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Interpol has asked local police for a dossier on three top rung LTTE members who were arrested at London's Heathrow airport on Sunday while attempting to leave England with a heap of air tickets worth 200,000 pounds (Rs. 14 million)

stolen from a leading airline office in London.

London police made the arrests when Heathrow officials detected the air tickets neatly concealed in the baggage of the three Tigers on Sunday morning.

The suspects said they hailed from Manipay and Kokavil in

Jaffna.

They confessed they had travelled to London from India two years ago, using forged passports.

According to the London police, this is the first time such a huge batch of air tickets has been stolen in Britain.

The suspects obviously planned to sell the tickets in the blackmarket, to swell Tiger coffers.

Reports say the same suspects had been instrumental in obtaining three high-speed boats and spare parts for the Tigers in the North, six months ago.