

Tiger ban extended

NEW DELHI, Saturday - India today extended a ban on a Tamil guerrilla group accused of killing former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, the United News of the India (UNI) said.

The two-year ban on the Sri Lanka based Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which advocates a separate homeland for all Tamils, expired on Friday.

The new ban would continue for another two years, official sources said.

A notice from India's Interior Affairs (Home) Ministry said the LTTE's objectives for a separate homeland for Tamils

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threatened the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India and fell within the ambit of unlawful activity, UNI reported.

It said the ministry had information that the LTTE was trying to infiltrate its cadres, supported by arms and ammunition, into the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.