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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Sept. 25
(UPI) — Suspected Tamil guerrillas

blew up two power transformers today in eastern Sri Lanka, the authorities said. The blasts cut off electricity to Batticaloa, a provincial capital paralyzed by strikes and rebel attacks.

The two blasts in Batticaloa, on the east coast of the island nation, cut power after what was to have been the last day of 9 P.M.-to-5 A.M. curfews. The authorities quickly imposed another curfew for tonight.

Nearly all activity in Batticaloa has stopped for the last six days as part of a strike enforced by Tamils to protest a military task force nearby. The new camp was established after Tamil guerrillas stepped up their attacks by firing rockets at air force planes.

The strike spread today to Akkarai-pattu, Kalmunai and Pothuvil, three towns near Batticaloa.