

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

**Jan 26-Feb 1**

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. 26, 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.

■ **Jan. 26, 1999** A female suicide bomber killed herself and two persons near a police station in Colombo. The bomber's target was Chief Inspector Mohammed Nilabdeen, head of the terrorism investigation unit. Eight civilians were injured in the incident.



■ **Jan. 27, 1988:** Tiger terrorists hacked to death 13 Sinhala villagers at Deegavapiya, Damana in Ampara district.

■ **Jan. 27, 2000:** At least 11 civilians were killed and over 70 wounded when LTTE terrorists exploded a bomb in a letter box at the main post office in Vavuniya. Officials said a parcel bomb went off inside the post office, opposite a police station, at 1100 hours local time, totally destroying it

■ **Jan. 28, 2006:** The LTTE's plan for another suicide attack was prevented when a 38-year-old woman who had concealed electricity wire her clothes was arrested by Wanathavilluwa Police in Puttalam when security was tightened in the area in view of an impending visit by President Mahinda Rajapakse. The woman had been first noticed by a passenger sitting next to her in the Eluvankulama-Puttalam bus.

■ **Jan. 28, 1988:** A group of around 15 LTTE cadres attacked a Sinhala village and killed six civilians while injuring several others, in Pudukulam, Vavuniya.

■ **Jan. 28, 1990:** Former EPRLF minister of the North Eastern Provincial Council, P. Ganesalingam was gunned down by Tiger terrorists in Colombo.

■ **Jan. 29, 2008:** Another major disaster was averted when an eight kg claymore mine with 20 metres of wire hidden by LTTE terrorists in the Thekkawatte area, Vavuniya was recovered during a search operation by the Army



■ **Jan. 30, 2000:** Two people were killed and at least 14 people were wounded when LTTE terrorists exploded a bomb at Polgahawela in a bus heading for Colombo.



■ **Jan. 31, 1996:** A suicide cadres detonated a truck loaded with more than 100 kilograms of explosives in front of the Central Bank at Janadipathi Mawatha in Colombo killing 91 people and wounding 1,338 others.



■ **Jan. 31, 2008:** A LTTE suicide bomber on a bicycle blew himself at Thinnaveli in the Jaffna district killing three civilians and injuring 17 others.



■ **Feb. 1, 1986:** Tiger terrorists raided Kantale Village in the Trincomalee District, massacring 19 villagers and injuring several others.

■ **Feb. 1, 2008:** LTTE terrorists exploded a bomb in a passenger bus at Dambulla, killing 20 passengers and injuring over 50 others.



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.

