

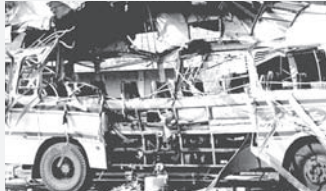
Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Jan 19-25

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. 19, 1983:** Former UNP MP; Vavuniya District UNP organiser, K.T. Pulendran was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Vavuniya.

■ **Jan. 19, 1994:** A LTTE bomb exploded in a private bus carrying civilians from Sripura to Anuradhapura, causing the death of ten Sinhalese civilians and injuring 51 in Rambewa.



■ **Jan. 19, 2007:** The Security Forces after a month-long humanitarian mission to liberate the innocent Tamil civilians from the LTTE moved into Vakaraï town, successfully chasing out Tiger terrorists from Vakaraï town and the hospital.



■ **Jan. 20, 1985:** LTTE carried out a massive explosion in a train in Colombo killing 22 soldiers and 10 civilians.

■ **Jan. 21, 1984:** One person was killed and several others were injured due to an LTTE bomb blast at Oberoi Hotel, Colombo.

■ **Jan. 21, 1987:** The LTTE showed its ruthless terror when they exploded a massive bomb at the Pettah Bo Tree, near the Bus Stand, Colombo, killing 111 people and injuring hundreds of others.

■ **Jan. 21, 2009:** Two persons were killed and 11 others injured including four schoolchildren, when a bicycle bomb exploded near the Batticaloa police station. The bomb had been triggered off by suspected LTTE cadres during the morning rush hour.



■ **Jan. 22, 2009:** The United Nations in Sri Lanka issued its strongest possible protest to the LTTE for their refusal to allow UN staff and dependents to return from the Vanni with the UN convoy.



■ **Jan. 23, 1991:** Armed terrorists hacked to death 25 Sinhalese villagers and injured several others in Bogamuyaya, Maha Oya in the Ampara district. Subsequently, four of the injured succumbed to their injuries.

■ **Jan. 23, 2007:** Five schoolchildren were among 15 civilians injured in two separate claymore mine attacks in the Jaffna peninsula in which a soldier and another civilian were killed. Two soldiers were also injured in the blast which occurred at Sandilippai and Chavakachcheri. A soldier was killed and eight civilians injured when a claymore mine went off in Thanankilappu, Chavakachcheri targeting an Army truck.

■ **Jan. 24, 2000:** LTTE terrorists executed 14 civilians, whom the Tigers suspected of giving information to the army regarding their movements.

■ **Jan. 24, 2006:** *Sudar Oli* correspondent Subramaniam Sugrirdharajan was shot dead by terrorists in Trincomalee.

■ **Jan. 24, 1978:** K. Kanagaratnam was shot in the head at Kollupitiya by Uma Maheshwaran and other LTTE members for switching party affiliation from the TULF to the UNP.



■ **Jan. 25, 1998:** Sixteen persons were killed while 23 were injured when the Sri Dalada Maligawa was attacked by a group of LTTE suicide bombers causing extensive damage to its buildings.



■ **Jan. 25, 2008:** Thalangama police averted a major disaster when a constable on foot patrol found C4 explosives at the Japan-Lanka Friendship bridge.

■ **Jan. 25, 1992:** A private bus plying between Maha Oya and Ampara got caught in a land mine explosion killing nine civilians and an Airman while 26 people were wounded.



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.

