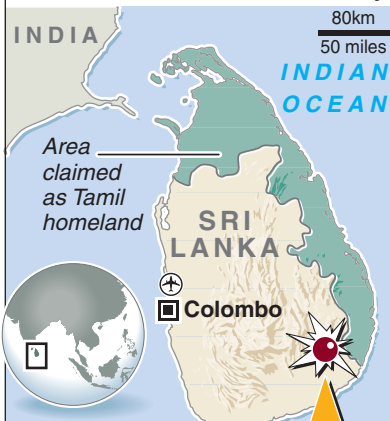


Sri Lanka bombing

A roadside bomb ripped through a packed civilian bus in southeastern Sri Lanka just hours after the government officially withdrew from a 2002 ceasefire with Tamil Tiger rebels. More than 70,000 people have been killed since 1983 in fighting for an independent state for Sri Lanka's ethnic Tamil minority



Buttala, 7:30am: Bomb kills 23 people, including several children. 67 others injured