

Terrorism in the guise of liberation-24



■ The United Nations Human Rights Council, several countries in the West and numerous INGOs have been voicing strongly against human rights and acts against mankind. But hardly any of those had taken any notable measures to stop LTTE terrorist acts against civilians in Sri Lanka.

■ The LTTE terrorists often used swords, machetes and clubs to butcher hapless civilians while targeting mass scale public killings and suicide bomb attacks. Exactly 26 years ago, Tiger terrorists masterminded a similar attack at Mollipothana village in Trincomalee district, hacking 16 civilians, largely women and children, to death.



■ Most of these brutal crimes against humanity were not given publicity by the international media. Human Rights organizations, NGOs and various other international champions of human rights kept silent on the looming humanitarian disaster here.

■ 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 on 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.



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 24th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

■ **July 8, 1985:** The first attempt to conduct peace talks with the Government and the LTTE failed in Bhutan. The LTTE terrorists were never sincere whenever they came to the negotiating table and used all such peace attempts to strengthen their military capability.

■ **July 8, 1986:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists attacked Monkey Bridge village, Trincomalee and killed 15 Sinhalese civilians including women and children

V. Yogeswaran



Peace talks in Bhutan

■ **July 9, 1986:** LTTE terrorists armed with swords, machetes and clubs stormed Mollipothana village in Trincomalee district during night hours. 16 civilians, largely women and children were killed. The child victims were clubbed to death by the terrorists while their parents had been hacked.

■ **July 13, 1986:** Four armed terrorists had come in a jeep to tract No. 16, Pavakkulam and killed 11 civilians, including two Sinhalese and nine Tamils in Pavakkulam, Vavuniya. The dead included women and children.

■ **July 13, 1989:** LTTE terrorists shot dead TULF leader and parliamentarian A. Amirthalingam at Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7.

■ **July 13, 1989:** MP for Jaffna, V. Yogeswaran was killed by the Tigers in Jaffna.

■ **July 11, 1998:** One civilian was shot dead while several others were wounded by LTTE terrorists in Nugalanda, Ampara

■ **July 10, 2000:** Four villagers were killed and a Buddhist Monk received injuries when terrorists fired mortars at the Vilgamvehera detachment in Trincomalee.

■ **July 9, 2006:** Security personnel in the Vavuniya area recovered a haul of explosives consisting of P4 type 15 kilograms of high power explosives, four hand grenades, three T56 magazines and three belts used by LTTE cadres.

■ **July 10, 2006:** LTTE terrorists mingling with fishermen fired at troops on route clearing duties at the Suriyakattakadu lake in Mannar. The terrorists fled the scene when troops retaliated.

■ **July 10, 2007:** Amnesty International (AI) slammed the LTTE for not living up to its pledge to stop recruiting children and releasing existing child cadres accusing that over 1,500 such recruits still remained within the terrorist outfit.

■ **July 11, 2006:** Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission revealed that the LTTE has violated the ceasefire on 3,754 occasions since February 2002. Nearly half of the violations relates to child recruitment. Up to this date, the SLMM had received 7,308 complaints against the LTTE



A. Amirthalingam



Troops at liberated Thoppigala



Daya Master

■ **July 12, 2006:** LTTE spokesperson Daya Master crossed from North of Vavuniya into cleared territory and was rushed to a private hospital in Colombo, under military escort for urgent surgery.



Kataragama bus bomb victim

■ **July 14, 2006:** Twelve soldiers were killed when Security Forces on a route clearing patrol in Vakaneri area in the East came under a heavy mortar and small arms attack. LTTE launched the attack on the troops and later the Army reinforcements sent to the scene were also attacked by the LTTE with mortars.

■ **July 11, 2007:** Tiger terrorists killed several soldiers and civilians in a tense battle but the advancing troops in the East managed to crush LTTE power and liberate Thoppigala.



■ **July 11, 2008:** At least four civilians were killed and 25 others reported wounded when LTTE terrorists opened fire at a passenger bus plying from Monaragala towards Kataragama, between 50th and 51st mile posts along the Buttala-Kataragama main road. Two females and a 12-year-old child were also among those who were killed. The incident took place 10 kilometres away from Kataragama town.

■ 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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