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COLOMBO — More than 150 political detainees walked free from military camps today, hours after Sri Lankan President Rana-singhe Premadasa ended a state of emergency in force for over five and a half years. Premadasa, who promised to restore peace in the Indian Ocean island shattered by Tamil and Sinhalese guerrilla violence, signed a proclamation ending the emergency from mid-night Wednesday. But the violence continued as three soldiers were killed and three were wounded in an ambush by suspected Marxist rebels at Hungama in the south Wednesday.