

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

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■ 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.



■ **Aug 5, 1990:** Terrorists killed 17 Muslim farmers working in a paddy field in Muliyankadu.

■ **Aug 6, 1990:** Terrorists killed 34 Muslim farmers working in a paddy field in Ampara.

■ **Aug 7, 1990:** About 40 armed terrorists stormed a Sinhala village and killed 32 Sinhalese and injured four in Bandaraduwa, Uhana in Ampara district. A majority of the victims were children and women.

■ **Aug 7, 1995:** A bomb hidden in a hand cart, loaded with king coconuts, was exploded by a suicide killer, opposite the Western Province Chief Minister's Office, Torrington Square, resulting in the death of 21 civilians (18 men and 3 women) and injuring 44 civilians.



■ **Aug. 7, 2006:** Director (Training) of the Special Task Force, SSP Upul Seneviratne and his driver were killed in an LTTE claymore blast at Digana.

■ **Aug 8, 1990:** A private coach No. 60-228 proceeding from Morawewa to Horowpothana with a load of passengers was attacked by terrorists in Meegaswewa, Anuradhapura killing 26 Sinhalese including a soldier. Seven others were injured.

■ **Aug 8, 1990:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists attacked ancient Sinhalese village of Navagamuwa in Vavuniya. They tortured 7 civilians to death while 4 others survived serious injuries caused by swords and axes.

■ **Aug 8, 1991:** A group of LTTE terrorists abducted eight Muslim farmers of Samanthurai village in Ampara and brutally tortured them. Later, severely mutilated bodies of six victims were found while two others sustained serious cut wounds.



■ **Aug. 8, 2006:** Three persons were killed and eight others including former EPDP Parliamentarian S. Sivadasan were injured when a bomb planted by the LTTE ripped through the vehicle transporting the ex-MP at Milagiriya. Among the dead was a two-year-old child who was on the road at the time of the incident.

■ **Aug. 8, 2006:** The sluice gates of the Mavil Aru anicut were opened after a humanitarian mission. LTTE terrorists had closed the anicut for over three weeks depriving civilians of their basic need of water.

■ **Aug 9, 1992:** LTTE terrorists wielding swords, clubs, machetes and firearms stormed Mailanthena Sinhalese village in Polonnaruwa. The terrorists butchered 25 civilians including women, children and pregnant mothers. Police found 10 survivors with serious cut wounds.



■ **Aug. 9, 2006:** Five persons including a doctor and two nurses were killed when the LTTE exploded a claymore mine targeting an ambulance near Nedunkerny.

■ **Aug 10, 1988:** A group armed LTTE cadres stormed Central Camp in Ampara and massacred 11 civilians after brutally torturing them.

The freedom enjoyed by one and all today was 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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