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A series of bombs set off by Tamil separatist guerrillas rocked Sri Lanka's eastern city of Batticaloa yesterday, soon after the Government reimposed a 17-hour curfew, residents said. They said the blasts were meant to warn people to heed rebel orders. No one was reported injured. Authorities clamped a curfew on the city of 44,000 people on Saturday after rebels told people to stay indoors and forced shops to close by setting off bombs, a military spokesman said. The guerrillas, who are fighting for a separate Tamil state, were protesting against the killing of civilians, allegedly by security forces, after a car bomb injured seven police commandos in Batticaloa on Thursday. Military authorities denied the charge.