

Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 46



■ The LTTE rump has not given up its worldwide campaign of lobbying politicians and state officials of Western countries. In doing so, they feel that they could exert pressure on Sri Lanka and its Government.

■ LTTE cohorts and a section of the Tamil Diaspora is coming out with various concocted stories to discredit the Government and its Security Forces. Even killings due to personal reasons too have been credited to the Government's 'account', projecting a gloomy picture on Sri Lanka.

■ There was a time when LTTE terrorists killed thousands of innocent civilians in board daylight, violating all accepted norms and human rights. There was hardly anybody to support Sri Lanka then, except for a handful of friendly countries.

■ In the guise of the so-called liberation of Tamils, LTTE terrorists inflicted untold misery on hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians, including their own 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.



■ **Dec. 11, 1995:** Fourteen civilians and three Security Forces personnel were killed and 59 persons sustained injuries when two LTTE suicide bombers blew themselves up during an attack on the Army Headquarters complex in Colombo 2.

■ **Dec. 11, 1999:** A total of 212 soldiers were killed by LTTE terrorists. Another 37 soldiers were reported missing in action while 2,118 were wounded as Tiger terrorists overran a Security Forces camp in the North.

■ **Dec. 11, 2006:** Five policemen and a civilian were injured when a claymore mine targetting a police van prematurely exploded near the Akkaraipattu Hospital.



■ **Dec. 11, 2007:** LTTE terrorists intensified their campaigns targeting innocent civilians both here and in India. A large quantity of detonators were found at a bus stand in Thrissur.

■ **Dec. 12, 1985:** Six Madhu pilgrims who were abducted by LTTE terrorists in Mannar were executed.



■ **Dec. 12, 2006:** Over 85 civilians, who had been subjected to untold privations under LTTE terror rule, entered the Government controlled area enduring severe hardship. They were provided shelter, food and medicine at the Army camps.

■ **Dec. 13, 1984:** Methodist priest, Fr. George Jeyarajasingham was shot dead by Tiger terrorists in Mannar.

■ **Dec. 13, 2005:** A massive demonstration was staged by several hundred civilians against LTTE atrocities in Asikulam and Mahilankulam areas in the Wannai. It was staged in the wake of the abduction of Sinnathambay Ganeshalingam alias Farook by LTTE gunmen.



■ **Dec. 13, 2006:** Condemning the fierce fighting in the East, the SLMM (ceasefire monitoring mission) called upon the LTTE to allow civilians trapped in the fighting to reach safe ground without hindering their exit. The monitoring body criticised the LTTE for its failure "to protect civilians in Vakarai by restricting their movements." They urged the LTTE to stop its brutal use of civilians as a human shield to take cover and attack the military forces.



■ **Dec. 14, 2001:** LTTE terrorists shot dead an off duty Tamil policeman, a father of five children, inside his home. The terrorist armed with an automatic weapon shot dead the policeman while he was at his home in Vavuniya town watching television. Earlier the policeman had been threatened by LTTE rebels asking him to leave the service but he refused.

■ **Dec. 15, 1987:** Terrorists attacked Devalagodella and Somawathiya village, killing nine villagers and injuring several others.



■ **Dec 15, 1999:** LTTE terrorists launched a mortar attack on the populated areas of Chavakachcheri, Jaffna killing one civilian and wounding another eight.



■ 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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