

Terrorism in the guise of liberation - 31

▶ The LTTE rump is now targeting the next sessions of the UNHRC scheduled for later this year. They are working round the clock, lobbying politicians and state officials of Western countries so that they could exert pressure on Sri Lanka.

▶ Countries in the West should not get carried away by the various ploys and tactics the LTTE cohorts use to win sympathy. The LTTE Diaspora is coming out with various concocted stories to discredit the Government and its Security Forces. They even go to extent of crediting killings due to personal reasons to the Government's 'account', projecting a gloomy picture of Sri Lanka.

▶ 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 undoubtedly was 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 behaviour. 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.



▶ This is the 31st in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

▶ **Aug. 26, 2007:** A major disaster was averted when the Randoli Perahera of Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy was about to parade the streets when Police found a claymore mine in a lonely place close to Prince Street, Kandy. The Army Bomb Disposal Unit rushed to the scene and defused the bomb weighing nearly 2kg.



▶ **Aug. 26, 2008:** An LTTE light aircraft had dropped two improvised bombs at the Trincomalee Naval dockyard around 9.15 pm, injuring 15 sailors, five of them seriously. However, the LTTE abortive air raid targeting the Naval dockyard in Trincomalee was successfully thwarted by the Security Forces.



▶ **Aug. 29, 2006:** The LTTE killed a woman who allegedly had relations with an anti-LTTE faction, near Murugan Kovil, at Sittandy. The 48-year-old woman victim, Wellakuttu Veeramuttu's son was earlier killed by terrorists after he was found linked to another anti-LTTE outfit. Four days ago, LTTE gunmen killed one more mother in Batticaloa after she opposed the LTTE's attempt to abduct and conscript her son.

▶ **Aug. 29, 2006:** In total disregard of the plight of innocent civilians trapped in uncleared areas in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu, the LTTE fired a mortar barrage towards a convoy of 11 lorries carrying 120 tonnes of essential food items to the uncleared areas.



▶ **Aug. 30, 1992:** A bomb planted in a private bus parked at Trincomalee bus stand exploded, killing nine civilians and injuring 34 others.

▶ **Aug 30, 2001:** A civilian and two police officers were killed by a bomb planted by LTTE at Kalmunai, Ampara district. The civilian was a labourer attached to the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat, who was injured and later succumbed to his injuries.

▶ **Aug 30, 2002:** A bomb planted in a private bus at the bus stand exploded, killing nine civilians and injuring 34 in Trincomalee Town

▶ **Aug. 30, 2008:** Over 45 people were injured by a bomb explosion carried out by LTTE terrorists near the Bo tree at Olcott Mawatha, Pettah.

▶ **Aug 31, 2007:** People in Kilinochchi said that LTTE terrorists were forcing families to turn over at least one family member to serve as combatants. Among those forcibly recruited are children, the Voice of America said.

▶ **Sept 1, 1992:** LTTE killed 22 Muslims while 67 others were injured in an explosion that took place in Saindamaradu, Kalmunai.



▶ **Sept 1, 2006:** LTTE made an unsuccessful attack at Kankasanthurai harbour. Later 20 LTTE boats, including five suicide boats laden with explosives, had attacked a Naval patrol near the Kankasanturai harbour, injuring two sailors.



▶ 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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