

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Sept 22 - 28

■ 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 brutal terror acts in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces on May 18, 2009.

■ **Sept 22, 1999:** An explosion occurred in a private bus parked at the Negombo private bus stand injuring two civilians.



■ **Sept 22, 1999:** A bomb exploded in a SLCTB bus plying from Negombo to Kuliyaipitiya, injuring nine passengers.

■ **Sept 24, 1990:** Armed LTTE terrorists set fire to five houses and killed four Sinhala villagers in Gajabapura, Welioya.

■ **Sept 24, 2001:** Six members of a Tamil family, all civilians, were killed by LTTE terrorists using a land-mine near Jaffna. The family had been travelling in a three-wheeler to the airport, to catch a flight Colombo to escape the LTTE terror.



■ **Sept 25, 1989:** University teacher; political and human rights activist Rajini Thiranagama was shot dead in Thirunelveli, Jaffna District

■ **Sept 25, 2006:** A civilian was shot dead by an LTTE gunman in Trincomalee. Mohammed Musur, the deceased was a businessman from Trincomalee.

■ **Sept 25, 2007:** A Jaffna University lecturer and a Government Technical Officer were killed and three soldiers injured in an LTTE claymore mine attack targeting a Security Forces foot patrol at Sithankerni Junction along the Manipay-Karainagar road in Jaffna. Sharadha Maransodhi, 42, a senior lecturer of the Jaffna University and Kandan Nishanthan, 25, a Technical Officer of the Uduvil AGA office were the unfortunate victims.



■ **Sept 26, 1999:** A bomb exploded in a private bus near the 2nd mile post on the Badulla-Passara-Monaragala road killing one civilian and injuring 28 others.

■ **Sept 26, 2007:** Catholic priest and aid worker, Father Nicholas Pillai Pakiaranjith was killed in Kalvilaan, Mannar.

■ **Sept 27, 2007:** Two civilians were killed and 15 others including two policemen were injured when the LTTE set off a claymore mine targeting a Security Forces convoy in Chunnakam, Jaffna. The LTTE had targetted a police convoy near the public market in Chunnakam.

■ **Sept 28, 2006:** Eyewitness reports confirmed that it was LTTE terrorists who brutally hacked and chopped to death the 10 Muslim workers at Sasiriveli in Pottuvil 11 days ago (Sep 11, 2006). F.I. Meera Mohideen, the only surviving victim of the incident said 11 workers including himself arrived at the worksite at Raddella irrigational tank in Sasiriveli.



■ **Sept 28, 2008:** An LTTE suicide cadre on a bicycle struck his bike against a three-wheeler and blew himself up killing one civilian and injuring nine others in Vavuniya town. Four police personnel, including three women, were about to leave the place in the three-wheeler after duty. Two soldiers, including a female, at the nearby roadblock on 2nd Cross Street and two civilians were also injured in the explosion. One of the injured soldiers died later.

The freedom enjoyed by one and all today was 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.

