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## TIGERS SHOOT DOWN SRI LANKAN HELICOPTER

A guerrilla assault unit of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (L.T.T.E) has shot down a Sri Lankan Air Force helicopter. The incident took place yesterday evening at the coast of Nagarkovil, near Point Pedro. The helicopter crashed near the beach in flames and details of the casualties are still unknown.

The Tiger guerrillas were on a training exercise at the sea coast when two helicopters and two sea planes of the Sri Lankan Air Force launched a sudden attack on the Tiger gun boat. Our fighters opened fire with machine guns on the low flying helicopters. One helicopter was hit directly and was unleashing a column of black smoke. In a few minutes the helicopter crashed ashore exploding in flames. We assume that all Airforce personnel inside the helicopter have been killed. Following the incident all other aircrafts withdrew from the scene. There were no casualties on our side and our guerrillas returned to base safely.

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