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President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, right, and his brother, Mahinda Rajapaksa, then the prime minister, in Colombo on Nov. 22, 2019.

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