

Triumph over terror

The Air Force continued to expand further and further from their early years which were peaceful yet overwhelmed with challenges for the fledging Force. These were times when the then Royal Ceylon Air Force gradually came out of the shadow of the Royal Air Force to suite the challenges they encountered with innovation and expansion. In their growth, a largely peaceful Air Force was thrust into attack mode and the Sri Lanka Air Force was stretched to its limits to cope. The darkest hours, during the unrest in the Northern and Eastern areas of the island forced the SLAF to a well fortified Armed Force.



During operations in Silavatura



Carrying a wounded comrade to safety



In Weli Oya



Providing solid support to the infantry battalions in the front lines



Artillery attacks in Weli Oya - shattering LTTE



Forward march - during the liberation of Pudukudiruppu

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