

Terrorism in the guise of liberation - 30

▶ The LTTE rump is now working round the clock, lobbying the 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 the extent of crediting killings due to personal reasons to the Government's 'account', projecting a gloomy picture of Sri Lanka.

▶ When relatives of Tiger sympathisers want to migrate to the West dreaming of greener pastures, they paint a fearful picture of Sri Lanka. There are instances where they had instigated their own killings and blame 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 have a closer look at the notorious track record of the LTTE which was easily adjudged the world's most ruthless terrorist outfit.

▶ There was a time LTTE terrorists killed thousands of innocent civilians in broad 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 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 30th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

▶ **Aug 20, 1983:** LTTE terrorists shot dead TULF organiser Member and Kalmunai Citizens Committee chairman Velmurugu Master in Kalmunai.

▶ **Aug 20, 2006:** Former TULF Parliamentarian and TNA activist Sinnathambi Sivamaharaja was shot dead by LTTE terrorists at his home in Tellipalai, Durgapuram, Jaffna. He was shot using a T56 rifle by two men on a motorcycle. Sivamaharaja was a Secretary to the late Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) leader A. Amirthalingam from 1977 to 1983.



▶ **Aug 20, 2008:** Seven civilians including a Pastor sought Security Forces' protection fleeing from the LTTE grip in Chilawatti to the Navy detachment in Kallarawa, Mullaitivu fishing marshalling point. They have been subjected to numerous harassments by the LTTE and arrived by a fibreglass dinghy boat from LTTE dominant area and sought protection.



▶ **Aug 24, 1997:** Four civilians were killed and another 13 were injured when LTTE terrorists fired mortars at 233 Brigade in Kalladi fell on populated areas in Batticaloa town.

▶ **Aug 25, 1988:** A group of LTTE cadres armed with swords, machetes and firearms raided Marawila, an ancient Sinhalese village in Polonnaruwa in the small hours. The terrorists forced into civilian houses and beheaded 11 including women and infants after brutally torturing them.

▶ We salute Sri Lanka's Security Forces for providing a safer today for all communities to live in peace and harmony.



Sinnathambi Sivamaharaja

▶ **Aug 22, 2006:** A diabolic attempt by the LTTE to cause mayhem and destruction in the city was thwarted with the timely detection of a claymore mine in the heart of Borella. A police constable on a routine patrol found the bomb strapped to a bicycle near the Borella fuel station.

▶ **Aug 23, 2007:** Citing Royal Canadian Mounted Police sources the *Jane's Intelligence Review* said the LTTE controls portion of US \$ one billion drug market in the Canadian city of Montreal. The *Review* said that one of the main ways of earning money out of its USD 200-300 million annual income of the LTTE is narcotics smuggling using its merchant ships, which also transports illicit arms and explosives which they procure from all over the world

▶ **Aug 20, 2007:** Tiger terrorists, in a jeep, opened fire at a police checkpoint in Vavuniya district, killing four home guards, including three females and one civilian.