

Terrorism in the guise of liberation-27



► The UN Human Rights Council needs to have a closer look at LTTE's terror acts in the past without being carried away by various sinister campaigns by the LTTE rump in various countries. The Tiger sympathisers are attempting to mislead the international community and woo sympathy to set their agendas in motion.

► For most countries in the West, it seems that there are two types of terrorism – one to their part of the world and another to countries such as Sri Lanka. Terrorists in this part of the world are often labelled as freedom fighters, rebels or insurgents. But the very same countries in the West become firm on terrorists in their own countries.

► The UNHRC, along with 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 measure to stop LTTE terrorist acts against civilians in Sri Lanka.

► 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.

► 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 27th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.



Killing of Pon Ganeshamoorthy



Dr. Neelam Thiruchelvam

► **Aug 2, 1985:** Armed terrorists shot dead 3 Sinhalese Buddhist priests and 3 civilians at Ruhunu Somavathiya Temple in Thrikonamadu, Polonnaruwa.

► **July 29, 1987:** LTTE terrorists armed with swords, machetes and small arms butchered 9 villagers in Thoppur after brutally torturing them.

► **July 30, 1990:** LTTE terrorists shot dead 14 Muslims in Akkaraipattu. The victims were farmers returning home from their paddyfields. The terrorists had abducted them, their hands tied behind their backs with their own clothes and lined up and shot dead at an isolated place. Most of the victims were chopped before they were shot.

► **July 30, 1990:** LTTE terrorists attacked Koviladi, a Tamil village in Trincomalee in order to settle a personal grudge a regional LTTE leader had with the villagers. The terrorist with axes and swords killed 9 Tamils and one Muslim in the village after subjecting them to inhumane torture.

► **July 30, 1990:** Tiger terrorists shot dead 14 Muslims in Akkaraipattu, Batticaloa.

► **July 31, 1990:** Ten Tamil civilians were killed by unidentified gunmen in Podankadu, Peraru, Kantalai, Trincomalee.

► **July 31, 1990:** LTTE terrorists armed with firearms stormed Podankady Sinhalese village in Trincomalee and gunned down 11 civilians including women and children.

► **Aug 3, 1990:** Terrorists opened fire at Muslims who were in praying in Jumma and Hussinia mosques in Kathankudy, Batticaloa killing 147 and wounded 60 others.



SP Charles Wijewardena

► **July 29, 1999:** An LTTE suicide bomber exploded himself whilst TULF parliamentarian Dr. Neelam Thiruchelvam was travelling at Rosmead Place junction, killing the MP.



► **Aug 4, 2005:** SP Charles Wijewardena was murdered by an unruly mob in Inuvil, Jaffna. The mob has also attacked police and Army vehicles which arrived at the scene.

► **Aug 3, 2006:** Fifteen civilians taking refuge at the Al-Nuriya Muslim School in Thoppur and the Arabic School in Muttur were killed and more than 30 injured when LTTE terrorists indiscriminately fired artillery at two different times towards Muttur town.

► **Aug 4, 2006:** People's Bank Manager in Jaffna Pon Ganeshamoorthy was shot dead at his residence in Thirunelveli by LTTE terrorists who came on a motor bicycle.

► 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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