

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

June 1 - June 7

■ 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.

■ **June 1, 2006:** Two members of the EPDP were shot dead by the LTTE in Poomankulam, Vavuniya.

■ **June 1, 2007:** The LTTE's plan for another major devastation was averted when the police seized over 1,000 kg of explosives, concealed in a lorry transporting coconuts from Kurunegala to Puttalam at a checkpoint at Kotavehera, Palugashandiya. The explosives were stacked in 47 packs each weighing 20 kg.

■ **June 2, 1986:** A group of LTTE terrorists armed with guns, swords, and knives stormed civilian houses at 3rd Mile Post, Trincomalee and butchered 10 civilians, including women and children, to death.

■ **June 2, 1987:** Tiger terrorists shot dead 30 Bhikkhus and four Sinhala civilians at Arantalawa, Ampara. Another 15 Bhikkhus were injured.



■ **June 2, 1987:** Chief Incumbent of Vidyanda Maha Pirivena, Ven. Hegoda Sri Indrasara was among the Bhikkhus assassinated by LTTE terrorists in Aranthalawa.



■ **June 2, 1992:** A group of LTTE terrorists stopped a private bus, No.60-9799 plying from Akkaraipattu to Pottuvil and opened fire, killing 15 passengers and injuring several others.

■ **June 2, 1999:** Eleven Sinhalese civilians were murdered by LTTE terrorists at Inginiyagala.

■ **June 2, 2006:** Police investigators probing the Omadiyamadu massacres have made the shocking discovery that the ruthless killings had been part of LTTE training for their child recruits. Investigating officers found that three child cadres were involved in shooting the 12 workers at Omadiyamadu.



■ **June 4, 1985:** Over 100 LTTE terrorists armed with sharp weapons butchered 15 villagers of Dehiwatta in the Polonnaruwa district on their sleeping mats. A majority of the victims were women and children.

■ **June 4, 1986:** 17 Sinhalese villagers and a Buddhist monk, Bakamune Subaddalankara Thera was shot dead at Andankulam, Trincomalee.



■ **June 4, 2008:** A parcel bomb targeting a Colombo bound office train from Panadura was set off near Wasala Mawatha between Dehiwela and Wellawatte. 18 civilians, 15 males and 3 females, who suffered injuries, though it missed the target.

■ **June 5, 1987:** LTTE black Tigers launched their first ever suicide attack when a small truck laden with explosives was driven into the Nelliady army camp in the Jaffna peninsula killing over 50 soldiers and injuring many others.

■ **June 5, 2000:** Thirty-four Naval personnel were killed as a suicide squad of the 'Sea Tigers' sank a gunboat of the Navy off the Vadamarachchi coast in the Jaffna peninsula.

■ **June 6, 1988:** Fr. Chandra Fernando, a prominent Catholic priest in the East, was shot dead by terrorists in Batticaloa.

■ **June 6, 2000:** Marimuthu Manikkarasa (33) was forcibly taken out of his residence at Killiweddi, Mutur and killed by the LTTE for refusing to join the terrorist organisation.

■ **June 6, 2001:** Two Tamil youth were shot dead by members of the LTTE's pistol gang in Vavuniya.

■ **June 6, 2007:** Three civilians and a police constable were injured when the LTTE exploded bombs fixed to the railway track in Vakaneri, Batticaloa. The derailed train was damaged in the incident.

■ **June 6, 2008:** LTTE terrorists exploded a bomb targeting a crowded public transport bus close to the Shailabimbaramaya Buddhist temple at Katubedda, Moratuwa. 21 people including 13 males and 8 females were killed and over 50 were injured.

■ **June 6, 2008:** LTTE terrorists carried out a cowardly bomb attack in a public bus in Pollgolla, Kandy. The bus was plying from Waththegama to Kandy. The explosion occurred near the Teachers' Training School in Polgolla. Two people were killed and 20 were injured.



C. V. Gooneratne



■ **June 7, 2000:** A suicide bomber killed Minister of Industrial Development, C. V. Gooneratne and 24 civilians while he was in a procession organised to mark 'War Heroes' Day at Golumadama Junction, Ratmalana.

■ **June 7, 2000:** TELO member Kanapathipillai Navaratnarajah was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Batticaloa.

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.



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