

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

May 4 - May 10

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 the so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces by May 18, 2009.

■ **May 4, 2007:** Tamil Nadu Police disclosed that 12 Indian fishermen were captured by LTTE terrorists.

■ **May 5, 1985:** An armed group of LTTE cadres stormed Sinhala villages of Vilpattu in Anuradhapura district and brutally killed 18 villagers, including women and children.

■ **May 5, 1986:** Four Moor civilians were tortured and killed by a group of LTTE cadres in Kinniya.

■ **May 5, 1986:** Leader of TELO, Sri Sabarathnam was shot dead by senior LTTE leader Sathasivan Krishnakumar alias Kittu

■ **May 5, 1991:** Two 'Sea Tigers' attacked a Naval vessel in Trincomalee with an explosive-laden boat killing five SF personnel.

■ **May 5, 1999:** LTTE gunmen shot dead PLOTE Member, Pachchilaipalli Pradheshiya Sabha, Veerahaththy Gunaratnam in Vavuniya.

■ **May 5, 2006:** Prominent Tamil academic and Jaffna University Vice Chancellor Dr. Ratnajeewan Hoole fled the country with his family after many death threats by the LTTE. Dr. Hoole's decision to seek refuge in a foreign country was due to a consistent campaign of threats and intimidation by agents of the LTTE.



■ **May 6, 1986:** A massive bomb detonated by LTTE cadres inside the Central Telegraph Office (CTO) in Fort killed 14 civilians who were at the office. Several others were injured in the attack that shocked the capital.

■ **May 7, 1990:** EPRLF parliamentarian for Batticaloa district, Sam Thambimuttu was shot head by LTTE gunmen in Colombo.

■ **May 9, 2006:** A major disaster planned by the LTTE was averted when an Army patrol recovered seven claymore mines at Kappativu in the North. Seven mines, each weighing 10 kg were recovered in the wee hours, following a tip off given by civilians in the area.

■ **May 9, 2008:** The LTTE proved that they do not believe in the ballot when they attempted to disrupt elections to the Eastern Provincial Council. Thirteen civilians were killed and 29 others injured when a parcel bomb ripped through an eatery in Ampara. The blast at the City Cafe Hotel near the Ampara Clock tower came on the eve of the EPC election.



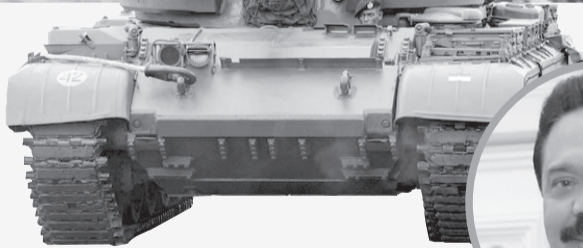
Sam Thambimuttu



■ **May 9, 2008:** Security Forces further consolidated its gains in the Mannar sector by capturing the strategic Adampan town area while moving ahead one square km in Alankulam. The LTTE retreated from its positions in Adampan town in the face of heavy firepower from the Security Forces who have launched a stiff offensive to liberate the Wannu front. Two soldiers were killed and seven others injured in the incident.

■ **May 10, 2006:** The LTTE continued to intimidate Tamils living in the Netherlands. Dutch Minister of Justice, Donner and Minister of Immigration Mrs. Verdonk said that there are signs that the Tamil community in The Netherlands is being intimidated to raise funds for the terror outfit.

■ **May 10, 2009:** Over 1,500 civilians who were forcibly held by LTTE terrorists, crossed over to the cleared areas. Troops advancing further into the No Fire Zone amidst heavy resistance by the LTTE, rescued over 650 civilians while the Sri Lanka Navy freed over 300 people who were fleeing the area in boats.



The freedom enjoyed by one and all today had been achieved due to the supreme sacrifices by the Security Forces, the political sagaksa of President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the military strategies of Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

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