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# State of emergency extended in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (DPA) — Sri Lanka's Parliament yesterday voted to extend for another month a state of emergency to curb violence that has claimed the lives of 455 people in the past 30 days.

In separate incidents yesterday, Sinhalese rebels killed 10 people in southern Sri Lanka, police said.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Vincent Perera told parliament, which met yesterday under tight security precautions, that 112 of the dead in the past 30 days were "political murders" committed by Sinhalese rebels in the south while 121 were civilians killed by Tamil rebels in the north and east.

He said 212 were other murders linked to insurgent activities also

committed during the period from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.

Except for two opposition members, opposition members remained absent from parliament.

Two weeks ago, opposition members of parliament walked out, demanding it be dissolved.

Perera said the militant Sinhalese Patriotic People's Front opposed to the Indo-Lankan peace accord had stockpiled weapons by looting security installations, including police stations and army camps.

In the past month, they reportedly took more than 670 guns from civilians and more than 500 firearms from military and police stations, he said.