

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

March 3 – 9



■ It is still fresh in people's minds how LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks and massacred Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim civilians during three decades of terror.

■ This **Sunday Observer** graphic series highlights how the Tigers carried out their brutal terror acts in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces on May 18, 2009.

■ **March 5, 1988:** LTTE terrorists exploded a landmine on a civilian lorry, killing 24 civilians - eight Sinhalese and 16 Muslims - at Sittaru, Kantalai.



■ **March 5, 1997:** Tiger terrorists attacked the Air Force base in Trincomalee, killing four Air Force personnel and injuring several others.

■ **March 5, 1998:** A Tiger terrorist, on a suicide mission, blew up a mini bus packed with explosives at a busy intersection in Maradana, Colombo 10, killing 36 civilians, including two schoolchildren. Over 300 were wounded. The bomb was exploded outside Zahira College, near the Maradana Police Station in Colombo.

■ **March 6, 2008:** A roadside bombing carried out by the LTTE killed Jaffna District TNA Parliamentarian K. Sivanesan in Mullaitivu.



■ **March 7, 1987:** Six civilians were killed when the LTTE detonated a landmine as troops were passing Aranthalawa. Seven soldiers and four NAF soldiers were also killed.

■ **March 7, 1988:** Terrorists exploded a landmine when troops were proceeding, killing seven soldiers, four NAF soldiers and six civilians in Awarantalawa, Vavuniya.



■ **March 7, 1989:** Former Chairman of the Batticaloa District Development Council and TULF politician S. Sambandamoorthy was shot dead by Tiger terrorists in Chenkalady, Batticaloa.

■ **March 7, 2005:** LTTE terrorists stormed a village in Welikanda and killed six civilians including a Sinhalese, four Muslims and one Tamil. Terrorists stormed Kolakanawadiya village and indiscriminately opened fire on civilians,

■ **March 8, 1988:** District Secretary and Communist Party activist S. Vidyandan was killed by LTTE gunmen in Chunnakam.

■ **March 9, 1998:** Four civilians and a policeman were killed when a bomb aboard a tractor-trailer loaded with rice bags exploded in the East. At least 26 people were also wounded in the blast near Eravur town in the eastern Batticaloa district, which was triggered by LTTE terrorists.



■ **March 9, 2007:** Eight people who entered the Wilpattu National Park to investigate the grievances of the local population over wild elephant attacks, including Area Commander of SLA, the Head Park Warden and three Park Rangers, were ambushed and massacred by the LTTE

The freedom enjoyed by one and all today has been achieved due to the supreme sacrifices by the Security Forces, the political sagacity of President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the military strategies of Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa.



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