

# Terrorism in the guise of liberation -38

■ It is high time world leaders practice what they preach. Though prominent world leaders have often preached on the eradication of terrorism and for an attempt to eliminate error outfits across the globe, only a few of them have demonstrated it practically.

■ 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.



■ **Oct. 17, 1995:** Nine Navy personnel were killed and their vessel was damaged after a male suicide bomber targeted the naval facility in Trincomalee.

■ **Oct. 18, 2005:** LTTE terrorists fatally shot dead a village official - P. Weerasingham, in Vavuniya.

■ **Oct. 18, 2006:** LTTE cadres carried out a suicide mission on the Dakshina Naval Base in Galle. The troops, however, successfully repulsed the attack, killing 15 LTTE cadres, while one sailor also died in the incident. Another 15 sailors and 14 civilians were injured in the clashes.

■ **Oct. 19, 1987:** A private bus transporting Tamil passengers was blown up by a LTTE land-mine, killing 40 civilians and an Indian Peace Keeping Force soldier in Kalkudah.

■ **Oct. 19, 1997:** During an attempt to destroy a naval gunboat on the north eastern coast, two sailors were killed and two LTTE boats were sunk.

■ **Oct. 19, 2000:** Three civilians were killed and 21 persons, including three Americans, were injured in a suicide bomb attack near the Colombo Town Hall as the new Cabinet took oath.

■ **Oct. 19, 2000:** Terrorists shot dead BBC reporter Mylvaganam Nirmalaranjan in Jaffna.

■ **Oct. 19, 2006:** LTTE's aim for another major attack targeting the public was averted after a claymore mine was detected by the side of the Colombo-Kandy Road in the Kadawata town. The eight kilo claymore was detected by a civilian who alerted Police.



**Digampatana bomb attack**

■ 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 38th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

■ **Oct. 15, 1987:** Armed terrorists shot dead 14 Sinhalese passengers travelling in two lorries on the Ella Kantali Road, Trincomalee.

■ 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 of violence.



**Naval Base attack in Galle**

■ **Oct. 15, 1991:** Tiger terrorists killed 109 Muslim villagers, including women and children in Palliyagodella, Polonnaruwa.

■ **Oct. 15, 1992:** About 200-300 armed terrorists attacked Palliyagodella, Ahamedpura, Abapura, Pamburana, Polonnaruwa Muslim villages and shot and hacked to death a total of 171 Muslim civilians. 12 policemen and soldiers were among 83 others who were injured in the attack.

■ **Oct. 15, 1997:** Suicide bombers detonated a truck packed with a large quantity of explosives in the parking lot at Galadari Hotel close to the World Trade Centre, Colombo, killing 18 persons and injuring at least 110 others.

■ **Oct. 16, 1995:** LTTE butchered 120 Sinhalese civilians in an Eastern village. The dead included men, women and children. Many of the victims were hacked to death with swords and axes.

■ **Oct. 16, 2005:** The LTTE failed with another mission to target civilian life as C-4 type deadly explosives, weighing 1.5kg was found near the Kelani Nadi Vihara in Modera. The highly destructive explosive type that could create extensive damage was found inside a biscuit tin near a wayside garbage dump.

■ **Oct. 16, 2006:** At least 98 sailors of the Sri Lanka Navy were killed and 100 more injured as LTTE cadres rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into a naval convoy at Digampatana, Habarana.

■ **Oct. 16, 1987:** Armed terrorists stopped a private bus and took away Sinhala persons travelling in it. They were later hacked to death in Pulmoddai, Trincomalee.

■ **Oct. 16, 2008:** Fifty World Food Program lorries carrying essential food items, medicine and other dry rations for Wannu civilians were forced to return to Vavuniya due to LTTE artillery fire and claymore mine attacks. The convoy loaded with essential food for displaced persons came under a barrage of LTTE artillery fire and a claymore mine attack.



**Kolonnawa Oil Refinery attack**

■ **Oct. 20, 1995:** LTTE suicide bombers attacked the Kolonnawa Oil Refinery and Storage Complex, destroying several tanks. 22 security personnel were killed in the attack which destroyed diesel, kerosene, aviation fuel and crude oil worth over \$10 million.

■ **Oct. 20, 2000:** The LTTE shot dead TNA PM for Batticaloa District Kingsley Rasanayagam at Iruthayapuram, Batticaloa.

■ **Oct. 20, 2000:** LTTE terrorists shot dead former TNA parliamentarian for Batticaloa District and former Mayor of Jaffna, Nadarajah Raviraj in Colombo.

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



**Body of slain MP Nadarajah Raviraj**