

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



■ **Aug. 25, 1988:** A group of LTTE cadres armed with swords, machets and firearms raided Marawila, an ancient Sinhalese village in Polonnaruwa in the small hours. The terrorists forced themselves into civilian houses and beheaded 11 including women and infants after brutally torturing them.

■ **Aug. 26, 2007:** A major disaster was averted when the Randoli Perahera of Sri Dalada Maligawa in Kandy was about to parade the streets when Police found a claymore mine in a lonely place close to Prince Street, Kandy. The Army Bomb Disposal Unit rushed to the scene and defused the bomb weighing nearly 2 kg.



■ **Aug. 26, 2008:** An LTTE light aircraft dropped two improvised bombs at the Trincomalee Naval dockyard around 9.15 pm, injuring 15 sailors, five of them seriously. However, the LTTE abortive air raid targeting the Naval dockyard in Trincomalee was successfully thwarted by the Security Forces.



■ **Aug. 29, 2006:** The LTTE killed a woman who allegedly had relations with an anti-LTTE faction, near Murugan Kovil, at Sittandy. The 48-year-old woman victim, Wellakuttu Veeramuttu's son was earlier killed by terrorists after he was found linked to another anti-LTTE outfit. Four days ago, LTTE gunmen killed one more mother in Batticaloa after she opposed the LTTE's attempt to abduct and conscript her son.

■ **Aug. 29, 2006:** With total disregard to the plight of innocent civilians trapped in uncleared areas in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu, the LTTE fired a mortar barrage towards a convoy of 11 lorries carrying 120 tonnes of essential food items to the uncleared areas.

■ **Aug. 30, 1992:** A bomb planted in a private bus parked at Trincomalee bus stand exploded, killing nine civilians and injuring 34 others.



■ **Aug 30, 2001:** A civilian and two police officers were killed by a bomb planted by the LTTE at Kalmunai, Ampara district. The civilian was a labourer attached to the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat, later succumbed to his injuries.

■ **Aug. 30, 2008:** Over 45 people were injured by a bomb explosion carried out by LTTE terrorists near the Bo tree at Olcott Mawatha, Pettah.



■ **Aug 31, 2007:** People in Kilinochchi said that LTTE terrorists were forcing families to turn over at least one family member to serve as a combatant. Among those forcibly recruited are children, the Voice of America said.



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