

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

July 28- Aug 3



■ 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 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 28, 1988:** Armed LTTE terrorists attacked Ethawatuwewa, an ancient Sinhalese village and butchered 16 civilians including women and children. One sustained serious injuries. The village was the last Sinhalese village to survive on the borders of the Northern Province and obviously the one that suffered most terror raids.

■ **July 29, 1987:** LTTE terrorists armed with swords, machetes and small arms butchered 9 villagers in Thoppur after brutally torturing them.



■ **July 29, 1999:** An LTTE suicide bomber exploded himself while TULF parliamentarian Dr. Neelam Thiruchelvam was travelling in a vehicle at Rosmead Place junction, killing the MP.

■ **July 30, 1990:** LTTE terrorists shot dead 14 Muslims in Akkaraipattu. The victims were farmers returning from their paddy fields. The terrorists had abducted them, tied their hands behind their backs with their own clothes and lined them up and shot them dead at an isolated place. Most of the victims were chopped before they were shot.

■ **July 30, 1990:** LTTE terrorists attacked Koviladi, a Tamil village in Trincomalee to settle a personal grudge a regional LTTE leader had with the villagers. The terrorist with axes and swords killed nine Tamils and one Muslim in the village after subjecting them to inhumane torture.



■ **July 30, 1990:** Tiger terrorists shot dead 14 Muslims in Akkaraipattu, Batticaloa.

■ **July 31, 1990:** Ten Tamil civilians were killed by unidentified gunmen in Podankadu, Peraru, Kantalai, Trincomalee.

■ **July 31, 1990:** LTTE terrorists armed with guns stormed Podankady Sinhalese village in Trincomalee and gunned down 11 civilians including women and children.

■ **Aug 2, 1985:** Armed terrorists shot dead three monks and three civilians at Ruhunu Somavathiya Temple in Thrikonamadu, Polonnaruwa.



■ **Aug 3, 1990:** Terrorists opened fire at Muslims who were praying in Jumma and Hussinia mosques in Kathankudy, Batticaloa killing 147 and wounded 60 others.



■ **Aug 3, 2006:** Fifteen civilians taking refuge at the Al-Nuriya Muslim School in Thoppur and the Arabic School in Muttur were killed and more than 30 injured when LTTE terrorists indiscriminately fired artillery at two different times towards Muttur town.



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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