

Terrorism in the guise of liberation-23



▶ LTTE, the world's most ruthless terrorist outfit, 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.

▶ Certain countries in the West and international organisations which now shed crocodile tears for the people in North and the East did not utter a word when those hapless civilians were subjected to untold privations due to LTTE terror.

▶ The countries which supported the recent US-led Resolution against Sri Lanka at the UNHRC must think once more whether they did make the right decision. If they sincerely believe in human rights, they must have a closer look at numerous human rights violations committed by the Tigers and their acts against the mankind. Unfortunately, most of these countries point the finger only at Sri Lanka whereas they should have actually taken the Tiger terrorists to task.

▶ In the guise of the so-called liberation of 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 23rd in a series of graphic stories by the Sunday Observer on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

▶ **July 2, 1987:** LTTE Terrorists brutally massacred 33 Buddhist monks in Aranthalawa in the Ampara District. The massacre is considered one of the most notorious and devastating atrocities committed by the LTTE during their three decades of terror.



Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva

▶ **July 6, 1991:** On the same night when they butchered a Muslim village in Polonnaruwa, LTTE terrorists also attacked Karpola and Manampitiya Sinhalese villages and hacked 9 civilians to death. The terrorists first abducted the victims and then tortured them inhumanly while chopping away their limbs, to their death, at an isolated location.



MP Arunasalam Thangathurai

▶ **July 6, 1992:** Nine Sinhala fishermen fishing at Karapola lake and the owner of the Manampitiya Vadiya who arrived there in his Delica van No.84-7071 were abducted by terrorists and 9 of them were killed. One fisherman escaped and informed Manampitiya detachment.



▶ **July 4, 1996:** Over 21 people were killed and 64 others were wounded when the LTTE terrorists attempted to assassinate Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva at Stanley Road, Jaffna using a suicide bomber. However, the Minister was unhurt.

▶ **July 5, 1997:** MP for Trincomalee, Arunasalam Thangathurai was killed by the LTTE in the Eastern Province.



▶ **July 2, 1997:** Over 100 LTTE terrorists wielding sharp weapons, clubs and firearms stormed Irakkandy Muslim village in Trincomalee and butchered 34 civilians. In their usual orgy of violence, the terrorists clubbed and tortured children and infants to death, chopped women including pregnant mothers, and hacked men and women until they suffered a slow painful death.



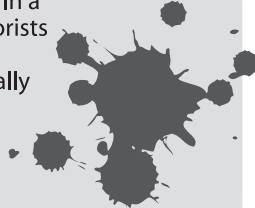
Minister Douglas Devananda

▶ **July 5, 2003:** LTTE terrorists killed another rival in Batticaloa. They shot and killed Mahamad Seyyadu, a political leader of the PLOTE organisation and wounded his wife.

▶ **July 7, 2004:** Four people were killed while nine others were injured when LTTE terrorists attempted to assassinate Minister Douglas Devananda at Kollupitiya. However, the female suicide bomber could not achieve her target.



▶ **July 6, 1991:** A group of LTTE terrorists armed with firearms and sharp weapons raided Puttur Muslim village in Polonnaruwa. In a house-to-house attack the terrorists hacked 14 civilians including women and children after brutally torturing them. Police found 4 survivors with serious cut wounds. Over 50 terrorists participated in this cowardly attack at unarmed civilians



▶ **July 6, 1992:** Terrorists publicly shot dead 10 Tamil lorry drivers and a woman in Parayankulam, Vavunia alleging that they have passed information to the Security Forces.

▶ **July 6, 2002:** Two persons were killed by an armed LTTE gang at Soruwila, Aralagamwila in the Polonnaruwa District. A group of 25 armed men surrounded the house of LTTE deserter Thiagarasa Premadasa at night and hurled a grenade killing Premadasa and a woman in the house.

▶ **July 3, 2008:** LTTE fired at civilians who attempted to abandon the Tigers' human shield. However, 39 civilians fleeing from the grip of the LTTE in Mullaitivu sought protection with the Security Forces in Pulmoddai. 39 civilians from 13 families comprising 26 men and 13 women had arrived on a boat.

▶ 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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