

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 so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces by May 18, 2009.



■ **Aug 20, 1983:** LTTE terrorists shot dead TULF organiser, and Kalmunai Citizens Committee chairman Velmurugu Master in Kalmunai.



■ **Aug 20, 2006:** Former TULF Parliamentarian and TNA activist Sinnathambi Sivamaharaja was shot dead by LTTE terrorists at his home at Durgapuram in Tellipalai, Jaffna. He was shot with a T56 rifle by two men on a motorcycle. Sivamaharaja was a Secretary to the late Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) leader A. Amirthalingam from 1977 to 1983.

■ **Aug 20, 2007:** Tiger terrorists, in a jeep, opened fire at a police checkpoint in Vavuniya district, killing four home guards, including three women and one civilian.



■ **Aug 20, 2008:** Seven civilians including a pastor seeking Security Forces' protection fled from the LTTE grip in Chilawatti, to the Navy detachment in Kallarawa, Mullaitivu fish marshalling point. They had been subjected to severe harassment by the LTTE and arrived in a fibreglass dinghy boat from a LTTE dominated area.

■ **Aug 22, 2006:** A diabolic attempt by the LTTE to cause mayhem and destruction in the city was thwarted with the timely detection of a claymore mine in the heart of Borella. A police constable on a routine patrol found the bomb strapped to a bicycle near the Borella fuel station.

■ **Aug 23, 2007:** Citing Royal Canadian Mounted Police sources the *Jane's Intelligence Review* said the LTTE controls portion of US \$ one billion drug market in the Canadian city of Montreal. The *Review* said that one of the main ways of earning money out of its USD 200-300 million annual income for the LTTE, is narcotics-smuggling using its merchant ships, which also transport illicit arms and explosives which they procure from all over the world



■ **Aug 24, 1988:** A group of LTTE cadres armed with swords, machetes and firearms raided Marawila, an ancient Sinhala village in Polonnaruwa in the small hours of the morning. The terrorists forced them into houses and beheaded 11, including women and infants after brutally torturing them.

■ **Aug 24, 1997:** Four civilians were killed and another 13 were injured when LTTE terrorists fired mortars at 233 Brigade in Kalladi, a populated area in Batticaloa town.

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