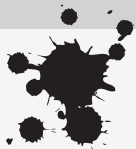


# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

April 28 - May 4



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

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

■ **April 28, 1995:** Former SLFP organiser for Jaffna District, K. Vinothan was killed by LTTE terrorists at Sea Avenue, Colombo.

■ **April 28, 2008:** A major disaster was averted with the timely detection of a wayside parcel, planted by the LTTE with high explosives, by a civilian at the Galgamuwa main bus stand during the morning rush hour. The civilian who observed the suspicious parcel placed at the crowded Galgamuwa bus stand called Galgamuwa police emergency.

■ **April 29, 1983:** The UNP candidate at the 1983 General elections, S. J. Muttiah was shot dead by Tiger terrorists in Chavakacheri.

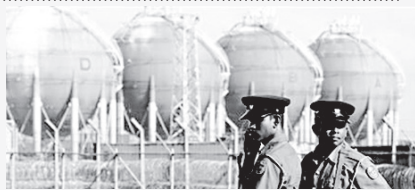
■ **April 29, 1983:** The UNP candidate at the 1983 General elections, S. Rajaratnam was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Velvatithurei.

■ **April 29, 1983:** The UNP candidate at the 1983 General elections, K.B. Ratnasingham was shot dead by Tiger terrorists in Point Pedro

■ **April 29, 1992:** The LTTE stormed a village in Alinchipothana in Polonnaruwa district and brutally killed 56 Muslims.

■ **April 29, 2007:** Selvarajah Ravivanam, a journalist attached to *Uthayan* newspaper, was killed in a terrorist attack in Jaffna.

■ **April 29, 2007:** Two fuel facilities in Colombo were bombed by the LTTE during an air raid by a light Tiger aircraft. One gas storage depot caught fire while several people were injured in the attack.



■ **April 29, 2009:** The LTTE made seven suicide attempts to recapture the earth bund in Rektavaikkal, using three human bombs, one explosive laden truck, three motorbikes and a double cab. Several people were injured.

■ **April 30, 2008:** Security Forces in Mannar captured LTTE's 18-Base in Veppankulam and Kallikulam areas and brought the entire area under their control.

■ **May 1, 1988:** A landmine explosion carried out by the LTTE killed 26 people, 12 Sinhalese, nine Muslims and five Tamils at Sittaru.

■ **May 1, 1988:** LTTE cadres exploded a land-mine targeting a CTB bus, killing twelve Sinhalese, nine Muslims and five others at Kantalei.

■ **May 1, 1989:** The Government Agent for Jaffna, V. M. Panachalingam was shot head by LTTE terrorists in Nallur, Jaffna.

■ **May 1, 1989:** President, Thenmarachchi Citizens Committee, Raj Shankar was shot dead by Tiger terrorists in Thenmarachchi in the Jaffna District



■ **May 1, 1993:** A suicide bomber deployed by the LTTE, later identified as Babu, killed President Ranasinghe Premadasa and 23 persons during a UNP May Day procession at Armour Street Junction in Colombo.

■ **May 1, 2006:** LTTE detonated a claymore mine strapped on to a bicycle killing four civilians and a sailor, near Shanmugam Vidyalaya in Trincomalee town. Seven people including four civilians were injured.

■ **May 1, 2006:** Tiger terrorists indiscriminately fired at unarmed innocent civilians in Thalgasweva, at the Bogas Junction in Pulmodai Road, Welioya, killing two of them and injuring three others.

■ **May 1, 2007:** LTTE terrorists shot and killed three Tamil civilians who refused to supply fuel and batteries to the LTTE organisation in Batticaloa. The three victims, farmers at Thiliveddi in Batticaloa, were under death threats from the LTTE outfit since these hapless civilians continuously refused to supply petrol, diesel and batteries to the LTTE.

■ **May 1, 2008:** US State Department said that the LTTE continued to finance itself with contributions from the Tamil Diaspora in North America, Europe, and Australia, by imposing local 'taxes' on businesses operating in the areas it dominates and reportedly by extortion in Government-controlled areas. The US report on Terrorism said the LTTE also used Tamil charitable organizations as fronts for its fundraising.

■ **May 2, 2006:** Ranjith Kumar and Suresh Kumar, journalists attached to *Uthayan* newspaper, were killed in a terrorist attack in Jaffna.



■ **May 2, 1987:** LTTE terrorists shot dead 30 Buddhist monks and four civilians at Arantalawa, Ampara.



■ **May 3, 1986:** A total of 21 passengers were killed and another 41 persons were injured when the LTTE blasted a bomb inside an Air Lanka (now Sri Lankan Airlines) Tri-Star aircraft at Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake. There were 128 passengers on board - among them 25 Britons, five of whom were injured. The Air Lanka Tristar had come from London's Gatwick airport, via Zurich, Dubai to Male.

■ **May 3, 2003:** Tiger terrorists broke the Norway-led ceasefire killing former EPDP chairman of the Karaveddy Pradeshiya Sabha by the LTTE pistol group.

■ **May 3, 2007:** The LTTE used even Hindu kovils to store their arms and ammunition. Police uncovered a haul of arms and ammunition hidden inside the Amman Kovil at Velanithurai in Kayts Island. The items were found during a combined search operation.

■ **May 4, 2007:** Tamil Nadu Police disclosed that 12 Indian fishermen were captured by LTTE terrorists.

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