

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

July 13 - 19



■ 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.

■ **July 13, 1986:** Four armed terrorists had come in a jeep to tract No. 16, Pavakkulam and killed 11 civilians, including two Sinhala and nine Tamils in Pavakkulam, Vavuniya. The dead included women and children.



■ **July 13, 1989:** LTTE terrorists shot dead TULF leader and parliamentarian A. Amirthalingam and Jaffna District parliamentarian, V. Yogeshwaran at Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7.

■ **July 14, 2006:** Twelve soldiers were killed when Security Forces on a route clearing patrol in Vakaneri area in the East came under a heavy mortar and small arms attack. The LTTE launched the attack on the troops and later Army reinforcements sent to the scene were also attacked by the LTTE with mortars.



■ **July 15, 1992:** Terrorists attacked a civilian bus proceeding from Kathankudy towards Kalmunai, killing 19 Muslims and injuring seven Muslims in Kirankulam

■ **July 15, 1990:** K Kanagaratnam, Member of Parliament from the Eastern Province was killed by the LTTE.

■ **July 15, 1998:** PLOTE parliamentarian Sarawanabavanandan Shanmuganathan alias Vasanthan was killed by Tiger terrorists in a bomb explosion in Irambaikkulam, Vavuniya.

■ **July 16, 2007:** Tigers gunned down Eastern Province chief secretary Herath Abeyweera in Trincomalee

■ **July 17, 1997:** A North Korean ship carrying food, was attacked by the LTTE terrorists who later seized it, killing one crew member.



■ **July 17, 1986:** Some armed terrorists had entered block No. 4, Sugar Corp. Kantalai and 10 persons were shot to death – including seven Sinhalese and two Muslims.



■ **July 17, 1999:** A time bomb fixed to a bicycle exploded near the old police station, Batticaloa, killing two civilians and injuring 17.



■ **July 18, 1996:** Tiger terrorists overran the Army camp in Mullaitivu, killing over 1,200 troops. LTTE terrorists burnt alive hundreds of soldiers who had surrendered during the attack.

■ **July 18, 1998:** Two civilians were killed and one injured when LTTE terrorists fired at a group of civilians at Mangalagama and Nuwaragaltenna in Ampara district.



■ **July 18, 1998:** One civilian was killed by LTTE gunmen in Naval-lady, Batticaloa

■ **July 19, 1986:** Armed terrorists shot dead 12 Sinhalese villagers including women and children in Vadigawewa, Medirigiriya, Polonnaruwa. At least six others suffered serious injury.

■ **July 19, 1986:** Villages of Beruwil and Waigawewa were stormed by large group of armed LTTE cadres numbering over 100, killing 17 villagers including women and children, and causing serious cut wounds to at least five others.

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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