

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

March 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.

■ **March 2, 1988**, LTTE terrorists shot dead 14 Sinhalese villagers at Morawewa, Trincomalee



■ **March 2, 1991** Deputy Defence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne and 18 persons were killed by an LTTE suicide bomber close to his residence at Havelock Road, Colombo 5. Seventy-three people on Havelock Road near Police Park were also injured.

■ **March 2, 2000**: Two LTTE terrorists shot dead Anton Sivalingam of the Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP) in Main Street, Jaffna. He was a member of the Jaffna Municipal Council.

■ **March 2, 2000**: Col. Piyal Abeysekera was targeted by a female suicide bomber at Inner Harbour Road in Trincomalee. While the Colonel survived the assassination attempt, his driver was killed.

■ **March 2, 2005**, an LTTE woman-suicide bomber blew herself up in the Vannakulam area, to the east of Elephant Pass and to the south of Vettalaikerny, when troops of the 55th Division attempted to go close to her on suspicion.



■ **March 5, 1988**: LTTE terrorists exploded a landmine on a civilian lorry, killing 24 civilians - eight Sinhalese and 16 Muslims-at Sittaru, Kantalai.

■ **March 5, 1997**: Tiger terrorists attacked the Air Force base in Trincomalee, killing four Air Force personnel and injuring several others.

■ **March 5, 1998**: A Tiger terrorist, on a suicide mission, blew up a mini bus packed with explosives at a busy intersection in Maradana, Colombo 10, killing 36 civilians, including two schoolchildren. Over 300 were wounded. The bomb was exploded outside Zahira College, near the Maradana Police Station in Colombo.

■ **March 6, 2008**: A roadside bombing carried out by the LTTE killed Jaffna District TNA Parliamentarian K. Sivanesan in Mullaitivu.



■ **March 7, 1987**: Six civilians were killed when the LTTE detonated a landmine as troops were passing Aranthalawa. Seven soldiers and four NAF soldiers were also killed.

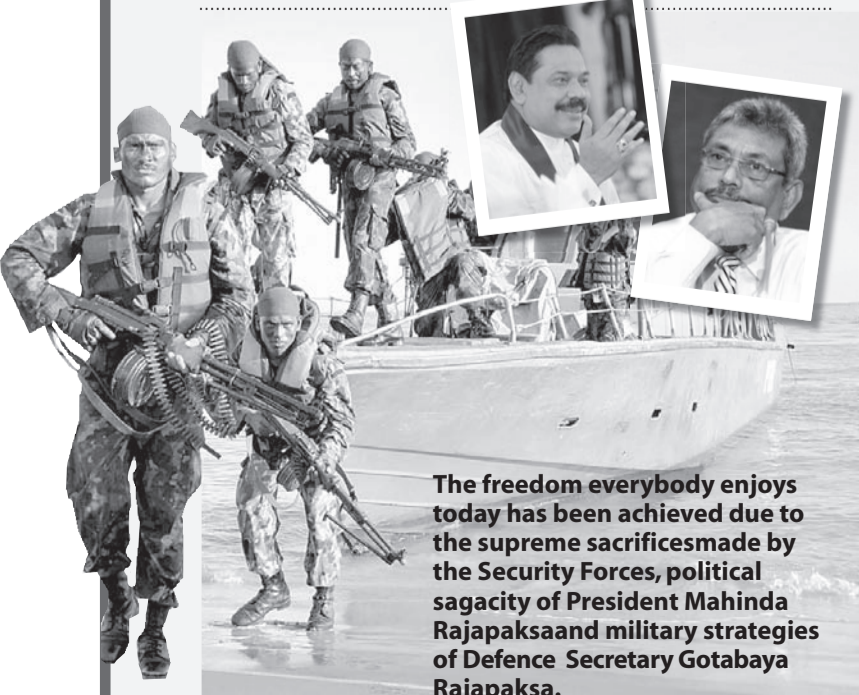
■ **March 7, 1988**: Terrorists exploded a landmine when troops were proceeding, killing seven soldiers, four NAF soldiers and six civilians in Awarantalawa, Vavuniya.



■ **March 7, 1989**: Former Chairman of the Batticaloa District Development Council and TULF politician S. Sambandamoorthy was shot dead by Tiger terrorists in Chenkalady, Batticaloa.

■ **March 7, 2005**: LTTE terrorists stormed a village in Welikanda and killed six civilians including a Sinhalese, four Muslims and one Tamil. Terrorists stormed Kolakanawadiya village and indiscriminately opened fire on civilians,

■ **March 8, 1988**: District Secretary and Communist Party activist S. Vidyandan was killed by LTTE gunmen in Chunnakam.



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.