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COLOMBO (AP) — President Ranasinghe Premadasa announced yesterday he will end the 5½-year state of emergency in Sri Lanka and free all political prisoners.

Premadasa promised he will never again impose a state of emergency, but did not say whether he thought it had been effective in curbing ethnic violence between the Buddhist Sinhalese majority and mainly Hindu Tamil minority.

The state of emergency, which expires Sunday, had been reinstated every month since it was imposed in May 1983. Government officials said authorities released 574 political prisoners Jan. 1-6. An estimated 2,200 prisoners remain in detention.