

# Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 41

■ Certain countries in the West as well as a few international organisations still attempt to pontificate to us on peace and continue to level war crime allegations. But none of them were there when Sri Lanka was at the receiving end and let the LTTE to commit thousands of brutal killings in the name of a so-called liberation.

■ It was mostly the Tamils in the North and the East who became unfortunate victims as LTTE terrorists showed no mercy even to their own community.

■ When the Tiger terrorists mercilessly killed hundreds of thousands of innocent people, hardly any of these 'godfathers' of human rights were even there to speak a word on behalf of Sri Lankans.

■ These 'God fathers' of human rights seem to have forgotten how the LTTE carried out massive bomb attacks and threatened a legitimate Government and the leaders voted by the masses.

■ The LTTE rump, Tiger sympathisers or Tamil diaspora now make wild allegations to bring the Government into disrepute and woo the sympathy of the international 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 of time in previous years. This is the 41st in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

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■ **Nov. 5, 2008:** LTTE gunmen shot dead two members of a Tamil political party, including the head of the TMVP office of Eravur in Sithandy. They were gunned down by Tiger gunmen near the Murugan Kovil.



■ **Nov. 6, 1989:** Staff Reporter of Eelanaadu & Eelamurasu newspapers, I. Shanmugalingam was kidnapped and executed by LTTE terrorists in Jaffna.



Former Navy Commander  
Admiral Clancy Fernando



■ **Nov. 6, 1996:** A group of LTTE terrorists, armed with sharp weapons and firearms, attacked Eluwankulama village in Puttakum district and butchered 14 civilians including women and children. Several others were injured in the indiscriminate attack.

■ **Nov. 7, 1985:** Armed terrorists shot dead ten Sinhalese villagers in Namalwatta, Morawewa, Trincoamlee.

■ **Nov. 7, 2000:** LTTE terrorists shot dead former TULF parliamentarian for Batticaloa District Nimalan Soundaranayagam in Kiran, Batticaloa.



Nimalan Soundaranayagam

■ **Nov. 7, 2006:** Five civilians were killed and several others were wounded as LTTE carried out indiscriminate mortar attacks on the Security Forces and civilians. LTTE cadres fired on an Army foot patrol in Thirunaveli, Jaffna using small arms. The Tiger cadres directed fire from the uncleared areas using 81 mm. mortars toward Sithandi and Chenkaladi areas in Batticaloa.

■ **Nov. 8, 2006:** LTTE used civilians trapped in the uncleared areas as a human shield to cover up its artillery and mortar positions and to tarnish the image of the Security Forces when civilians get caught in the retaliatory fire. As a result of the LTTE holding hapless civilians as a human shield, more than 45 Tamils were killed under tragic circumstances and over 135 people sustained injuries in Vakara.



■ **Nov. 9, 1987:** Terrorist bomb explosion in a vehicle parked in Maradana killed 23 civilians and injured 106 others. 15 vehicles were also damaged.

■ **Nov. 9, 2006:** Sri Lanka Navy repulsed a major LTTE attack on the civilian passenger vessel 'Green Ocean I' with 300 Jaffna bound civilians from Trincomalee in the sea off Nagarkovil, destroying a flotilla of Sea-Tiger boats, including three suicide boats. Two Tiger suicide boats rammed into to two Dvora fast Attack Craft escorting 'Green Ocean I', destroying one and damaging the other.

■ **Nov. 9, 2007:** LTTE detonated a claymore mine targeting home guards in Padaviya. Two homeguards returning from duty were killed.



■ **Nov. 10, 1992:** A suicide bomb attack in front of Taj Samudra Hotel, Galle Face killed four persons, including Navy Commander Admiral Clancy Fernando and injured several others.

■ **Nov. 10, 1993:** Eight officers and 233 soldiers were declared killed in action in LTTE's attack on the Pooneryn defences. The LTTE also executed 200 soldiers captured during this attack on the Pooneryn army camp.

■ **Nov. 10, 2006:** The SLN destroyed one weapon laden LTTE suicide craft and captured another that were sailing in the seas off Nilaveli coast in the guise of ordinary fishing boats. At least six Sea-Tigers aboard were killed.

■ **Nov. 10, 2006:** LTTE's attempt to target another civilian target was prevented after two foreign-made hand grenades were recovered in Kalvil Place, Kollupitiya following a tip off from a civilian. Police found two K- 400 Pakistani made hand grenades hidden between the rocks along coastal railway track in Kollupitiya.

■ **Nov. 10, 2008:** LTTE intensified its attacks targeting civilians and as a result group of Tamil civilians escaping from the LTTE grip came to the cleared area seeking protection from the Security Forces in Thanankilappu, Jaffna. 15 civilians comprising five males, eight females and two children had crossed Kilaly lagoon from their home in the uncleared area of Paranthan.

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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