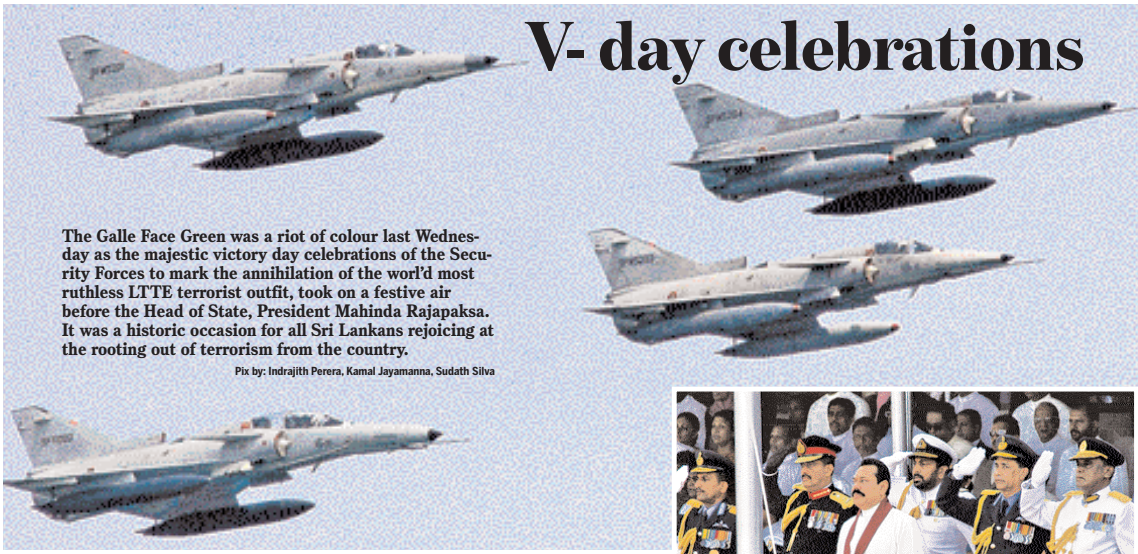


# V- day celebrations

The Galle Face Green was a riot of colour last Wednesday as the majestic victory day celebrations of the Security Forces to mark the annihilation of the world's most ruthless LTTE terrorist outfit, took on a festive air before the Head of State, President Mahinda Rajapaksa. It was a historic occasion for all Sri Lankans rejoicing at the rooting out of terrorism from the country.

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Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa and Mrs. Kusum Wickramanayake, First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa and Mrs. Joma Rajapaksa, and Civil Defence Forces Chief Rear Admiral Sarath Weerassekera.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa, Tri Service Commanders and IGP.



The President receiving the scroll that LTTE terrorism had been rooted out from Army Commander General Sarath Fonseka, Navy Commander Admiral Wasantha Karanagoda, Air Force Commander Air Chief Marshal Rohan Gunaratne and IGP Jayantha Wickramaratne.



HEROES ALL... A section of disabled soldiers who sacrificed body and limb in fighting the terrorists so that others could live safely.



Major General Jagath Dias, Commanding Officer of the parade.



Armoured tanks.



Multi barrel rocket launchers.



Army commandos.



Sailors of the Rapid Action Boat Squadron.



Cultural dance troupe.



'Jetliner' displaying the Navy's superiority.

