

Raw Deal

● The Indian involvement in Sri Lanka has taught New Delhi some hard lessons. But the hardest has been that learnt by the Indian Army. Having lost close to 1,000 personnel and having suffered greatly in terms of morale and discipline, the army has been doing some serious introspection. The conclusion is that the root cause was the disastrous intelligence supplied by RAW. Not only was the agency's intelligence poor, but it was also often quite misleading.

Consequently, the army, after discussions with the navy and the air force, has now put up a proposal to the Government for the formation

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of an inter-services intelligence agency that will also be responsible for external intelligence. The proposal, supported with evidence of their experience with RAW, makes a forceful and convincing case. What, however, seems to have added the necessary weight is the fact that the proposal highlights the successes achieved by Pakistan's powerful and highly effective Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) directorate.