

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Oct 20 - 26

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.

■ **Oct. 20, 1995:** LTTE suicide bombers attacked the Kolonnawa oil refinery and storage Complex, destroying several tanks. 22 security personnel were killed in the attack which destroyed diesel, kerosene, aviation fuel and crude oil worth over \$10 million.



■ **Oct. 20, 2000:** The LTTE shot dead TNA MP for Batticaloa District Kingsley Rasanayagam at Iruthayapuram, Batticaloa.

■ **Oct. 20, 2000:** LTTE terrorists shot dead former TNA parliamentarian for Batticaloa District and former Mayor of Jaffna, Nadarajah Raviraj in Colombo.



■ **Oct. 21, 1995:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists attacked Galtalawa village in Welioya killing 19 civilians, including nine females.

■ **Oct. 21, 2008:** In a pre-dawn attack, the Security Forces obstructed an LTTE attempt to infiltrate troops manning an outpost in Mandan in the Nelliadid area in Jaffna.



■ **Oct. 22, 2007:** Over seven Air Force aircraft were damaged in an LTTE suicide attack at the SLAF Base in Anuradhapura. Security Forces killed 20 terrorists while nine SF personnel, including two officers, were killed and 20 others wounded in the encounter.

■ **Oct. 22, 2007:** Subsequently the LTTE carried out an aerial attack dropping two shells damaging two MI 24 helicopters parked in a hangar. A bell-212 helicopter that was to reinforce SLAF fighter craft resisting LTTE air movement in Anuradhapura crash-landed due to a technical fault in the Doramadawala area, close to Mihintale, killing both pilots and two gunners.

■ **Oct. 22, 2008:** LTTE suicide boats targeted two merchant ships carrying essential items to civilians in the North. Merchant ships 'Ruhuna' and 'Nimalawa', were attacked off the Kankasanthurai harbour by three LTTE suicide boats. The Navy sailors providing security on board the targeted vessels fired at the approaching suicide boats destroying two of them. One suicide boat, however, exploded in close proximity to the merchant ship 'Nimalawa' damaging its hull.



■ **Oct. 23, 1990:** Armed terrorists killed eight Sinhalese villagers and two home guards in Thanthirimale.

■ **Oct. 23, 1995:** Terrorists attacked Athimale and Kotiyagala villages in the Moneragala district and killed 19 civilians, including eight females and four children.

■ **Oct. 24, 1991:** The LTTE fired at a civilian van killing three Tamils and three Muslims in Iqbal Nagar.

■ **Oct. 24, 1994:** Leader of the Opposition and United National Party candidate for the Presidential Elections, Gamini Dissanayake, former Ministers Weerasinghe Mallimarachchi, G.M. Premachandra, former MP Ossie Abeygunasekera and 58 others were killed by an LTTE female suicide bomber during a UNP presidential election rally at Thotalanga Junction, Colombo.



■ **Oct. 25, 1995:** Terrorists attacked and shot to death 12 Sinhala farmers, who had gone to the jungle to collect firewood. Two dead bodies were found on the same day and the rest of the bodies were found later in Panama.

■ **Oct. 25, 1996:** Twelve sailors were killed when a LTTE suicide boat, laden with explosives, was detonated by two suicide squad cadres in Trincomalee.

■ **Oct. 25, 2004:** A group of LTTE terrorists from the Wannu murdered one Tamil civilian while three others were seriously injured in Wellawatte.



■ **Oct. 26, 1995:** Terrorists attacked Tammennawa, Heraththama, Millawa, Talgahawewa and killed 26 civilians, including 10 females and injured 27 civilians.

■ **Oct. 26, 1995:** Terrorists killed Deputy Mayor of Batticaloa, Thomas Anton in Batticaloa.

■ **Oct. 26, 2006:** Three TVMP members were killed inside a kovil in Chenkaladi, Batticaloa by a LTTE cadre. Eight Tamils were also injured in the attack. The LTTEer had hurled a grenade and then opened fire at the group who were sleeping inside the Kovil.



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.

