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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Sept. 24 (UPI) — Tamil guerrillas killed four soldiers and wounded 11 in separate attacks on a patrol and a district capital, the military reported today.

Guerrillas attacked security troops patrolling a railroad line at Tampalagamam, about 160 miles northeast of

Colombo, killing two soldiers and two policemen and wounding six others in the patrol, officials said.

They said rebels exploded a mine a few hours later at the transport board office in the district capital of Batticaloa, about 140 miles east of Colombo, wounding five commandos.

Hindu Tamil guerrillas are fighting for a separate state in the north and east of the Indian Ocean nation of about 16 million people. The majority of Sri Lankans are Sinhalese Buddhists.