

Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 51

■ It appears as if some of the Western countries and international organisations have no other business than issuing reports after report on Sri Lanka. They make a desperate attempt to intimidate countries such as Sri Lanka through such reports.

■ But these countries and INGOs did not utter a word on the innocent civilians who had been subjected to untold misery due to LTTE terror. Not only the people living in the North and the East but people living in other parts of Sri Lanka too had been subjected to massive LTTE bomb attacks during those years of terror.

■ 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 spoke against the Tiger atrocities.



■ This is the 51st in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

■ **Jan. 14, 2000:** An LTTE terrorist fired at the Chairman of Point Pedro Urban Council, Vaduvalu Vijeyaratnam when he was riding his motorcycle. Vijeyaratnam died on the spot while his bodyguard, who also received bullet wounds, died later in hospital.



■ **Jan. 16, 2007:** Torture chambers used by the LTTE to punish escaping Tigers and informers, including women fighters, were found at captured LTTE camps in the East. Torture chambers and lock-ups were set up to torture escapees and informers including women cadres.



■ **Jan. 19, 1983:** Former UNP MP; Vavuniya District UNP organiser, K.T. Pulendran was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Vavuniya.

■ **Jan. 19: 1994:** A LTTE bomb exploded in a private bus carrying civilians from Sripura to Anuradhapura, causing the death of ten Sinhalese civilians and injuring 51 in Rambewa.



■ **Jan. 19, 2007:** The Security Forces after a month-long humanitarian mission to liberate the innocent Tamil civilians from the LTTE moved into Vakarai town, successfully chasing out Tiger terrorists from Vakarai town and the hospital.

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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■ Now that the brave sons of our soil had liberated the country making immense sacrifices, those who were completely blind to the human rights allegations of civilians are now voicing strongly for the human rights of LTTE terrorists killed in action.

■ It is still fresh in people's memories how LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks during this period of time.



■ **Jan. 16, 2008:** A roadside bomb in Buttala, targeting a passenger bus packed with civilians, killed 27 civilians including three schoolchildren and wounded 67 others. The Tiger gunmen started shooting passengers as they tried to flee after the bus was hit by a powerful Claymore mine which was packed with explosives and ball-bearings.

■ **Jan. 16, 2009:** The United Nations called on the LTTE to allow civilians in the Vanni region to move into government controlled areas without keeping them as a human shield in the face of the military advance. There were increasing reports of over 100,000 Tamil civilians, including women and children and the aged, being forcibly prevented from entering the safety of Government controlled areas in the North, to be used as human shield against Security Forces advancing into the LTTE held areas of the Mullaitivu district.

■ **Jan 17, 1989:** The LTTE attacked one of the last remaining Sinhalese Villages in Vavuniya, Maharambekulam in the Anuradhapura district border. Heavily mutilated bodies of nine civilians including women and children were found while seven survived with serious cut injuries caused by sharp weapons.