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Despite the unilateral ceasefire declared by the LTTE highcommand, security forces continued operations in the East, killing at least two terrorist on Tuesday (15).

At Pawakkodichenai in the Batticaloa district, troops shot dead a terrorist and recovered a two assault

rifles, military officials said. "The Pawakkodichenai operation is continuing," they said.

At Samanthiaru, west of Kockkadicholai, police commandos and soldiers in a joint operation shot dead one terrorist on Tuesday morning.

One T 56 rifle, five T 56 magazines, 360 rounds of 7.62 ammunition, five hand grenades, one can filled

with explosives and some medical items were recovered, officials said.

"Terrorist appeared to have suffered more casualties," Defence Ministry spokesman Brigadier Gemunu Kulatunga said.

Senior military officers said that they are closely watching the situation. The LTTE-declared unilateral ceasefire ends on

Saturday (19).

"With LTTE leader Prabhakaran's birthday less than two weeks away we simply cannot take any chances" officers said.

The LTTE last November overran Nagathevanthurai — Pooneryn Navy and Army defences killing several hundred personnel and causing heavy damages.