

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.

■ **Dec.8, 2005:** TULF President, V. Anandasangaree said no amount of denials by the LTTE is going to exonerate it of its crimes and that the international community too could not be hoodwinked by such denials.

■ **Dec. 8, 2006:** The LTTE once again showed its total disregard to the plight of the innocent civilian population in Jaffna and Vakarai by refusing three urgent requests conveyed by the Government to them through Norwegian Special Envoy Jon Hansen Bauer, who flew to Kilinochchi with the Government's requests for urgent humanitarian needs.

■ **Dec. 10, 1999:** A group of around 15 LTTE terrorists fired at a bus carrying civilians in north-western Mannar district killing three people and injuring four civilians. There were around 40 civilians travelling in the bus at the time of the incident.



■ **Dec. 11, 1995:** Fourteen civilians and three Security Forces personnel were killed and 59 persons sustained injuries when two LTTE suicide bombers blew themselves up during an attack on the Army Headquarters complex in Colombo 2.



■ **Dec. 11, 1999:** A total of 212 soldiers were killed by LTTE terrorists. Another 37 soldiers were reported missing in action while 2,118 were wounded as Tiger terrorists overran a Security Forces camp in the North.

■ **Dec. 11, 2006:** Five policemen and a civilian were injured when a claymore mine targetting a police van prematurely exploded near the Akkaraipattu Hospital.

■ **Dec. 11, 2007:** LTTE terrorists intensified their campaigns targeting innocent civilians here and in India. A large quantity of detonators were found at a bus stand in Thrissur.



■ **Dec. 12, 1985:** Six Madhu pilgrims who were abducted by LTTE terrorists in Mannar were executed.

■ **Dec. 12, 2006:** Over 85 civilians, who had been subjected to untold privations under LTTE terror rule, entered the Government controlled area enduring severe hardship. They were provided shelter, food and medicine at an Army camp.

■ **Dec. 13, 1984:** Methodist priest, Fr. George Jeyarajasingham was shot dead by Tiger terrorists in Mannar.

■ **Dec. 13, 2005:** A massive demonstration was staged by several hundred civilians against LTTE atrocities in Asikulam and Mahilankulam areas in the Wann. It was staged in the wake of the abduction of Sinnathamby Ganeshalingam by LTTE gunmen.



■ **Dec. 13, 2006:** Condemning the fierce fighting in the East, the SLMM (ceasefire monitoring mission) called upon the LTTE to allow civilians trapped by the fighting to reach safe ground without hindering their exit. The monitoring body criticised the LTTE for its failure "to protect civilians in Vakarai by restricting their movements." They urged the LTTE to stop its brutal use of civilians as a human shield to attack the military forces.

■ **Dec. 14, 2001:** LTTE terrorists shot dead an off duty Tamil policeman, a father of five children, inside his home. The terrorist armed with an automatic weapon shot dead the policeman while he was watching television at home in Vavuniya town. Earlier the policeman had been threatened by LTTE rebels asking him to leave the service but he had refused.



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.

