

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

June 30 - July 6

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.

■ **July 1, 2007:** British law enforcement authorities requested their Sri Lankan counterparts for full details of five Sri Lankan youth charged with kidnapping a Tamil youth employed at a filling station in Kent. All five youth, allegedly involved in fund raising activities for the LTTE, were in remand custody. British Police said at least five other suspects were involved in installation of sophisticated credit card cloning equipment and the abduction and kidnapping of a youth.

■ **July 2, 1997:** Over 100 LTTE terrorists wielding sharp weapons, clubs and firearms stormed Erakkandy Muslim village in Trincomalee and butchered 34 civilians. In their usual orgy of violence, the terrorists clubbed and tortured children and infants to death, chopped women including pregnant mothers, and hacked men and women until they suffered a slow painful death.



■ **July 2, 2008:** At least 39 civilians fled from the grip of the LTTE in Mullaitivu and sought protection of the Security Forces in Pulmodai. 39 civilians from 13 families comprising 26 males and 13 females had arrived on a boat fleeing LTTE held areas in Mullaitivu and reached Pulmodai. They complained that they had been forced by the LTTE to carry out hard tasks such as digging trenches.

■ **July 3, 2008:** The LTTE fired at civilians who attempted to abandon the Tigers' human shield in Pulmodai.



■ **July 4, 1996:** Over 21 people were killed and 64 were wounded when LTTE terrorists attempted to assassinate Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva at Stanley Road, Jaffna using a suicide bomber. However, the Minister was unhurt.



■ **July 5, 2003:** LTTE terrorists killed another rival in Batticaloa. They shot and killed Mohamad Seyyadu, a political leader of the PLOTE organisation and wounded his wife.

■ **July 5, 1997:** MP for Trincomalee, Arunasalam Thangathurai was killed by the LTTE in the Eastern Province.

■ **July 5, 2007:** A British Court froze all bank accounts of London LTTE king pin Shanthan alias Krishnatha Kumar and of his wife. The Westminster Court which ruled on the matter also ordered that indictment against Shanthan be served. Since hard core criminals such as Shanthan were not produced before British law courts in person, video footage of the suspect was screened at the Westminster Court before the ruling was made.

■ **July 6, 1991:** A group of LTTE terrorist armed with firearms and sharp weapons raided Puttur Muslim village in Polonnaruwa. In a house-to-house attack the terrorists hacked 14 civilians including women and children after brutally torturing them. Police found 4 survivors with serious cut wounds. Over 50 terrorists participated for this cowardly attack on unarmed civilians.

■ **July 6, 1991:** On the same night that they butchered a Muslim village in Polonnaruwa, LTTE terrorists attacked Karpola and Manapitiya Sinhala villages and hacked 9 civilians to death. The terrorists first abducted the victims and a robbed a van belonging one of the victims, and then tortured them inhumanly by chopping away their limbs, to their death, at an isolated place.

■ **July 6, 1992:** Nine Sinhala fishermen fishing at Karapola lake and the owner of the Manampitiya vadiya who came in his Delica van were abducted by terrorists and nine of them were killed. One fisherman escaped and informed the Manampitiya detachment.

■ **July 6, 1992:** Terrorists publicly shot dead 10 Tamil lorry drivers and a woman in Parayanakulam, Vauvnia alleging that they have passed information to Security Forces.

■ **July 6, 2002:** Two persons were killed by an armed LTTE gang at Soruwila, Aralagamwila in the Polonnaruwa district. A group of 25 armed men surrounded the house of LTTE deserter Thiagarasa Premadasa at night and hurled a grenade killing Premadasa and a woman in the house.

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.

