



Mavil Aru, where the humanitarian operation began in 2006

Three years ago, Sri Lanka's indefatigable Security Forces scored their historic victory over the terrorist group LTTE in the wilds of the North and the East. With the gun smoke gradually clearing in the conflict-ridden region and the outcome of the Security Forces' campaign revealing itself with crystal clarity, Sri Lanka could assure itself that peace is finally at hand.

With the meticulous crushing of the LTTE war machine by the Security Forces by May 18, 2009, people all over Sri Lanka have begun to breathe the wholesome air of freedom once again and this is the most priceless positive outcome of the State's long drawn endeavour to bring the LTTE to heel.

The masses are overwhelmingly grateful to President Mahinda Rajapaksa, who provided that much-needed political leadership, inspiring the Security Forces. Here are some of the landmark achievements of the Security Forces in their humanitarian operation:

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Thoppigala, the landmark victory in the East



The Nandikadal lagoon where terror was finally laid to rest



Civilians running towards the troops for safety in Mullaitivu



Troops at Mullaitivu



The historic battle at Vakarakai



Victorious Forces at Chalai



Assisting civilians