro which largely carried patients and other civilians from Jaffna to Trincomalee and back, due to the LTTE's travel embargo which came into effect on Tuesday.

Sources said that according to latest reports, the LTTE had conscripted the labour force of young able-bodied dockers who were working in the small port of Point Pedro on the north eastern coast of Jaffna and replaced them with old men.

Meanwhile, the government is continuing the transport of goods to Jaffna from Colombo and Trincomalee despite the ongoing situation caused by the LTTE's current wave of violence, in order that the civilian population of Jaffna has sufficient stocks of essential goods.

The sources said that currently, the 'MV Wadduwa' was unloading a consignment of 3,000 metric tons of flour at Point Pedro while a shipment of 4,000 barrels of kerosene was scheduled to reach Point Pedro (Friday) on Board 'MV Komari'.

The purchases were being made by the Jaffna Multipurpose Cooperative Society which also distributes the goods.

In addition, the 'MV Ruhunu' was loading in Colombo 400 metric tons of non-urea based fertilizer and 200 metric tons of seed potatoes consigned to the Jaffna District Farmers Agricultural Society.

Official sources also said that the Assistant Government Agent in charge of the islands off the west coast of Jaffna which were under government control, had reported that farmers there with official assistance, had reaped a rich harvest of agricultural crops including rice, onions, chillies and vegetables. (Lankapuvath)