

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Dec 29 - Jan 4

■ 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. 30, 1995:** An Army officer and a civilian were wounded when a member of the LTTE suicide squad blew himself up at Kalladi in the Batticaloa district.

■ **Dec. 30, 2007:** The LTTE continues to recruit children to fight against the Sri Lankan Government despite an earlier UN appeal, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a new report. The 20-page report on Sri Lanka covering the period November 2006 to September 2007, notes that the LTTE failed to cease abduction, recruitment and use of children.

■ **Dec. 31, 1984:** LTTE members killed four Tamil civilians and dumped them on the roadside for refusing to fight for the group. Altogether 30 Tamil civilians had been killed for similar reasons during 1984.



■ **Dec. 31, 1987:** Armed terrorists shot dead 10 villagers and burnt 15 houses in Mahadivulwewa, Trincomalee.

■ **Dec. 31, 2006:** Two youths who were forcibly abducted by the LTTE and deployed on hard labour jobs for months to construct bunkers and dig trenches in the uncleared areas in Welioya in Trincomalee, surrendered to the Army in Welioya. The LTTE had kept the two youths for months against their wish.

■ **Jan. 1, 1988:** Armed LTTE terrorists attacked Karuniyankulam Sinhala village in Trincomalee and murdered three civilians and wounded another two.



■ **Jan. 1, 2008:** Tiger terrorists shot dead UNP Colombo District parliamentarian T. Maheshwaran in Colombo.

■ **Jan. 2, 2008:** Four people were killed and 28 were wounded after a claymore mine targeting an Army bus exploded in front of Nippon Hotel, Slave Island. Two schoolchildren were among the dead.



■ **Jan. 2, 2009:** A LTTE suicide bomber blew himself up killing three persons, including two Airmen and injuring 37 others at the entrance to the Air Force camp in Slave Island in Colombo. An accomplice of the suicide bomber was arrested from the incident site.

■ **Jan. 5, 2000:** A female suicide bomber exploded herself while she was being body searched by Police on suspicion in front of the Prime Minister's Office at Flower Road in Colombo killing 13 civilians, three police officers and injuring 27 people.



■ **Jan. 5, 2000:** The leader of the All Ceylon Tamil Congress, Kumar Ponnabalam was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Colombo.



■ **Jan. 5, 2007:** Another merciless LTTE bus bomb killed six civilians and wounded 63, ten of them seriously. The bus was bombed during the evening rush-hour near Nittambuwa town.



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.

