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INDIA-SRI LANKA: Prospects for Intervention

Prime Minister Gandhi has informed [REDACTED] that communal turmoil in Sri Lanka may be getting out of hand and implied that India may have to intervene directly. [REDACTED]

Gandhi told [REDACTED] that President Jayewardene has failed to fulfill promises made to India last fall during the Commonwealth Conference in New Delhi. [REDACTED]

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Jayewardene assured government officials and diplomats on 6 April that, under the security treaty of 1948, Sri Lanka could count on the British for assistance if it is threatened by a foreign power. [REDACTED]

Comment: India is likely to weigh in militarily if the violence in Sri Lanka threatens to provoke a massive influx of refugees into southern India or to invite intervention by foreign powers. Gandhi is under growing domestic pressure to support the Tamils in Sri Lanka. [REDACTED]

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India could launch an amphibious assault against Sri Lanka on short notice. The Navy's 10 landing ships can move a fully equipped infantry battalion with some supporting armor. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sri Lanka's 25,000-man Army could offer only token resistance to an Indian invasion. [REDACTED]