The peace process in Sri Lanka appeared to be in tatters today after the Sri Lankan air force bombed Tamil Tiger targets for the second night in a row after the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels were blamed for a landmine blast that killed 64 people.

The attack on the packed bus in a remote area near rebel territory was the worst since the truce was negotiated in 2002. The air strikes are the heaviest since the cease-fire halted a two-decade long war that killed more than 64,000 people. The attack on the packed bus in a remote area near rebel territory was also the worst since the truce.

The LTTE claims it played no part in the bus bombing and has vowed to go to war again with the government if the air strikes continue. At the same time, Sri Lanka is being increasingly viewed as a dangerous country to visit, even though the troubled areas are far away from central Colombo. More than 500 people have been killed since April of this year. The Norwegian Government was responsible for brokering a landmark 2002 cease fire that ended 19 years of open civil war. But businesses in Sri Lanka, including Alpha Orient Lanka (AOL) are now watching events closely, since any return to sustained periods of violence can only damage the travel and tourism industry which is still recovering from the destruction and tragedy of the December 2004 tsunami.