

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

June 23 - 29

■ 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.

■ The **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.

■ **June 24, 1998:** Secretary of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party branch in Gurunagar, S. A. Oswald was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Gurunagar, Jaffna.

■ **June 25, 1986:** A bomb explosion inside a vehicle, carried out by the LTTE, killed 16 Sinhalese in Sittaru, Kantale.

■ **June 25, 2006:** A member of a political party that opposed the LTTE terrorists was shot dead in Jaffna. An official of People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE) Jeinulabdeen Mohammad Basheer, 46, was shot dead by two gunmen on a bicycle.



■ **June 26, 1985:** Principal of St. John's College, Jaffna, C.E. Anandarajah was shot dead in Jaffna. The LTTE claimed responsibility, alleging that the principal was killed for organising a match between the students and the Security Forces.

■ **June 26, 2000:** *MV Uhana*, a ship carrying private cargo to Point Pedro from Trincomalee was attacked by a ring of LTTE suicide boats and the vessel was sunk using explosive. Of the 28 members of the civil crew on board the ship, 23 were rescued. Eight people, including three Navy officers died in the incident.

■ **June 26, 2006:** A suicide bomber killed Deputy Chief of Staff of Sri Lanka Army, Major General Parami Kulathunge, the third highest rank in the army and three others at Pannipitiya. Eight persons were wounded in the explosion.



■ **June 26, 2007:** A major disaster was averted due to public vigilance on suspicious elements as Police detected a 20kg claymore mine transported from Kilinochchi, hidden in a backyard at Obeysekarapura, Rajagiriya. The bomb was hidden inside the petrol tank of the double cab EP GX – 8886.

■ **June 27, 1991:** The LTTE attached a private bus - 60-976, proceeding towards Monaragala to Pottuvil by using two claymore mines and then opened fire at the passengers, killing 16 civilians and injuring eight in Lahugala, Ampara.

■ **June 27, 2002:** Two brothers - Hyath Mohamed Januudeen (26) and Hyath Mohamed Janushdeen (20) were abducted and killed by the LTTE from a Tamil wedding ceremony in Petthalai, Valaichenai where they had been invited to cook.

■ **June 27, 2002:** LTTE cadres threw grenades and attacked a crowd guarding the Valaichenai Mosque which killed five Muslims who were later identified as Shahabdeen (37), Saleem (15), Anwer (20), Hajamohideen (39) and Mubarak.

■ **June 27, 2002:** Two civilians H.M.Kaleel Rajman (22) and P.M. Ajwath (25), returning to Valaichenai, were abducted in Kiran by an LTTE group under Jim Kelly Thattha. The duo were later killed by the Tigers.

■ **June 27, 2002:** Three Muslim fishermen - N.M.Abusally (35), H.M.Mohamed Usan (44) and M.A. Hyath Mohamed (42) who went fishing in Vahaneri reservoir were abducted and later killed by the LTTE.



■ **June 28, 2002:** Several Muslim devotees were killed when the LTTE opened fire and threw grenades at worshippers at Oddaimavady Mosque.

■ **June 28, 2004:** The LTTE pistol group shot dead an ex-PLOTE member at Pattakulam in Vavuniya. K. Devaraja (49), a father of two children. While riding home on a bicycle, two gunmen shot the victim, killing him on the spot.

■ **June 29, 2007:** Four civilians including two schoolchildren sustained injuries as Tiger terrorists detonated a claymore mine targeting a crowded civilian bus, plying from Chettikulam to Vavuniya, carrying more than 60 passengers, most of them were schoolchildren. The rear of the bus was completely destroyed in the attack.

The freedom enjoyed by one and all today had 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.

