

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

July 20 - 26



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

July 20, 1997: Member of Parliament for Trincomalee district, Mohammed Maharooof was killed by LTTE terrorists.

■ **July 21, 1992:** Terrorists attacked the Colombo-Batticaloa train, ordering passengers to get down and opened fire at Muslim passengers. Seven Muslims were killed and 12 were injured. They also exploded the engine of the train in Parangiyamadu.



■ **July 22, 1986:** Terrorists exploded a land mine under a civilian bus, killing 32 Sinhalese and injuring 20 others in Mamaduwa, Vavuniya.

■ **July 23, 1983:** Thirteen soldiers were killed in an LTTE ambush in Jaffna.

■ **July 23, 1990:** Terrorists had killed eight persons and hung them on trees. The victims were innocent Muslim civilians from Veeracholai, Batticaloa.

■ **July 24, 1986:** When CTB bus No. 28 Sri 6899 was proceeding from Vavuniya to Anuradhapura with a load of passengers at Issenbessagala, a bomb was exploded inside the bus killing 13 passengers and injuring 40 others.



■ **July 24, 1986:** About 50 LTTE cadres entered Damana, a Sinhalese village, and killed nine persons, injuring another 13 people.

■ **July 24, 1990:** A group over 50 LTTE cadres, armed with firearms, swords and machetes, attacked Aralaganwila village in Ampara. The terrorists brutally massacred eight civilians including women and children by torturing and chopping them with sharp weapons. The terrorists carried out seven village massacres this week alone.

■ **July 24, 1996:** Two bombs ripped through a crowded train at the Dehiwala Railway Station. 64 commuters were killed and over 500 were wounded.



■ **July 24, 2001:** Heavily armed LTTE terrorists attacked Katunayake Air Force Base and adjoining Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake, killing 21 people. They also destroyed many aircraft, crippling the country's economy and bringing the tourist industry to a complete standstill.

■ **July 25, 1990:** LTTE terrorists who stormed Wan Ela ancient Sinhalese village in Trincomalee armed with firearms and sharp weapons brutally massacred nine civilians including women and children after subjecting them to inhuman torture.

■ **July 25, 1990:** LTTE terrorists, armed with sharp weapons and fire arms, stormed Meeyankulama ancient Sinhalese village in Polonnaruwa and tortured eight civilians including women and children to death.

■ **July 25, 1993:** The LTTE raided a Sinhalese village and killed nine civilians by stabbing, shooting and blowing them up with grenades at Janakapura.



■ **July 26, 1990:** A group of around 50 terrorists hacked and shot to death 19 Sinhalese and set fire to 30 houses in Thammanna, Aradellawaka, Medavachchiya.

■ **July 26, 2006:** The LTTE blocked Mavil Aru anicut, depriving over 15,000 civilians their basic need of water. Sri The Army decided to embark on a humanitarian operation to take control of the gates.



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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