

Sri Lankan military says Tamil separatist guerillas. (1995, October 26) *The Voice of America.*

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>intro: the sri lankan military says tamil separatist guerrillas >have killed at least 36 sinhalese civilians in the latest in
a >string of massacres that have left more than 120 people dead. >correspondent michael drudge has more from
the v-o-a south asia >bureau in new delhi.
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>text: military spokesmen say tamil rebels attacked two sinhalese
>villages in northcentral sri lanka before dawn thursday. the >authorities say the victims were shot and hacked to
death by >guerrillas from the liberation tigers of tamil eelam group.
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>a military spokesman said several people were seriously wounded >and authorities feared the death toll would
rise.
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>the tamil tigers are fighting for a separate homeland. they >accuse the island's dominate sinhalese population of
>discrimination against the minority tamils.
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>the tamil tigers began massacring civilians in remote villages on
>sunday in an apparent bid to divert a major military operation >against the rebel's northern stronghold. about 35
thousand >soldiers have been advancing on the rebel-dominated jaffna >peninsula and the army claims there have
been nearly 16 hundred >casualties -- most of them rebels. (signed)
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