

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

July 6 - July 12

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 brutal act of terror acts in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces by May 18, 2009.

■ **July 6, 1991:** A group of LTTE terrorist armed with firearms and sharp weapons raided Puttur Muslim village in Polonnaruwa. In a house-to-house attack the terrorists hacked 14 civilians including women and children after brutally torturing them. Police found four survivors with serious cut wounds. Over 50 terrorists participated in this cowardly attack on unarmed civilians.

■ **July 6, 1991:** On the same night that they butchered a Muslim village in Polonnaruwa, LTTE terrorists attacked Karpola and Manapitiya Sinhala villages and hacked nine civilians to death. The terrorists first abducted the victims and a robbed a van belonging one of the victims, and then tortured them to death by chopping away their limbs, at an isolated place.

■ **July 6, 1992:** Nine Sinhala fishermen fishing at Karapola lake and the owner of the Manampitiya vadiya who came in his Delica van were abducted by terrorists and nine of them were killed. One fisherman escaped and informed the Manampitiya detachment.

■ **July 6, 1992:** Terrorists publicly shot dead 10 Tamil lorry drivers and a woman in Parayanakulam, Vauvnia alleging that they passed information to Security Forces.

■ **July 6, 2002:** Two persons were killed by an armed LTTE gang at Soruwila, Aralagamwila in the Polonnaruwa district. A group of 25 armed men surrounded the house of LTTE deserter Thiagarasa Premadasa at night and hurled a grenade killing Premadasa and a woman in the house.

■ **July 7, 2004:** Four people were killed while nine were injured when LTTE terrorists attempted to assassinate Minister Douglas Devananda at Kollupitiya. However, the female suicide bomber could not achieve her target.



■ **July 7, 2006:** The house of a Norwegian journalist who exposed the corruption of an LTTE leader, Yogaraja Balasingham, rigging the last Oslo municipal election, was hit with bullets. Bullets from a small calibre gun shattered the windows and damaged the furniture of Nina Johnsrud's house. It made headlines in the Norwegian media.

■ **July 8, 1985:** The first attempt to conduct peace talks with the Government and the LTTE failed in Bhutan. The LTTE terrorists were never sincere whenever they came to the negotiating table and used all such attempts to strengthen their military ability.

■ **July 8, 1986:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists attacked Monkey Bridge village, Trincomalee and killed 15 Sinhala civilians including women and children.

■ **July 9, 1986:** LTTE terrorists armed with swords, machetes and clubs stormed Mullipothana village in Trincomalee district during the night. 16 civilians, largely women and children were killed. The child victims were clubbed to death by the terrorists while their parents had been hacked.



■ **July 9, 2006:** Security personnel in Vavuniya recovered a haul of explosives consisting of P4 type 15 kilograms of high power explosives, four hand grenades, three T56 magazines and three belts used by LTTE cadres.

■ **July 10, 2000:** Four villagers were killed and a Buddhist monk received injuries when LTTE terrorists fired mortars at the Vilgamvehera detachment in Trincomalee.

■ **July 10, 2006:** LTTE terrorists mingling with fishermen fired at troops on route clearing duties at the Suriyakattakadu lake in Mannar. The terrorists fled the scene when troops retaliated.

■ **July 10, 2007:** Amnesty International (AI) slammed the LTTE for not living up to its pledge to stop recruiting children and release child cadres charging that over 1,500 such recruits still remained within the terrorist outfit.

■ **July 11, 1998:** One civilian was shot dead while several others were wounded by LTTE terrorists in Nugalanda, Ampara

■ **July 11, 2006:** The Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission revealed that the LTTE had violated the ceasefire on 3,754 occasions since February 2002. Nearly half of the violations related to child recruitment. Up to date, the SLMM had received 7,308 complaints against the LTTE

■ **July 11, 2007:** Tiger terrorists killed several soldiers and civilians in a tense battle but the advancing troops in the East managed to crush LTTE power and liberate Thoppigala.

■ **July 11, 2008:** At least four civilians were killed and 25 others were wounded when LTTE terrorists opened fire at a passenger bus plying from Monaragala towards Kataragama, between the 50th and 51st mile posts along the Buttala-Kataragama main road. Two females and a 12-year old child were among those killed. The incident took place just 10 kilometres away from Kataragama town.



■ **July 12, 2006:** LTTE spokesperson Daya Master crossed from North Vavuniya into cleared territory and was rushed to a private hospital in Colombo under military escort for urgent surgery.

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.

