

Terrorism in the guise of liberation-29



▶ LTTE terrorists, for many years until they were militarily crushed in May 2009, inflicted nothing but misery to the lives of all Sri Lankans. If the world's most ruthless terror outfit had not been crushed by Sri Lanka's valiant Security Forces, it would have well threatened global peace.

▶ Tiger terrorists 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.

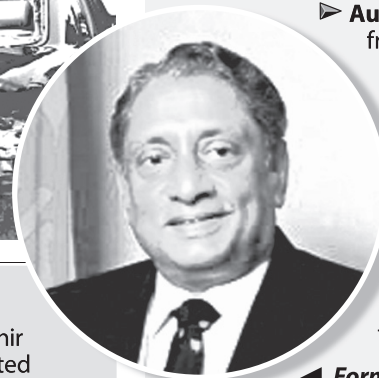
▶ But LTTE cohorts have been able to mislead some of the countries in the West and project a gloomy picture of Sri Lanka. That is precisely why some members of the UN Human Rights Council too are targeting Sri Lanka, purely for the 'sin' of crushing the leader of the world's deadliest terror outfit. As much as US and other countries in the West have a right to crush Al Qaeda, Sri Lanka too have a legitimate right to crush any terrorist outfit which threatens the country's national security.

▶ 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 29th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

▶ **Aug 12, 1990:** LTTE surrounded the Muslim civilians working in their paddy fields at Weerachcholau village in Ampara and tortured 4 civilians to death while 10 others survived serious injuries caused by sharp weapons.



▶ **Aug 17, 2005:** Two policemen, one from Jaffna police and the other from the CID, were injured yesterday as LTTE fired at the police and the CID team engaged in a search operation to arrest the suspects in the DIG Charles Wijewardena murder case. LTTE fired at the police and CID team near the Jaffna University in a bid to foil police attempts to arrest the suspects.

◀ **Former Foreign Minister, Lashman Kadirgamar**

▶ **Aug 12, 2005:** LTTE terrorists assassinated Foreign Minister, Lashman Kadirgamar - shooting him in the head and chest at his residence in Colombo. LTTE gunman had shot the Minister from a higher elevation close to his heavily guarded residence at Bullers Lane, as he was getting out of the pool after a swim.

▶ **Aug 12, 2005:** LTTE terrorists murder a Tamil broadcaster and her husband at their shop in Colombo. Relangi and her husband were killed in their shop at Wellawatte. Relangi Selvarajah, 44, a well-known newsreader worked for Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and her husband were gunned down in broad daylight.

▶ **Aug 13, 1990:** A Muslim village adjoining a Sinhalese village was attacked by terrorists in Awarantalawa, Vavunia killing 10 Muslims and 1 Sinhalese, 3 others were injured.

▶ **Aug 13, 1990:** Tiger terrorists abducted 6 Muslim fishermen and hacked them to death after brutally torturing them. The bodies were found buried in the mud in the Gangi area.

▶ **Aug 14, 1985:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists raided a Sinhalese village at Aranthalawa, in Ampara district. The terrorists butchered 7 villagers after torturing them.

▶ **Aug 14, 2006:** LTTE narrowly missed assassinating Pakistan High Commissioner Bashir Wali Mohmand as Pakistan nationals celebrated Pakistan Day, but succeeded in killing nine others, his security staff when his convoy came under a bomb attack while it was proceeding towards Kollupitiya along Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha. LTTE cadres detonated a claymore mine fixed on a three wheeler parked on the wayside using a remote control device.



▶ **Aug 16, 2004:** EPDP Media Secretary was gunned down in broad daylight at Wellawatte. K. Balanadarajah who was also a former EPDP election candidate for the Jaffna district was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen near his home at W.A. Silva Mawatha.

▶ **Aug 16, 2006:** Security Forces foiled an attempt by the LTTE to abduct 50 child inmates from the "Revatha Children's Home in Trincomalee by firing grenades and mortars at the Home. The Security Forces who acted promptly repulsed the attacks forcing the terrorists to flee.

▶ **Aug 17, 1989:** Eight civilians were killed and 4 others were injured due to an IED explosion, in Nochchikulam, Vavuniya.

▶ **Aug 18, 1985:** A group of LTTE terrorists armed with sharp weapons hacked 7 innocent villagers including children after torturing them at Namalwatta village in Trincomalee.

▶ 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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