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COLOMBO (AP) — Tamil guerrillas killed a social worker known as "Jaffna's Gandhi" for his work with refugees in the Tamil city, and blew up a truck yesterday, killing three other people, the Sri Lankan government said.

It also reported the death of a West German radio engineer who was caught in a crossfire Thursday between soldiers and rebels in the town of Nilaweli, 240 kilometres northeast of Colombo, the capital.

Ulrich Heberling, 41, who worked for Deutsche Welle radio, was going home from work with four colleagues when the fighting began, it said. He was the third foreigner to die in the 3-year-old ethnic conflict.

The statement said Tamil guerrillas killed 28-year-old Tamil social worker Kandasamy Kathiramalai in Jaffna, the main stronghold of Tamil militants 300

kilometres north of Colombo.

Kathiramalai was dragged to a bus stand in the provincial capital, tied to a lamppost and shot as a large crowd watched, the statement said. He had been kidnapped last Sunday.

The Eelam Organization of Revolutionary Students, a Tamil guerrilla group, said in a statement that it killed Kathiramalai because he was spying for the government. Lamppost executions are common in Tamil-controlled areas of the country.

In eastern Sri Lanka, rebels detonated explosives by remote control and blew up a truck, killing a 70-year-old Moslem woman and two other civilians, and injuring three people, the government statement said.

It said the privately owned truck was travelling from the town of Nilaweli to the port city of Trincomalee about 10 km away,

carrying six Moslem and Tamil passengers. It gave no other details.

The government extended its emergency rule for another month for the 38th time since it was declared in July 1983. The regulations give sweeping powers to security personnel, including the right to detain and arrest suspects and dispose of bodies without any judicial inquiry.

Tamils make up about 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million population. Most Tamils are Hindus, and they say they are discriminated against by the majority Sinhalese, most of whom are Buddhist.

Moderate Tamils want more autonomy for the communities in the north and east of the island country where they predominate. Extremist Tamils are fighting for a separate state.