MANNAR: MULTI-PRONGED attacks directed to LTTE terrorist fortifications in MANTHAI, VEDDAYAMURIPPU, THIRUKESHWARAN and other areas in MANNAR during Thursday (14) caused considerable damages to the LTTE.

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Terrorists in MANTHAI at about 6.00 p.m. on Thursday (14) fired Multi Purpose Machine Gun (MPMG) fire and 12.7 machine gun fire towards the troops serving the defence line area.

Troops responded effectively to the situation and fired machine guns and 81 mm mortars towards the enemy. Their transmissions admitted several damages were caused to the enemy as a result of troop fire.

In the meantime, around 10.35 a.m. on Thursday (14) troops sniped a group of terrorists who were moving in THIRUKESHWARAN area. Similarly, troops after observing a suspicious movement of the terrorists in VEDDAYAMURIPPU area fired at them using 81 mm mortars. It is believed terrorists had fled the area in the face of troop fire.

In the meantime, during several confrontations between troops and terrorists in the general areas of KARUKKAKULAM, NEDUNKANDAL, VANNAKKULAM and ILANTAIVAN in MANNAR Thursday (13) afternoon, troops knocked off at least eleven LTTE terrorists.

Meanwhile, two soldiers were injured due to anti personnel mine explosions at PERIYAKULAM in MANNAR and north of JANAKAPURA in WELIOYA Thursday (13).

In the meantime, skirmishes that occurred in KARAMPAIKULAM in VAVUNIYA killed six LTTE terrorists Thursday (13) at about 7.35 a.m. after terrorists directed a rain of mortar fire. One soldier was injured in the incident. Later, troops conducted a search operation in the area recovered two LTTE dead bodies, two T-56 weapons and one icom radio set.

A couple of hours after this incident, two more LTTE terrorists were killed by the troops in the same area after their presence was spotted.

Similar confrontations in VILAITKULAM area meanwhile killed six more LTTE terrorists Thursday (13) at about 4.15 p.m..

Meanwhile, three soldiers sustained injuries due to explosion of terrorist anti personnel mines in the general areas of KOVILMODDAI and KARAMPAIKULAM in VAVUNIYA Thursday (13) afternoon.

Army troops on search and clear operations in VAVUNIYA and MANNAR area in the meantime recovered one-hundred thirty-three anti personnel mines and four claymore mines Thursday (13) afternoon.

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