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LONDON —Police raided a church in Manchester yesterday and seized Sri Lankan political militant Viraj Mendis from the sacristy, where he sought sanctuary two years ago to avoid deportation. The Home Office said Mr. Mendis, 32, who calls himself a revolutionary Communist, would be sent back to Sri Lanka where he says he faces a possible death sentence for his support for the island's Tamil separatist movement. /Reuter