

## **Hartal in Jaffna to protest against LTTE attack at the cargo vessels**

The Jaffna community along with business, administration and sections of educational institutions, on Thursday(Oct 23) have organised a hartal to protest against the cowardly LTTE suicide attack at two vessels with essential food supplies to the peninsula yesterday.

The peninsula is virtually connected with the south via sea route, which remains to be the sole lifeline providing daily bread to thousands and any means to disrupt the normalcy is to be condemned in all quarters, an organizer who wanted to remain anonymous was quoted saying with our Jaffna defence correspondent.

According to our sources, the hartal organised with the participation of diverse sections in the peninsula is clearly showing signs of success.

All the services in the Jaffna with its relative normalcy came to a standstill as there was no transport or any other service operating. All government and private institutions also put up shutters and kept away from their respective services.

However, Jaffna Teaching Hospital remained functional, defence sources confirmed.

LTTE an internationally banned terrorist outfit on Wednesday(22), attempted to ram into two Merchant Vessels carrying essential food for civilians in the North, following its deliberate attack at the UN food convoy on 16th September.

