

Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 40

■ Most world leaders and organisations often preach on the need to eradicate terrorism. More often than not, they preach on the need for a worldwide attempt eliminate terror outfits across the globe. But only a few of them have demonstrated it practically.

■ Despite many preaching against terrorism, only a few of them have acted sincerely with the honest desire of eradicating terrorism. It is time that the world leaders translate their words into action and prove their integrity and sincerity in crushing global terrorism.



Kelanitissa power station attack

■ 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. 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.



■ 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 40th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

■ **Oct. 28, 2008:** Tiger light aircraft dropped two bombs targeting the Kelanitissa power station, causing a minor fire at the power station. Prior to the incident, an LTTE light aircraft dropped three bombs on the Mannar Army headquarters in Thaladdi.



Air defence system activated in Colombo city

■ **Oct. 29, 2001:** Two police personnel and an equal number of civilians were killed while 14 persons sustained injuries when a male suicide bomber blew himself up in close proximity to a meeting of Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickremanayake at Narahenpita.

■ **Oct. 29, 2001:** Two people who were fishing in the Maduru Oya tank in Polonnaruwa district were shot dead by LTTE terrorists. The terrorists arrived at Kandegamuwa village in Maduru Oya, Polonnaruwa, from the jungles before they fired at the fishermen indiscriminately.



■ **Oct. 29, 2006:** An eleven-year-old girl was shot dead by the LTTE in Eravur, Batticaloa. The body of the victim was found in the compound of her residence after the shooting, carried out by a group of four LTTE cadres who also shot at her sister, brother-in-law and one-year-old niece near their residence.

■ **Oct. 30, 2001:** Three soldiers and four bombers, including two women, were killed when a suicide boat attacked the oil tanker, *MV Silk Pride*, off the port of Point Pedro in Jaffna.

■ **Oct. 30, 2001:** A six-year-old girl was killed and six civilians were injured when LTTE terrorists threw four hand grenades at a civilian's house in a village in Muttur in the Trincomalee District.

■ **Oct. 30, 2005:** The LTTE shot dead a senior officer of the Military Intelligence Corps Lieutenant Colonel T. Rizi Meedin. A Tiger terrorist shot Meedin with a 9mm pistol near the officer's home in Kiribathgoda.

■ **Oct. 30, 2007:** LTTE intensified their attacks targeting innocent Tamil civilians and nine disgusted Tamil youth aged between 20-25, residents from Mullaitivu, surrendered to the naval detachment at Mannar-Pallimunai. The youth stated that as the Tigers were conscripting youths, they fled Mullaitivu and to seek protection from the Government.



Nugegoda bomb attack

■ **Nov. 1, 1990:** Tiger terrorists attacked Halambawewa, Sinhapura, Weli Oya village and killed 10 Sinhala civilians.



■ **Nov. 1, 1999:** A massive LTTE attack on an army camp at Oddusuddan left over 800 soldiers killed or missing and another 1,200 deserted.

■ **Nov. 2, 1995:** Terrorists entered Malakalugolla, Kegalluyaya, Siyambalanduwa, Moneragala and hacked to death five children aged between 18 months to 15 years. They also set fire to two huts, in which the children were living.



Nadarajah Atputharajah

■ **Nov. 2, 1999:** Terrorists shot dead former Jaffna District EPDP Parliamentarian and publisher of Thinamurasu newspaper Nadarajah Atputharajah (alias Ramesh) in Colombo.



■ **Nov. 3, 1995:** A suicide unit intruded into an oil storage depot in Kolonnawa, Colombo and destroyed 14 storage tanks causing USD 61 million in damage. They also killed 23 soldiers and two civilians.

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



Devanandan suicide attack

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