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India no white knight

It baffles the mind that you believe that "Sri Lanka-Indian forces could be unifier" (editorial, Dec. 23). Your conclusion is as cunning as leaving a fox in charge of the chicken coop.

India put its finger in Sri Lanka's ethnic pie, exacerbating its feud and bullying Sri Lanka to sign an "Indo-Sri Lankan Accord," forfeiting part of its

sovereignty:

By training thousands of Tamil commandos in Indian camps and supplying them with awesome weapons to fight Sri Lankan government forces, it effectively destabilized that island nation by June 1987.

As long as Tamil terrorists held sway in parts of Sri Lanka, at every international forum India admonished Sri Lanka to lay down arms and stop the alleged "genocide," as it did not want its protégés to fail in their proxy-war for India. In the meantime Tamil terrorists kept slaughtering thousands of babies, children, women and other unarmed civilians, mainly of Sinhalese and Muslim communities, and fighting for their separate state "Eelam."

Given these circumstances, what faith can the non-Tamil Sri Lankans place in the Indian forces as an honest broker and a unifier of the ethnic feud?

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