

India summons Sri Lankan envoy on fishermen's issue

India Saturday summoned Sri Lankan envoy C.R. Jayasinghe and lodged a protest over the alleged firing by the Sri Lankan Navy a week ago that killed two Indian fishermen.

N. Ravi, secretary (East) in the external affairs ministry, called the Sri Lankan envoy and expressed 'deep concern' at the recent incidents involving Indian fishermen, particularly the July 12 incident in which two fishermen were killed, ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said.

India also asked Sri Lanka to share the findings of the enquiry it has ordered into the July 12 incident.

New Delhi's protest to Colombo came amid pressure from Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK chief M. Karunanidhi who Saturday led his party workers on a fast across the state to protest the Sri Lankan Navy's alleged attacks on Indian fishermen.

Sri Lanka has denied its navy was targeting Tamil Nadu fishermen. Instead, it blamed the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for the attacks.

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