



The Trend setters

Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam
Sri Lanka

Why we call them trend setters?

- Pioneering in suicide bombing
- Massive transnational network
- Invent new tactics on attacks
- Commercial operations for longer sustainability
- Transformation from a traditional guerrilla group to a fully-fledged combating outfit

- Have you ever seen a Terrorist group with ground sea and air capabilities..?



Key Transnational Activities

- Fund raising
- Commercial operations
- Procurement
- Lobbying / political activities
- Broadcasting / Propaganda

Conducted through 48 offices world-wide
(dozen of well structured establishments)

Fund raising



- Front organizations (Tamil Rehabilitation Organization, Tamil Youth Organization, Tamil Coordinating Committee, Tamil Support foundation).
- Individual contributions
- Event based activities



Commercial Operations

- Smuggling / shipping network / Merchant vessels (Narcotics, weapons, gold and humans)
- Sharing expertise
- Forge documentation for other groups
- Legitimate business fronts / Investments
- Credit cards scams



Procurement

- Leading buyer / dealer in weapon bazaars worldwide
- Procurements goes beyond conventional small arms – missiles, MBRLs, artillery, aircraft and ships / fast attack craft
- Balkans, Central Asia, Africa, Cambodia, Thailand, China, Indonesia
- Forged end-user certificates (from legitimate sellers)
- Own shipping network / merchant vessels an added advantage





Lobbying / Political Activities

- Delisting from proscribed lists of various countries
- Propaganda against Sri Lankan Govt and its military operations
- Engage in domestic political activities

Current Situation

- Government is hopeful that the Tiger land could be re-captured and organization be destroyed
- Tiger nerve centres are weakened
- Loosing land area is a major loss to the Tigers
- Government is demanding lay-down of arms by the Tigers

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