

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

February 16-22

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. 17, 2009:** The Christian Reformed Church of Sri Lanka condemned the suicide attack by the LTTE on the Internally Displaced Persons, resulting in the death of innocent civilians and unarmed Army personnel registering them. It also condemned the LTTE's shooting and killing of IDPs being taken to government controlled areas, which included a nun assisting the sick and the wounded.

■ **Feb 19, 1986:** When refugees from Serunuwara, Dehiwatta were being escorted by army personnel along Ella-Kantalai road, the LTTE exploded a mine killing 35 civilians and four army personnel in Sittaru, Kantalai.



■ **Feb. 19, 2006:** A major disaster was averted after a cache of explosives were recovered from a garbage pile in Hunupitiya, Wattala. A hand grenade and over 100 cartridges used for different types of firearms were among the explosives recovered from the garbage pile near the Hunupitiya-Kiribathgoda road.

■ **Feb. 19, 2008:** A Constable attached to the Batticaloa Police station was shot dead by LTTE gunmen in Akkaraipattu



■ **Feb. 20, 2009:** Four persons were killed and over 50 sustained injuries as LTTE light aircraft dropped bombs on Colombo before the Security Forces repulsed the attack destroying one LTTE aircraft.



■ **Feb. 21, 2007:** Three people including one Police Inspector were killed and 16 others injured as the LTTE detonated claymore mine fixed to a motorcycle in Ottamavadi town in Batticaloa. Two civilians were among the three people killed in the bomb explosion. Four Police Constables, two Army personnel and ten civilians sustained injuries.

■ **Feb 21, 2009:** Ten civilians including two children were killed while five others including two children sustained serious injuries when a group of LTTE terrorists opened indiscriminate small arms fire at civilians in Kirimetiya at Rathmalgaha Ella in Iginiyagala.

■ **Feb. 22, 1989:** LTTE terrorists attacked Tract No. 13, Singhapura in Welioya, killing six Sinhala villagers and injuring another seven people.



■ **Feb. 22, 1996:** A group of LTTE cadres wielding swords, knives and firearms attacked Mahanikawewa Sinhala village in Kebethigollawa. Terrorists butchered six civilians and wounded three others. The rest of the civilians escaped, averting further deaths.



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.

