

Terrorism in the guise of liberation - 36

► US President Barack Obama, addressing the UN General Assembly last week, called upon global leaders to rally against extremism. Obama said that it was the obligation of all leaders to speak out forcefully against violence and extremism.



► However, it is time that the world leaders translate their words into action and prove their integrity and sincerity in crushing global terrorism.

► Championing the human rights of terrorists would only support and encourage terrorist groups the world over. The UN Human Rights Council should only respect the human rights of civilians and not that of terrorists, either directly or indirectly.

► Any further action against a sovereign state such as Sri Lanka at the UNHRC would set a bad precedent and infuse fresh hopes for global terrorism. The US-led resolution against Sri Lanka at the UN Human Rights Council earlier this year only underestimates the Herculean efforts of the Security Forces who risked their life and limb to liberate thousands of civilians

► When the Tiger terrorists mercilessly killed hundreds of thousands of innocent people, hardly any of these godfathers of human rights were there even to speak a word on behalf of Sri Lankans who had been at the receiving end.



► These 'Godfathers' of human rights seem to have forgotten how the LTTE carried out these massive bomb attacks and threatened legitimate Government and the leaders voted by the masses.

► It is still fresh in people's memories how the LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks during this period of time in previous months. This is the 36th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

► **Sept. 30, 1990:** LTTE cadres hacked to death nine Sinhalese villagers at Peraweltalawa, Maha Oya, Ampara.



► **Oct. 1, 1992:** LTTE terrorists attacked the Konwewa detachment, Welioya opened fire and simultaneously threw hand grenades into the bunkers of villagers, killing 15 civilians and injuring nine others.

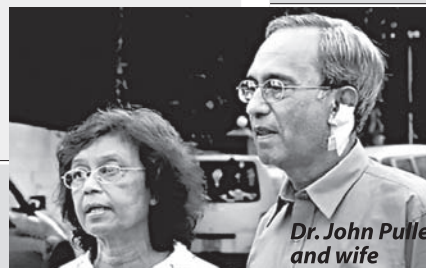
► **Oct. 1, 2006:** Tiger terrorists, ignoring all universally accepted principles, exploded a grenade outside the office of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Jaffna

► **Oct. 1, 2007:** Three Airmen and a civilian were injured in an LTTE claymore mine attack targeting an armoured personnel carrier in Vavuniya.

► **Oct. 2, 1990:** LTTE terrorists shot dead seven Sinhalese villages and set fire to 39 houses in Vahalkada, Padaviya.

► **Oct. 2, 2008:** An attempt by Tigers to blast a power transformer in Kokavil was averted by troops guarding it, despite injuries received by the troops in the grenade explosion. Terrorists mingling with the public in the area lobbed a hand grenade towards the transformer and the troops from a distance. Three soldiers sustained injuries following the explosion.

► **Oct. 3, 1997:** SLFP organiser for Jaffna S.P.Tharmalingam was killed by LTTE gunmen.



► **Oct. 3, 2000:** National Unity Alliance's Trincomalee district candidate M. L. Baithullah, a candidate for the 2000 parliamentary elections, and 20 persons, including four police personnel were killed and another 49 people were wounded when an LTTE suicide bomber attacked an election rally in Muttur town.



► **Oct. 3, 2007:** Another major human disaster planned by the LTTE was averted when the Security Forces foiled a bid by a group of Sea Tiger cadres to enter Trincomalee in a flotilla of boats through Pulmoddai. An LTTE boat carrying explosives was destroyed in the fire fighting.

► **Oct. 4, 2006:** LTTE's attempt to target civilian lives was foiled as the STF bomb disposal squad defused a powerful claymore mine lying among a garbage pile in Wellawatte. The claymore weighing 15kg and discovered by a scrap iron collector during his morning rounds, would have claimed several innocent lives had it been blown off.

► **Oct. 5, 2000:** At least 12 persons were killed and over 40 injured when a LTTE suicide bomber blew himself up in an attempt to enter a People's Alliance election meeting at the Medawachchiya bus stand, which was being addressed by the Health and Indigenous Medicine Deputy Minister Tissa Karaliyadda.

► **Oct. 5, 2004:** LTTE terrorists murdered two Muslim civilians who were returning after prayers in Welikanda. The victims were identified as 45 year old M.S. Mohomadu and 42-year-old U. Kudduth. They were shot and killed at point-blank range, allegedly by LTTE cadres who arrived on a motorbike. One of the victims was a school teacher and the other was a farmer.



► **Oct. 6, 1987:** Armed terrorists shot dead 25 Sinhalese settlers in Thalawai, Eravur.

► **Oct. 6, 1987:** LTTE cadres shot dead 27 Sinhalese villagers at Sagarapura in Kuchchaveli, Trincomalee.

► **Oct. 6, 1987:** Armed LTTE cadres shot dead 18 Sinhalese civilians in Batticaloa.



Maj. General Janaka Perera and wife

► **Oct. 6, 2008:** A bomb explosion carried out by the LTTE in Anuradhapura killed 28 persons, including Opposition Leader of the North Central Provincial Council, Maj. General Janaka Perera and his wife. More than 86 people were injured following the suicide bomb attack inside the UNP office near the Old Bus Stand. UNP Anuradhapura district organiser Dr. John Pulle, UNP Legal Advisor and Attorney-at-Law A.C.S. Hameed, North Central Provincial Council UNP member Shantha Dissanayake and UNP Provincial Council candidate Subashi Charles were among others killed.



► **Oct. 7, 1987:** LTTE cadres shot dead 25 Sinhalese passengers, who were travelling by bus along Pottuvil-Monargala Road. The Tigers also killed five motorcyclists who came along the same route.

Minister Tissa Karaliyadda

► 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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