

# Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 21

■ The LTTE rump is now working round the clock, lobbying politicians and state officials of Western countries so that they could exert pressure on Sri Lanka at the next UNHRC Sessions.

■ They use various ploys and tactics to win sympathy of Western countries. The LTTE Diaspora is coming out with various concocted stories to discredit the Government and its Security Forces. They even go to extent of crediting killings due to personal reasons to the Government's 'account', projecting a gloomy picture on Sri Lanka.

■ When relations of Tiger sympathisers living abroad want to migrate to the West dreaming of greener pastures, they paint a frightful picture on Sri Lanka. There have been instances where they had instigated their own killings and blamed the Security Forces to mislead the West.



■ Instead of being carried away by the fairytales of the LTTE Diaspora, politicians in the West must first take a closer look at the notorious track record of the LTTE, the world's most ruthless terrorist outfit.

■ There was a time LTTE terrorists killed thousands of civilians in board daylight, violating all accepted norms and human rights. There was hardly anybody to support Sri Lanka then, except for a handful of friendly countries.

■ In the guise of the so-called liberation to Tamils, LTTE terrorists inflicted untold misery on hundreds of thousands of 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.

■ This is the 21st in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

■ **June 21, 1986:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists stormed the Wilgamwehara hamlet in the Trincomalee district and butchered nine civilians. The terrorists used sharp weapons to kill and maim the civilians. The terror stricken civilians started vacating the villages they had lived in for generations and started moving towards the south.

■ **June 21, 1987:** A group of LTTE terrorists armed with small arms raided the ancient Sinhalese hamlet of Godapotha in Polonnaruwa. Eight villagers were killed and one sustained serious injuries. The terrorist failed to achieve their target as the civilians slept in the jungle hideouts at night due to the terrorist threats.

■ **June 19, 1990:** Jaffna district MP V. K. Yogasangari was killed in an LTTE grenade attack in Kodambakam, Chennai.

■ **June 19, 1990:** K. Pathmanabha, leader of the EPRLF was killed by LTTE terrorists in Chennai.



■ **June 19, 1990:** Former Finance Minister of the North Eastern Provincial Council, P. Kirubakaran was killed by Tiger terrorists in the Tamil Nadu capital.

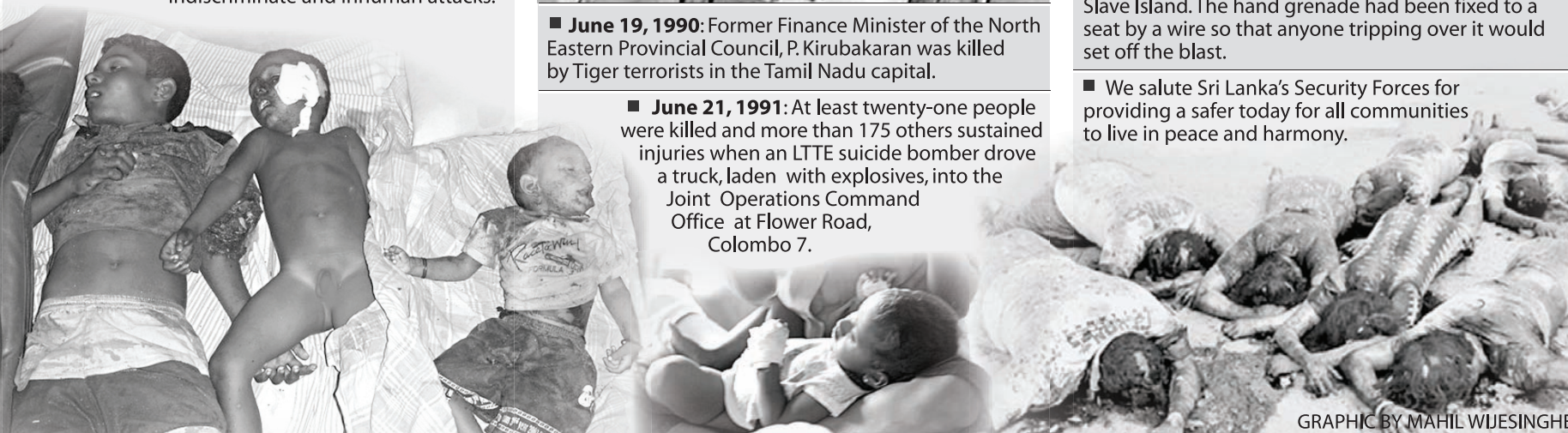
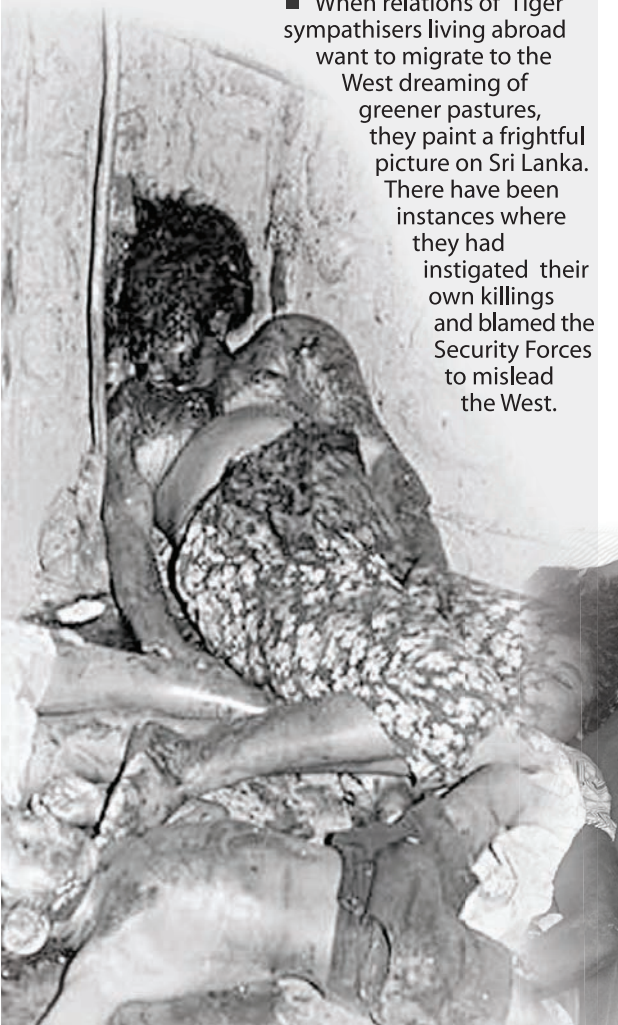
■ **June 21, 1991:** At least twenty-one people were killed and more than 175 others sustained injuries when an LTTE suicide bomber drove a truck, laden with explosives, into the Joint Operations Command Office at Flower Road, Colombo 7.



■ **June 18, 2006:** Three policemen were killed in a powerful anti-personnel landmine attack carried out by LTTE at Dutuwewa, Kebethigollewa. The policemen were transporting drinking water to the Vavuniya police station. The terrorists had placed the landmine on the road targeting the police water bowser.

■ **June 18, 2008:** The Security Forces averted a major disaster as a booby trapped hand grenade, fixed inside a bus plying from Avissawella to Colombo, was safely defused by Special Task Force (STF) personnel at Slave Island. The hand grenade had been fixed to a seat by a wire so that anyone tripping over it would set off the blast.

■ 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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