

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

February 2-8

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.

■ **Feb 2, 1999:** Two civilians were killed and several others were wounded when an LTTE suicide bomber exploded himself at the Central Bus Stand in Kandy.



■ **Feb 3, 2008:** Over 12 persons were killed and around 100 people sustained injuries, 10 of them critically, when an LTTE female suicide cadre blew herself inside the Colombo Fort Railway Station. The bomber who apparently arrived at the railway station in a train blew herself opposite the station cafeteria on platform number three.

■ **Feb 3, 1988:** Terrorists attacked a village at Saindamarandu, Kalmunai, killing 17 civilians - ten Muslims and seven Tamils.



■ **Feb 3, 1991:** LTTE cadres shot dead eight civilians at a night market in Irudayapuram, Batticaloa.

■ **Feb 4, 1987:** Manthottam village, which is mostly made up of Sinhalese, was attacked by a group of 50 armed LTTE cadres, who murdered eight villagers after brutally torturing them. The death toll was low since villagers had hidden in the surrounding jungles anticipating such an attack.



■ **Feb 4, 2007:** The LTTE killed six innocent Sinhala aid workers who were attending to construction work at Village of Hope, a housing scheme for orphaned children in Eravur, Mailambaveli. Two others suffered serious gunshot injuries. The Sinhala civilian workers were helping the Tamil community to provide better living conditions for the children.

■ **Feb 4, 2009:** A 13-year-old LTTE suicide bomber blew herself up after reaching the troops at a location north of Chalai injuring one soldier.



■ **Feb 6, 1998:** A female suicide cadre exploded herself when she failed to penetrate through the SLAF road block near the Rio Cinema at Slave Island. Six soldiers and nine civilians were killed.

■ **Feb 7, 1987:** In a night house-to-house raid LTTE cadres armed with swords, machetes, clubs and small-arms killed 27 to 28 civilians including children and women. Pregnant mothers were found dead with their necks slashed.

■ **Feb 7, 2005:** Former TULF and TNA parliamentarian for Ampara district, Ariyanayagam Chandra Nehru was killed in an ambush by terrorists in Batticaloa.

■ **Feb 8, 2009:** An LTTE woman suicide bomber mingling with a group of displaced civilians coming from uncleared areas blew herself up at a centre for displaced persons at Sugandirapuram in the Mullaitivu district, killing 28 people and injuring more than 60 others. The bomber had come with around 1,000 displaced civilians from the uncleared areas of Mullaitivu.



The freedom everybody enjoys today has been achieved due to the supreme sacrifices made by the Security Forces, political sagacity of President Mahinda Rajapaksa and military strategies of Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa.