

Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 49



Nittambuwa bus attack



■ The agenda of the West is crystal clear. For most countries in the West, it seems that there are two types of terrorism – one to their part of the world and another to countries such as Sri Lanka.

■ Terrorists in this part of the world are often labelled as freedom fighters, rebels or insurgents. But the very same countries in the West become firm on terrorists in their own countries.

■ The United Nations Human Rights Council, several countries in the West and numerous INGOs have been voicing strongly against human rights and acts against mankind. But hardly any of those had taken any notable measure to stop LTTE terrorist act against civilians in Sri Lanka.



Nippon hotel blast

■ The LTTE, the world's most ruthless terrorist outfit, had been instrumental in thousands of terror attacks, massive bomb explosions targeting innocent civilians and brutal killings for almost three decades until they were crushed militarily in May, 2009.



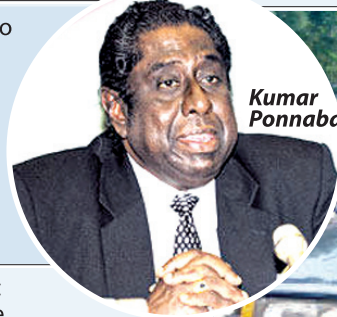
■ In the guise of so-called liberation to Tamils, LTTE terrorists inflicted untold misery on hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians, including their own community. It is still fresh in people's memories how the LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks during this period.

■ This is the 49th in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

■ **Dec. 30, 1995:** An Army officer and a civilian were wounded when a member of the LTTE suicide squad blew himself up at Kalladi in the Batticaloa district.

■ **Dec. 30, 2007:** The LTTE continues to recruit children to fight against the Sri Lankan Government despite an earlier UN appeal, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a new report. The 20-page report on Sri Lanka covering the period from November 2006 to September 2007, notes that the LTTE failed to cease the abduction, recruitment and use of children.

■ **Dec. 31, 1984:** LTTE members killed four Tamil civilians and dumped them outside of Batticaloa for refusing to fight for the group. Altogether 30 Tamil civilians had been killed for similar reasons during 1984.



Kumar Ponnabalam



Ponnabalam killing

■ **Dec. 31, 2006:** Two youths who were forcibly abducted by the LTTE and deployed them on hard labour jobs for months to construct bunkers and dig trenches in the uncleared areas in Welioya in Trincomalee, surrendered to the Army in Welioya. The LTTE had kept these two youths for months against their wish.

■ **Jan. 1, 1988:** Armed LTTE terrorists attacked Karuniyankulam Sinhala village in Trincomalee and murdered three civilians and wounded another two.



Maheshwaran killing

■ **Jan. 1, 2008:** Tiger terrorists shot dead UNP Colombo District parliamentarian T. Maheshwaran in Colombo.



MP T. Maheshwaran

■ **Jan. 2, 2008:** Four people were killed and 28 were wounded after a claymore mine targeting an Army bus exploded in front of Nippon Hotel, Slave Island. Two schoolchildren were among the dead.

■ **Jan. 2, 2009:** A LTTE suicide bomber blew himself up killing three persons, including two Airmen, and injuring 37 others at the entrance to the Air Force camp in Slave Island in Colombo. An accomplice of the suicide bomber was arrested from the incident site.



Slave Island bomb attack

■ **Jan. 5, 2000:** A female suicide bomber exploded herself while she was body searched by Police on suspicion in front of the Prime Minister's Office at Flower Road in Colombo killing 13 civilians, three police officers and injuring 27 people.

■ **Jan. 5, 2000:** The leader of the All Ceylon Tamil Congress, Kumar Ponnabalam was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Colombo.

■ **Jan. 5, 2007:** Another merciless LTTE bus bomb killed six civilians and wounded 63, ten of them seriously. The bus was bombed during the evening rush-hour near Nittambuwa town.

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