

# Air Force planes swoop down on Tigers

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Air Force planes attacked a Tiger communication centre and a camp located south of the Jaffna town on Christmas day causing extensive damage authoritative defence sources said yesterday.

Planes launched from the south had swooped down on Tiger targets in the morning, less than 24 hours after Tigers had ambushed and killed 42 regular soldiers and wounded upto a dozen others in the neighbouring Mullaitivu district.

Military sources said that they believed the raids had killed or wounded at least 10 or 12 Tigers.

A senior officer denied allegations that some civilians had been killed in the attack.

There were no attacks on civilian population he said.

The Air Force used Sia

Marchetti ground attack aircraft and Chinese jets against Tiger targets particularly in the northern theatre of operations.

Meanwhile four volunteer soldiers and at least 13 Tigers had been killed in confrontations in the north east region in the past 36 hours ending 3 pm yesterday.

At Punani close to the Punani Railway Station four soldiers was killed in a Tiger ambush at about 1.30 pm. One Tiger was also killed in the incident.