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NEW DELHI, India — After a succession of reverses in the war with the Tamil Tiger rebels, Sri Lanka's armed forces suffered a new blow on Wednesday when a newly acquired transport plane plunged into the sea near Colombo, killing all 75 troops and crewmen aboard. It was the third time in five months that a troop-carrying plane had crashed with the loss of all aboard. Air force spokesmen said the crash appeared to have been caused by a thunderstorm and instrument failure.