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COLOMBO — Sri Lankan opposition leader Gamini Dissanayake, 52, was among up to 50 people killed in a bomb attack at a presidential election rally, police said today. Police said at least 300 were wounded in the blast shortly after midnight in a suburb of Colombo. An indefinite curfew was imposed on the capital. The attack came shortly after Mr. Dissanayake, a top candidate in the Nov. 9 election, addressed the crowd. The general secretary of his United National Party, Gamini Wijesekera, and two former ministers were also among the dead. Police could not say who was responsible, but suspicion focused on the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

— *Reuter*