

CDB arrests 82 people. (1995, August 13). *Sunday observer*.

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Eighty two Tamil speaking persons were taken in for questioning by the Police in a cordon and search operation in Mutwal, Modera on Saturday morning.

The operation at Modera was conducted by the Crime Detective Bureau (CDB).

Police sources said the exercise was to hunt LTTE cadres with large quantities of high explosives who had taken refuge in Colombo.

"We believe that many LTTE cadres had infiltrated into the City of Colombo," a senior police official said.

Police said that 10 slabs that contained explosives and shrapnel were used to assemble the cart bomb

that exploded opposite the Western Province Chief Minister's office at Torrington Square, Colombo on Monday.

Police are looking for more high explosives believed to be hidden in a safe house in Colombo.

Detectives took in for questioning five persons who were in contact with the LTTE suicide bomber who blew up the "Cart bomb". They were taken in for questioning from suspected safe houses of the LTTE at Grandpas, Pettah, and Wellawatte areas.

The investigations are being directed by the Head of the CDB, SSP Lionel Gunatilleke under the supervision of Senior DIG Colombo H. M. H. B. Kotakadeniya.