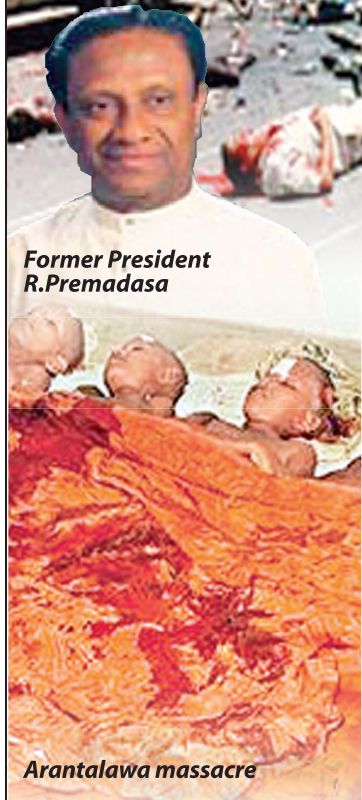


## Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 14



Armour Street Junction blast



Former President R.Premadasa

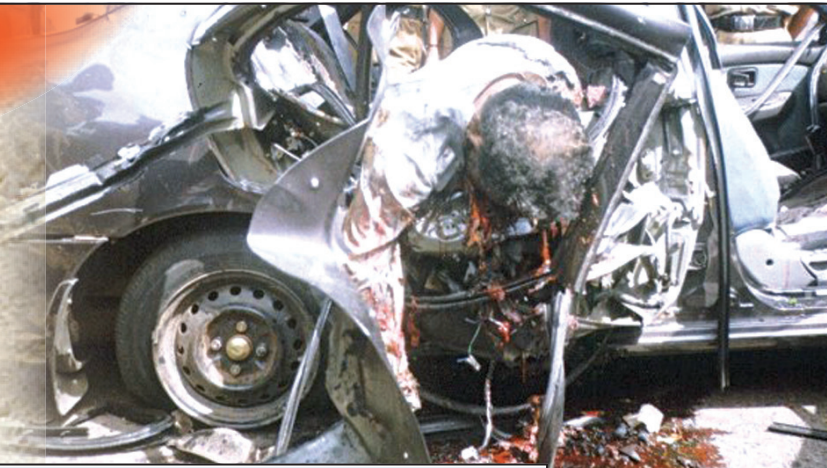
Arantalawa massacre




Muslims killed in Alinchipothana



Katunayake International Airport attack



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■ LTTE terrorists, not only killed thousands of civilians, but also assassinated President R. Premadasa and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- It was exactly 19 years ago that an LTTE human bomb exploded during a UNP May Day celebration, assassinating the then President of Sri Lanka, R. Premadasa. However, certain countries now seem to have forgotten how the LTTE carried out these massive bomb attacks and threatened the legitimate Government and the leaders who had been voted by the masses.
- The LTTE rump, Tiger sympathisers and Tamil diaspora now make wild allegations to bring the Government into disrepute and woo the sympathy of the international community. At the same time the US and certain countries in the West now attempt to pontificate to Sri Lanka on action we should take after the Security Forces crushed the LTTE terror.
- It is still fresh in people's memories how the LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks during this period in previous months. This is the 14th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those in discriminate and inhuman attacks.
- **May 3, 1986:** A total of 21 passengers were killed and another 41 persons injured when the LTTE blasted a bomb inside Air Lanka (now Sri Lankan) Tri-Star aircraft at Katunayake International Airport. There were 128 passengers on board - among them 25 Britons, five of whom were injured. The Air Lanka Tristar had come from London's Gatwick airport, stopping at Zurich and Dubai to Male via Colombo.
- **May 2, 1987:** LTTE terrorists shot dead 30 Buddhist monks and four civilians at Arantalawa, Ampara.
- **May 1, 1988:** A landmine explosion carried out by the LTTE killed 26 people - 12 Sinhalese, nine Muslims and five Tamils at Sittaru.
- **May 5, 1991:** Two 'Sea Tigers' attacked a Naval vessel in Trincomalee with an explosive-laden boat killing five SF personnel.
- **April 29, 1992:** LTTE stormed in to a village in Alinchipothana in Polonnaruwa District and brutally killed 56 Muslims.
- **May 1, 1993:** A suicide bomber deployed by the LTTE, later identified as Babu, killed President Ranasinghe Premadasa and 23 persons during a UNP May Day procession at the Armour Street Junction in Colombo.
- **May 3, 2003:** Tiger terrorists broke the Norway-led ceasefire, killing former EPDP chairman of the Karaveddy Pradeshiya Sabha.
- **May 4, 2007:** Tamil Nadu Police disclosed that two Indian fishermen have been captured by the LTTE.
- **May 1, 2006:** LTTE detonated a claymore mine strapped on to a bicycle, killing four civilians and a sailor, near Shanmugam Vidyalaya in Trincomalee. Three sailors and four civilians were also injured. In a separate incident on the same day, Tigers indiscriminately fired at unarmed innocent civilians in Thalgasweva, at the Bogas Junction in Pulmodai road Welioya, killing two and injuring three others.
- **April 30, 2008:** Security Forces in Mannar captured the LTTE's 18-Base in Veppankulam and Kallikulam areas and brought the entire area under their control.
- **April 29, 2009:** The LTTE made seven suicide attempts to recapture the earth bund in Rektavaikkal, using three human bombs, one explosive laden truck, three motorbikes and a double cab. Several people were injured.
- We salute Sri Lanka's Security Forces for providing a safer today for all communities to live in peace and harmony.

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