

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

February 9-15



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. 9, 2007:** The Head Priest of the Santhiveli Pilleyar Hindu kovil, a father of three children was shot dead by LTTE terrorists, four days after he blessed President Mahinda Rajapaksa when the President visited Vakarai. Tigers dragged the Hindu priest out of his residence in Batticaloa before assassinating him.



■ **Feb. 9, 2009:** An LTTE woman suicide bomber mingling with a group of displaced civilians coming from uncleared areas blew herself up at a rescue centre for displaced persons at Sugandirapuram in the Mullaitivu district, killing 28 people and injuring more than 60 others. The bomber had come along with about 1,000 displaced civilians from uncleared areas of Mullaitivu.

■ **Feb. 10, 1997:** A Muslim village of Oddaimavadi, Batticaloa was attacked by a group LTTE cadres, who brutally killed five civilians and wounded several others.



■ **Feb. 10, 2000:** A major disaster was averted as the Security forces defused two powerful bombs primed to explode near a crowded Badulla-Colombo passenger train. The explosive devices had been placed near the railway track at Hali-Ela, Badulla. The bombs had been designed to go off as the Badulla-Colombo train was passing the area, but it failed to explode.

■ **Feb. 11, 1989:** LTTE terrorists brutally killed 37 Sinhalese villagers at Dutuwewa, Horowpotana



■ **Feb. 11, 1989:** LTTE terrorists attacked Sinhapura village and six Sinhalese were hacked to death.

■ **Feb. 11, 2006:** One of four suspected LTTE Sea Tigers aboard a speeding trawler blew himself up in mid-sea off Talaimannar after being intercepted by SLN personnel. A SLN officer was killed.



■ **Feb. 12, 2000:** The LTTE exploded two bombs in public transport buses killing three and injuring over fifty civilians. One of the bombs ripped through a public bus in Colombo when it was taking on passengers before leaving for a distant town at midnight. The bus was gutted by fire. The other blast hit a moving bus at Wattala.

■ **Feb. 14, 1977:** PC A. Karunandhi, a police constable attached to Kankesanthurai Police Station investigating charges against the LTTE, was shot dead by the Tiger terrorists in Maviddapuram.

■ **Feb. 14, 1999:** Pradeshiya Sabha MP, P. Kandasamy was shot dead in Avarankal.



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.

