

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

July 7 - 13

■ 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 7, 2004:** Four people were killed while nine were injured when LTTE terrorists attempted to assassinate Minister Douglas Devananda at Kollupitiya. However, the female suicide bomber could not achieve her target.



■ **July 7, 2006:** The house of a Norwegian journalist who exposed the corruption of the LTTE leader, Yogaraja Balasingham, rigging the last Oslo municipal election, was hit with bullets. Bullets from a small calibre gun shattered the windows and damaged the furniture of Nina Johnsrud's house. It made headlines in the Norwegian media.

■ **July 8, 1985:** The first attempt to conduct peace talks with the Government and the LTTE failed in Bhutan. The LTTE terrorists were never sincere whenever they came to the negotiating table and used all such peace attempts to strengthen their military capability.

■ **July 8, 1986:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists attacked Monkey Bridge village, Trincomalee and killed 15 Sinhala civilians including women and children.

■ **July 9, 1986:** LTTE terrorists armed with swords, machetes and clubs stormed Mullipothana village in Trincomalee district during the night. 16 civilians, largely women and children were killed. The child victims were clubbed to death by the terrorists while their parents had been hacked.



■ **July 9, 2006:** Security personnel in the Vavuniya area recovered a haul of explosives consisting of P4 type 15 kilograms of high power explosives, four hand grenades, three T56 magazines and three belts used by LTTE cadres.

■ **July 10, 2000:** Four villagers were killed and a Buddhist monk received injuries when LTTE terrorists fired mortars at the Vilgamvehera detachment in Trincomalee.

■ **July 10, 2006:** LTTE terrorists mingling with fishermen fired at troops on route clearing duties at the Suriyakattakadu lake in Mannar. The terrorists fled the scene when troops retaliated.

■ **July 10, 2007:** Amnesty International (AI) slammed the LTTE for not living up to its pledge to stop recruiting children and release existing child cadres accusing that over 1,500 such recruits still remained within the terrorist outfit.

■ **July 11, 1998:** One civilian was shot dead while several others were wounded by LTTE terrorists in Nugalanda, Ampara

■ **July 11, 2006:** Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission revealed that the LTTE has violated the ceasefire on 3,754 occasions since February 2002. Nearly half of the violations relates to child recruitment. Up to this date, the SLMM had received 7,308 complaints against the LTTE

■ **July 11, 2007:** Tiger terrorists killed several soldiers and civilians in a tense battle but the advancing troops in the East managed to crush LTTE power and liberate Thoppigala.



■ **July 11, 2008:** At least four civilians were killed and 25 others reported wounded when LTTE terrorists opened fire at a passenger bus plying from Monaragala towards Kataragama, between 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> mile posts along the Buttala-Kataragama main road. Two females and a 12-year old child were among those killed. The incident took place just 10 kilometres away from Kataragama town.

■ **July 12, 2006:** LTTE spokesperson Daya Master crossed from North Vavuniya into cleared territory and was rushed to a private hospital in Colombo under military escort for urgent surgery.



■ **July 13, 1986:** Four armed terrorists had come in a jeep to tract No. 16, Pavakkulam and killed 11 civilians, including two Sinhala and nine Tamils in Pavakkulam, Vavuniya. The dead included women and children.



■ **July 13, 1989:** The LTTE terrorists shot dead TULF leader and parliamentarian A. Amirthalingam at Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7.

■ **July 13, 1989:** Jaffna District parliamentarian, V. Yogeshwaran was killed by the Tigers in Jaffna.

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.



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