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Seventy LTTE suspects held at Colombo Magazine prison have been released during the past three weeks on a Government directive.

Prisons Commissioner H. G. Dharmadasa who confirmed this, however said those released had no charges framed against them.

They had been in custody for periods ranging from six months to two years, he said.

According to the prisons commissioner there are 250 more LTTE suspects at the Magazine prison against whom no charges have been framed.

Last week a committee appointed by Justice Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris to inquire into matters relating to persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and the Emergency Regulations recommended the immediate release of 40 detainees, where the Attorney General has decided not to prosecute, but who nevertheless continued to be held in detention.

"The Island" learns that the 70 LTTE suspects released had been held under Emergency Regulations.

Last Friday 18 other LTTE suspects were released from the Palaly security forces camp after the first round of peace talks with the Tigers.