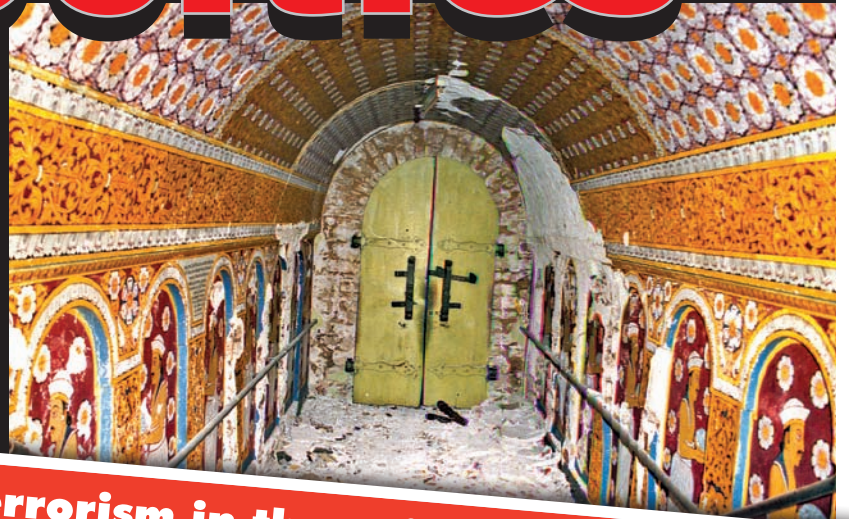


# Dalada Maligawa and Central Bank terror attacks

# LTTE atrocities



## Terrorism in the guise of liberation ...



Dalada Maligawa bomb attack

■ The world's most ruthless terrorist outfit – the LTTE, had been instrumental in hundreds of terror attacks, massive bomb explosions targeting innocent civilians and brutal killings for almost three decades until they were crushed militarily in May, 2009.

■ In the guise of the so-called liberation of Tamils, they inflicted untold misery on hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians, including their own community.

■ On January 25, 1998, the LTTE launched a dastardly attack on the most Sacred Temple of the Tooth in the city of Kandy. The Tiger suicide cadres exploded a massive truck bomb at the entrance of the Sri Dalada Maligawa, killing 16 persons including a two-year old and injuring over 25 others, all innocent devotees who were on their way to offer alms at the Temple on that fateful morning.



Body of an pregnant woman killed in the Central Bank terror attack

■ It is still fresh in people's memories how the LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks in the month of January on the Sri Dalada Maligawa and the Central Bank.

■ Commencing today, the Sunday Observer will feature anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks, while paying a tribute to Sri Lanka's Security Forces for providing a safer today for all communities to live in peace and harmony.

■ On January 5, 2000, a female suicide bomber blew herself up while she was being body searched by the police on suspicion in front of the Prime Minister's office at Flower Road, Colombo 7, where 13 civilians and three police officers were killed, while 27 people were injured.

■ On January 31, 1996 a suicide bomber detonated a truck load of explosives, weighing over 100 kilos, in front of the Central Bank headquarters at Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo killing 91 people and injuring over 1,400 others, including women and children.



Central Bank bomb attack

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