

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

March 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.

■ This **Sunday Observer** graphic series highlights how the Tigers carried out their brutal terror acts in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces by May 18, 2009.

■ **March 9, 2007:** Eight people who entered the Wilpattu National Park to investigate the grievances of the local population over wild elephant attacks, including Area Commander of SLA, the Head Park Warden and three Park Rangers, were ambushed and massacred by the LTTE

■ **March 10, 2000:** At least 14 civilians and six police personnel were killed and 46 people sustained injuries when a group of five LTTE suicide squad cadres attacked a motorcade on Parliament Drive.



■ **March 10, 2008:** Tiger terrorists detonated a bomb hidden in a roadside flowerpot in Colombo, killing one person and injuring six others, including four children who were on their way to school.

■ **March 11, 1988:** A group of armed terrorists attacked private bus 22 Sri 2128 at Suhadagama with small arms and grenades, killing 19 passengers and injuring nine others in Horowpothana.



Former Minister Mahinda Wijesekera



■ **March 11, 2009:** Over 15 people were killed and 46 sustained injuries when a LTTE suicide cadre detonated himself at a public function in Akuressa. Several Ministers escaped but Minister Mahinda Wijesekera was seriously wounded.



■ **March 14, 1988:** Armed LTTE terrorists shot dead 13 Sinhala villagers at Galmetiyawa, Kantalai.



Brigadier Larry Wijeyaratne

■ **March 14, 1998:** Brigadier Larry Wijeyaratne, one of the Army's top commanders, was killed in Jaffna by a woman suicide bomber wearing an abdominal belt bomb.



■ **March 15, 1988:** Two groups of terrorists entered a village at Kivulakade in Morawewa in the Trincomalee District and killed seven Sinhala villagers.



The freedom enjoyed by one and all today had been 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.

