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Tamil guerrillas blew up an army vehicle and killed six soldiers yesterday as Sri Lankan National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali charged that the rebels are receiving help from unnamed foreign coun-

tries. A Defence Ministry spokesman said an officer and five men were killed when guerrillas fighting for a separate Tamil state set off a land mine under their vehicle in Vavuniya in northern Sri Lanka. The attack followed fighting between troops and rebels in the Northern and Eastern provinces which killed at least 17 people over the weekend.