

## Sri Lanka frees Tamil prisoners

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka – The government released 13 Tamil rebel prisoners yesterday, a day after the first round of peace talks between the guerrillas and the government to end the Tamil insurrection ended, officials said. The government's move follows a rebel announcement earlier in the week that it would free seven military and police officers. On Friday, the government set free five Tamils as the first round of peace talks in four years ended in the rebel-held Jaffna peninsula, said Brigadier Gemunu Kulatunga, a Defence Ministry spokesman.