

Doubts over disclosures by LTTE men. (1995, September 24). *The Sunday times.*

## Doubts over disclosures by LTTE men

MADRAS. Some of the recent disclosures and alleged confessions by LTTE detenus in Colombo have been dubbed as 'kite flying' by Sri Lanka watchers and intelligence sources.

According to these sources, one piece of information passed on by the authorities in Colombo is being checked and rechecked.

This relates to a report that one of LTTE chief Prabhakaran's women attendants or cooks is

being despatched to India to organise a suicide mission, the target being a VVIP.

"We do not need fresh information that the Indian Prime Minister is on the hit-list. There are a few VVIPs in the country

who are under threat and this is not only from the LTTE. After what happened in Chandigarh recently, there is reason to be more careful and strict in our security drill," the sources said.

They explained that suspected LTTE cadres and informants who are picked up every now and then in Colombo belong to the 'sleeper' category of the Tigers intelligence wing.

But there is room for the Indian authorities to take at least one of the detained cadres captured by the Sri Lankan police

in Kotahena on September 6, rather seriously. Without rejecting anything, the Indian agencies are working on the information provided to them.

Those in the know of LTTE's activities and responses expect many 'isolated but spectacular shows' from them in the days to come. When they feel the pressure in Jaffna, it is considered normal for them to hit elsewhere to take the lid off. Bringing down planes, sinking naval vessels, blowing up identified targets and creating panic in areas normally not "infested" by them are stated to be their typical responses to a crisis situation.

Asked about the LTTE's

arms smuggling and financial operations from Southeast Asia the source said since the Singapore authorities clamped down on suspected militants in 1993, there had been no reports of any overt activities from there.

But some well-known operators, who handled the LTTE's shipping and money laundering, are

reported to have shifted further east to continue the activities. "There is no let-up in this, but the LTTE makes sure that their functionaries do not surface and do not in any way attract public attention or violate the local laws

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