

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

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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.

■ **Nov. 18, 2001:** LTTE gunmen shot dead an opposition candidate campaigning for the parliamentary elections. Thambiraja Jeyakumar, a United National Party candidate, was shot dead while driving to a campaign event in the Batticaloa district by members of the LTTE terrorist gang.



■ **Nov 18, 2005:** In Jaffna, one UNP activist was shot and killed by the LTTE and the voters from the LTTE controlled area were not allowed to vote by the LTTE.

■ **Nov 18, 2005:** A hand grenade was hurled at the polling booth at Jaffna Stanley College, but it failed to explode. LTTE cadres who came in a motor bicycle had hurled the grenade. LTTE cadres were seen roaming in motor bicycles near most of the polling booths in Jaffna and threatening the voters.



■ **Nov. 18, 2005:** The LTTE exploded a hand grenade in the Puttalam area to threaten the people who came to vote, killing a number of Tamil voters.

■ **Nov. 18, 2005:** UNP member, R. Somapala residing on Kandy Road in Trincomalee was shot dead by the LTTE. He was working for the UNP at the Presidential Elections.



■ **Nov. 18, 2005:** The Kalwunkerni Post Mistress Gomathi Veerapathiran (35) of School Road, Kaluwunkerni was kidnapped and hacked to death by the LTTE. LTTE cadres went to her post office and demanded that she hand over the undelivered ballot papers to them. But Gomathi had refused to do so.

■ **Nov. 18, 2005:** LTTE election violence killed scores in the North and the East.

■ **Nov. 18, 2008:** The Sri Lanka Navy and the Air Force prevented a major disaster as two LTTE suicide boats launched a pre-dawn sea attack in Nayaru lagoon.



■ **Nov. 21, 2006:** Thousands of Tamil civilians staged a protest in Batticaloa and Mankerni demanding that the LTTE allow more than 30,000 civilians forcibly kept by them in Vakarai and Mankerni areas to cross into cleared areas in Batticaloa. More than 1,500 people in Batticaloa and over 1,000 people in Mankerni engaged in the protest demanding the LTTE to allow civilians to move to Government controlled areas.

■ **Nov. 21, 2008:** The LTTE continues to be an extremely potent, lethal and well-organised terrorist force in Sri Lanka and has strong connections in Tamil Nadu and certain pockets of southern India, an Indian tribunal said. The tribunal, set up under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, justified the ban imposed on the outfit by the Centre.

■ **Nov. 23, 1990:** Three soldiers died as two suicide bombers attacked the Manakulam Army Camp with an explosives laden car.



■ **Nov. 23, 2007:** Navy foiled an attempt by a cluster of LTTE boats to target a police station in Pesalai. Six LTTE boats deployed from Vedithaltivu mingling with fishing boats launched an attack targeting the Pesalai police station.

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.

