

Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 17



■ Yesterday's Victory Day celebrations marked the third anniversary of the Security Forces liberating the country from the clutches of LTTE terrorism. The countries which now make a big hue and cry over human rights appeared to be totally blind to indiscriminate bomb explosions by the Tigers targeting innocent civilians.

■ Hence, Sri Lanka had no option but to make its own battle to liberate its people. The countries which project themselves as the godfathers of international battle against terrorism did not extend any notable support to Sri Lanka though they now try to pontificate us on human rights of terrorists killed in action.

■ In the guise of the so-called liberation to Tamils, LTTE terrorists inflicted untold misery on hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians, including their own community. 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 17th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.



■ **May 25, 1981:** LTTE terrorists shot dead Member of Parliament for Vadukkodai, A. Thiyagarajah

■ **May 25, 1986:** Armed terrorists stormed into Mahadiwulwewa village in Trincomalee and brutally killed 20 Sinhalese villagers and set fire to over 20 houses.

■ **May 20, 1991:** Terrorists fired at a group of Muslims who were returning from their paddyfields in a tractor at Malwatta, Sammanthurai. Nine Muslims were killed and two others were injured.

■ **May 21, 1991:** Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and 18 persons were killed by a female suicide bomber in the town of Sriperumbudur, approximately 30 miles from Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu.

■ **May 25, 1995:** LTTE killed 42 civilians at Kallarawa, Trincomalee

■ **May 20, 2006:** A 12 year old boy, who refused to join the ranks of the LTTE baby brigade, was mercilessly gunned down by the LTTE pistol men at his grandmother's residence in Mavadivembu in Batticaloa.

■ **May 21, 2006:** A Serbian national and two Muslims were injured as suspected LTTE cadres on a motorbike launched simultaneous hand grenade attacks on three NGO buildings in Muttur.

■ **May 26, 1996:** LTTE terrorists assassinated Dimbulagala Nayaka thero

■ **May 22, 2006:** A Colombo bound night train from Batticaloa came under LTTE fire at Wandaramulla. One compartment was damaged in the attack.



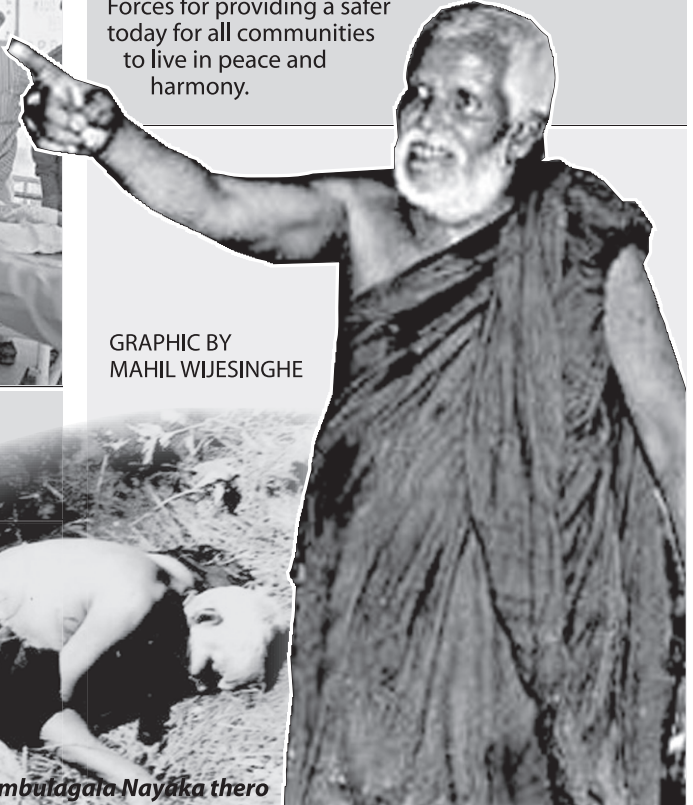
■ **May 25, 2006:** Two Police constables and two auxiliary constables were killed in a claymore mine attack at 6.45 a.m. yesterday in Kattankudy, Batticaloa.

■ **May 24, 2007:** An LTTE suicide bomber on an explosives laden motor bicycle rammed a bus carrying army personnel at First Cross Street in Colombo. Two soldiers were killed and five others were injured in the attack.



■ **May 26, 2008:** Eight people were killed and 73 civilians injured when LTTE terrorists exploded a bomb in a commuter train during rush hour Dehiwala - the 21st terrorist attack committed by the LTTE in the first five months of 2008, killing 149 civilians.

■ 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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Dimbulagala Nayaka thero