

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Jan 12-18

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.

■ **Jan. 12, 2001:** An LTTE terrorist threw a hand grenade in a crowded market in Jaffna, killing three Tamil civilians. The intended target of the terrorist was unclear.

■ **Jan. 12, 2006:** Nine sailors were killed and eight injured in an LTTE claymore mine blast in Chettikulam on the Mannar-Medawachchiya road. The incident occurred at the 18th mile post in Chettikulam. The sailors were travelling in three buses from the Pandukabhaya Navy Camp at Punewa.

■ **Jan 13, 2006:** Tiger terrorists indiscriminately fired at unarmed innocent civilians in Thalgasweva, Bogas Junction Pulmodai Road, Welioya, killing two and injuring three others.



■ **Jan. 14, 2000:** An LTTE terrorist fired at the Chairman of Point Pedro Urban Council, Vaduvolu Vijeyaratnam when he was riding his motorcycle. Vijeyaratnam died on the spot while his bodyguard, who also received bullet wounds, died later in hospital.

■ **Jan 15, 2007:** The LTTE used even Hindu kovils to store their arms and ammunition. Police uncovered a haul of arms and ammunition hidden inside the Amman Kovil at Velanithurai in Kayts Island. The items were found during a combined search operation.

■ **Jan. 16, 2007:** Torture chambers used by the LTTE to punish escaping Tigers and informers, including women fighters, were found at captured LTTE camps in the East.



■ **Jan. 16, 2008:** A roadside bomb in Buttala, targeting a passenger bus packed with civilians, killed 27 civilians including three schoolchildren and wounded 67 others. The Tiger gunmen started shooting passengers as they tried to flee after the bus was hit by a powerful Claymore mine which was packed with explosives and ball-bearings.

■ **Jan. 16, 2009:** The United Nations called on the LTTE to allow civilians in the Vanni region to move into government controlled areas without keeping them as a human shield in the face of the military advance. There were increasing reports of over 100,000 Tamil civilians, including women and children and the aged, being forcibly prevented from entering the safety of Government controlled areas in the North, to be used as a human shield against Security Forces advancing into the LTTE held areas of the Mullaitivu district.

■ **Jan 17, 1989:** The LTTE attacked one of the last remaining Sinhala Villages in Vavuniya, Maharambekulam in the Anuradhapura district border. Heavily mutilated bodies of nine civilians including women and children were found while seven survived with serious cut injuries caused by sharp weapons.



■ **Jan 18, 2007:** LTTE terrorists shot and killed three Tamil civilians who refused to supply fuel and batteries to the LTTE organisation in Batticaloa. The three victims, farmers at Thiliveddi in Batticaloa, were under death threats from the LTTE outfit since these hapless civilians continuously refused to supply petrol, diesel and batteries to the LTTE.



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.