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TID locates 31 pistols at women suicide cadres' training facility

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The Terrorist Investigation Division (TID) has found a cache of arms belonging to LTTE suicide cadres based at a training facility in the Puthukudirippu area.

Police headquarters said that the weapons, including ten 9mm pistols, 20 micro pistols, one revolver, one T-56 assault rifle, two repeaters, one AT 16 weapon and nine 0.22 weapons had been buried at playground. According to senior DIG Nimal Mediweka, DIG C. N. Wakista had informed Police headquarters of the recovery made by Fourth Investigation Unit headed by Inspector Jagath Bandara.

An official said that a hardcore LTTE terrorist, who had been captured from an IDP facility in Vavuniya, led the TID to Anandi base, exclusively used to train women suicide cadres. Responding to The Island queries, he said that the informant had been living among civilians accommodated at an IDP facility in the Vavuniya area before being arrested and interrogated by the TID.

Sources said that the LTTE Intelligence, too, had maintained a permanent presence at the facility. Sources emphasised the importance of recovering buried arms, ammunition and equipment in areas east of the A9 before resettlement begins.

Since the end of war last May, the TID had made several important recoveries.