

Terrorism in the guise of liberation - 32

▶ The next target of the LTTE rump appears to be the November sessions of the UNHRC and they are working round the clock to mislead the countries in the West.

▶ Remaining LTTE leaders abroad are lobbying the politicians and state officials of Western countries so that they could exert pressure on Sri Lanka. They adopt various ploys and tactics to woo international sympathy.

▶ 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.

▶ 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 32nd in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

▶ **Sept 2, 1985:** Former MP for Kopay, M. Alalasundaram was killed by the LTTE gunmen in Thinnaveli, Jaffna.

▶ **Sept 2, 1999:** Former PLOTE Deputy Chairman, Kaluvanchikudi Pradeshiya Sabha and public relations officer Murugesu Gunaratnam (alias Vino) and Deputy Leader and 'Military Wing' leader, PLOTE, Nagalingam Manikkam Rajan (Manickathasan) were killed by an LTTE bomb attack in Vavuniya.

▶ **Sept 2, 2006:** Security Forces repulsed a major Tiger attack by 20 LTTE gun boats off the northern Jaffna peninsula. Two Navy gun boats were damaged and two sailors were wounded.



▶ **Sept 2, 2007:** Security Forces completed yet another humanitarian mission liberating nearly 6,000 civilians from the LTTE grip after taking control of Silavatura. The troops launched the operation by advancing towards Silavatura from Vankalai to rescue innocent civilians held by the Tigers.

▶ **Sept 2, 2008:** It was disclosed that around 300 to 400 Tamil youth from the upcountry had been taken to the North and trained by the LTTE for subversive activities during the controversial Ceasefire Agreement between Prabhakaran and Ranil Wickremasinghe in 2002. Police intelligence revealed that most of them were residents of Ambakottewate, Kengalle, Galaha, Maussawa, Rattota, Ukuwela, Nuwara Eliya and Hatton.

▶ **Sept 3, 1985:** LTTE shot dead former MP for Manipay V. Dharmalingam in Manipay, Jaffna.

▶ **Sept 3, 2007:** Three civilians including a child were injured when the LTTE fired mortars at the Ethawetunuweva village in Welioya. Three LTTE mortars had fallen into the Ethawetunuweva, injuring two women aged 35 and 55 and a 15-year-old boy.

▶ **Sept 4, 2006:** Two buses transporting 30 Policemen narrowly escaped being caught in an LTTE claymore mine in Medawachchiya. LTTE terrorists detonated two claymore mines targeting the buses carrying policemen on a special duty assignment to Kantale. The two claymores, weighing around 25kg, were planted in a part of the stretch between Thambave and Madawachchiya on the A9 Road in the direction of Chettikulam.

▶ **Sept 4, 2008:** Intellectuals for Human Rights in a statement urged the LTTE to immediately stop forcible use of innocent civilians as a shield in its war activities since they believe that the LTTE is bent on keeping the innocent civilians in the Wanni against their will when the Government is requesting these people who have become refugees in Wanni to settle in the cleared areas.

▶ **Sept 5, 2006:** One soldier was killed and seven others were injured when the LTTE directed artillery and mortar fire on the Selvanagar Army camp, a few miles off Sampur as sporadic clashes continued in the area.



▶ **Sept 5, 2007:** Another LTTE attempt to cause mayhem in the city was averted by the detection of 9kg of explosives near the railway track at two different locations in the Dehiwela coastal area following a tip off by a civilian. Seven kg of C4 explosives which were concealed in 14 small packets were uncovered by the Dehiwela police.

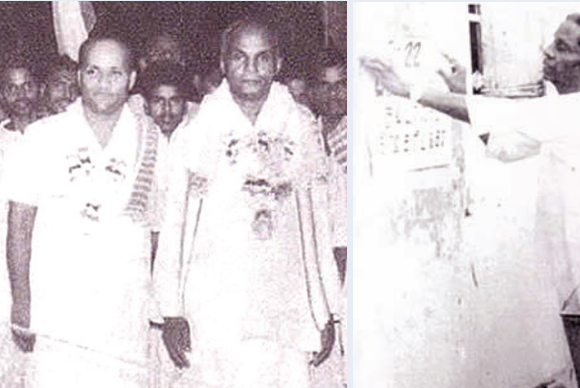
▶ **Sept 7, 2001:** A group of about 140 bus passengers were indiscriminately fired upon by LTTE terrorists killing four of them in Mahindapura, Trincomalee. These passengers, using their one and only bus service available on the Kantalai - Verugal road, were on their way to a religious ceremony at Sri Kandaswami Hindu Kovil in Kadiraveli.

▶ **Sept 7, 2006:** A US Government report disclosed that the LTTE had recruited tsunami orphaned children into its fighting units picking them from survivors' camps in the North and East. US Government report on Child Labour revealed that the Tigers recruited children from Tsunami survivors' camps.

▶ **Sept 7, 2007:** Three civilians were killed when a tractor transporting sand from Uppudai to Vantharamoolai in Batticaloa was caught in a landmine explosion. Three civilians aged 40, 41 including the tractor driver and a 17-year-old youth travelling in the tractor were killed in the land mine explosion set by the LTTE.

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■ 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.

■ In the guise of the so-called liberation to Tamils, they 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 in the month of September.

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■ **Sept 9, 2008:** Security Forces foiled a major LTTE attack targeting the radar system at the Air Force Base in Vavuniya bringing down one of the light aircraft of the LTTE on its way back to Mullaitivu. Tigers fired barrages of artillery into the Army, Air Force and Police Headquarters complex in Vavuniya.

■ **Sept 9, 2009:** Police unearthed a large stock of arms and ammunition from Vellaimullivaikkal. Task Force VIII launched a substantial search operation in Puthukudiyiruppu and Sugandipuram areas and recovered a haul of arms, thereby preventing another human disaster by the terrorists.



■ **Sept 10, 1988:** Armed terrorists shot dead seven Sinhalese and four Tamils at the 16th Colony, Central Camp in Ampara.

■ **Sept 10, 2000:** LTTE Terrorists killed two parliamentary candidates ahead of elections in Kalmunai, Batticaloa. The victims were identified as Chelliah Perinpanayagam, a former mayor of Batticaloa town and S Manoharpillai also a PA party member.

■ **Sept 10, 2006:** A claymore mine exploded just 200m away from the Ganemulla Commando Camp.

■ **Sept 10, 2008:** LTTE terrorists exploded a bomb on the coastal rail track near De Saram Road, Mount Lavinia. Over 200 g of C4 explosives have been used for the bomb. One railway track was slightly damaged but there were no injuries as a major disaster was averted.



SSP Chandra Perera



Mayor of Jaffna, Ponnuthurai Sivapalan,



■ **Sept 11, 1998:** Mayor of Jaffna, Ponnuthurai Sivapalan and 11 persons were killed and 12 people wounded when a suicide bomber detonated a bomb strapped to his body at the Municipal Council building in Jaffna. The dead included Brigade Commander, 51-4 Brigade, Major General Susantha Mendis and SSP Jaffna, Chandra Perera.

■ **Sept 13, 1990:** LTTE cadres hacked to death seven Muslim civilians and injured one in Poonani, Batticaloa Sep 13, 1994: Chairman, Chenkalady Pradeshiya Sabha, T. Jeyarajah was shot dead by LTTE terrorists at Chenkalady, Batticaloa District.

■ **Sept 13, 2006:** Over thirteen civilians were injured when an LTTE terrorist lobbed a hand grenade into a poultry stall in Poonhottam, Vavuniya. The terrorist had arrived on a push cycle, threw a hand grenade and fled the scene injuring 13 civilians,



Minister Nimal Sripala de Silva

■ **Sept 14, 2005:** Leader, EPRLF (Razeek Group) Sivaguru Navaratnarajah (alias Kanthy) was killed in an LTTE grenade attack in Batticaloa.

■ **Sept 14, 2005:** LTTE cadres lobbed a hand grenade into the Lake Road camp of the Sri Lanka Army killing one soldier attached to the 14th Sri Lanka National Guard and injuring another.

■ **Sept 15, 2000:** Seven people were killed and 28 others sustained injuries when a suicide bomber, on being detected, blew himself up in front of a busy hospital in Colombo. Health Minister Nimal Sripala de Silva had a narrow escape as he had passed through the site barely seven minutes before the blast.

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