

Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 44

■ A recent report by the United Nations said it failed to mediate during the final stages of Sri Lanka's battle against the LTTE. But in actual terms, the UN failed to mediate and protect human rights of the civilians when over 20 million Sri Lankans were subjected to LTTE's indiscriminate bombings.



■ The countries and the organisations which now shed crocodile tears on human rights did not utter a word when the LTTE was at its worst as the world's most ruthless terrorist outfit. The Tigers showed no mercy in indiscriminately killing thousands of innocent people.

■ But now, the United Nations appear to have no other business than issuing report after report on Sri Lanka. The recent development of such activities may prompt people to assume that this is a well-orchestrated move to coincide with the UN Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva.



■ There seems to be enough and more self-appointed arbitrators who are attempting to take Sri Lanka to task, framing baseless war crime allegations. But when Sri Lanka was at the receiving end and its people were subjected to untold misery due to LTTE terror, none of those 'godfathers' of human rights were there to voice against Tiger atrocities.

■ 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. This is the 44th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.



Scene of Nugegoda bomb blast



■ **Nov. 25, 1996:** A suicide bomber died in an attack on a police vehicle, which critically wounded a police driver in Trincomalee town.



Minister Douglas Devananda

■ **Nov. 28, 2007:** Nineteen civilians were killed and 39 were injured when the LTTE exploded a parcel bomb near a popular fashion store at Nugegoda junction. The parcel bomb had been placed in one of the parcel counters at the clothing store by an LTTE cadre who had left the scene. Several buildings were also damaged.



The body of the LTTE suicide bomber

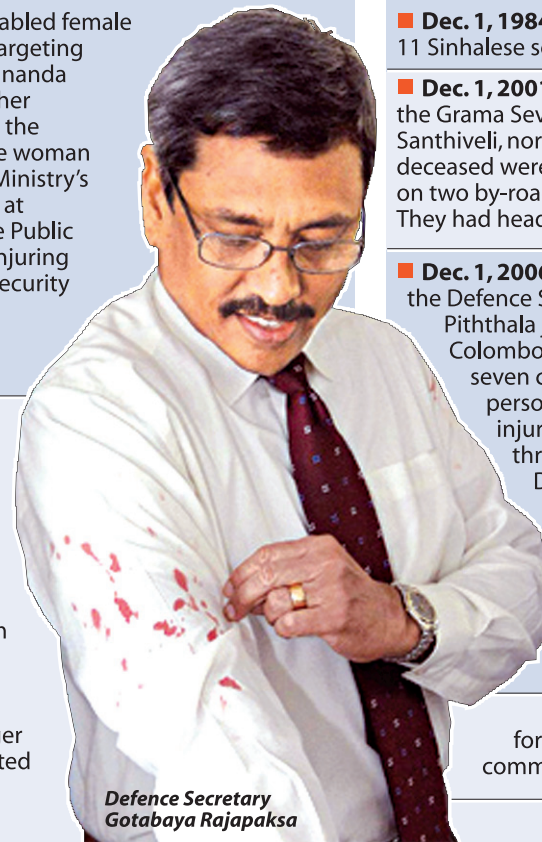
■ **Nov. 26, 2006:** As many international and local organisations in Batticaloa were taking measures to carry food items in a large convoy of over seventy five vehicles to the uncleared Vakara area, it had been revealed that the LTTE laid heavy mines and 1,000 kg bombs on nodal points and bottle necks on the road to prevent them being carried to the uncleared areas.

■ **Nov. 26, 2007:** LTTE mortar fire injured five students and two teachers of Irakkam school in Pulleadi, Mannar. A school located between the Madhu and Murunkan road came under LTTE artillery attack. Four shells hit the Irakkam school in Mannar injuring five students and two teachers.

■ **Nov. 27, 2001:** The LTTE killed two civilians and injured two others in Eastern Province. LTTE terrorists fired 81 mm mortars towards the Army detachment in Kattaparichchan, south of Trincomalee, killing one woman and injuring another.

■ **Nov. 28, 2007:** A disabled female LTTE suicide bomber targeting Minister Douglas Devananda blew herself up when her attempt to assassinate the Minister was foiled. The woman blew herself near the Ministry's Public Relations Office at Narahenpita killing the Public Relations Officer and injuring two other Ministerial security guards. Several other persons too sustained injuries.

■ **Nov. 30, 1984:** Barely 19 days after the attack on the Dollar Farm village that killed 33 people, a second night raid was launched by LTTE cadres which targeted the Kent Farm village. 29 civilians including women and children at Kent farm were massacred by Tiger terrorists who also looted and set fire to victims' houses.



Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa



■ **Nov. 30, 2006:** LTTE terrorists killed a fisherman and severely injured another in the seas North of Baththalangamuwa off Kalpitiya. The LTTE was forcing them to engage in unlawful activities such as transporting drugs, arms and ammunition and harassing them at sea. Navy boats rushed to the area and found a number of fishing boats abandoned. Among them was a body of a fisherman and another with serious injuries.



LTTE women cadres

■ **Dec. 1, 1984:** Armed Tiger terrorists shot dead 11 Sinhalese settlers in Kokilai, Vavuniya.

■ **Dec. 1, 2001:** LTTE terrorists killed the abducted the Grama Sevaka of Kudumbamalai and a youth at Santhiveli, north of Batticaloa. The two bodies of the deceased were found tied to lampposts with chains on two by-roads leading to the Batticaloa beach. They had head injuries.

■ **Dec. 1, 2006:** A suicide attack by the LTTE targeting the Defence Secretary, Gotabaya Rajapaksa near Piththala junction, Dharmapala Mawatha in Colombo injured seven army personnel and seven civilians. Two of the injured army personnel subsequently succumbed to their injuries. The suicide bomber rammed his three-wheeler into the convoy of the Defence Secretary who was en route to the Temple Trees for an official meeting. He escaped unhurt. The headless body of the suicide bomber was recovered from the incident site. At least eight vehicles, including that of the Defence Secretary, were damaged in the attack.

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