

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 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 12, 1990:** LTTE surrounded Muslim civilians working in paddy fields at Weerachcholau village in Ampara and tortured four civilians to death while 10 others survived serious injuries caused by sharp weapons.

■ **Aug 12, 2005:** LTTE terrorists assassinated Foreign Minister, Lashman Kadirgamar - shooting him in the head and chest at his residence in Colombo. LTTE gunman had shot the Minister from a higher elevation close to his heavily guarded residence at Bullers Lane, as he was getting out of the pool after a swim.



■ **Aug 12, 2005:** LTTE terrorists murder a Tamil broadcaster and her husband in front of their shop in Wellawatte. Relangi and her husband were killed. Relangi Selvarajah, 44, a well-known newsreader worked for the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and her husband were gunned down in broad daylight.

■ **Aug 13, 1990:** A Muslim village adjoining a Sinhalese village was attacked by terrorists in Awarantalawa, Vavunia killing 10 Muslims and 1 Sinhalese. Three others were injured.



■ **Aug 13, 1990:** Tiger terrorists abducted 6 Muslim fishermen and hacked them to death after brutally torturing them. The bodies were found buried in the mud in the Gangi area.

■ **Aug 14, 1985:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists raided a Sinhalese village at Aranthalawa, in Ampara district. The terrorists butchered seven villagers after torturing them.

■ **Aug 14, 2006:** The LTTE narrowly missed assassinating Pakistan High Commissioner Bashir Wali Mohmand as Pakistan nationals celebrated Pakistan Day, but killed nine others, including member of his security staff when his convoy came under a bomb attack while it was proceeding towards Kollupitiya along Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha. LTTE cadres detonated a claymore mine fixed on a three wheeler parked on the wayside using a remote control device.



■ **Aug 16, 2004:** EPDP Media Secretary was gunned down in broad daylight at Wellawatte. K. Balanadarajah who was also a former EPDP candidate for the Jaffna district was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen near his home at W.A. Silva Mawatha.



■ **Aug 16, 2006:** Security Forces foiled an attempt by the LTTE to abduct 50 child inmates from the 'Revatha Children's Home' in Trincomalee by firing grenades and mortars at the Home. The Security Forces who acted promptly repulsed the attack forcing the terrorists to flee.



■ **Aug 17, 1989:** Eight civilians were killed and four others were injured due to an IED explosion, in Nochchikulam, Vavuniya.

■ **Aug 17, 2005:** Two policemen, one from Jaffna police and the other from the CID, were injured yesterday as LTTE fired at the police and the CID team engaged in a search operation to arrest the suspects in the DIG Charles Wijewardena murder case. LTTE fired at the police and CID team near the Jaffna University in a bid to foil police attempts to arrest the suspects.

The freedom enjoyed by one and all today was a chiefted 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.

